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List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS
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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Steel; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कामिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

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MOU for Food Product Standards

3221. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any country to mutually recognize each other's food product standards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether talks have been initiated by the Ministry to enter into such agreements; and

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

Increase in Digital Payments

3222. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether digital payments in the country have been rising year after year, mainly after the pandemic since more people have been forced to transact digitally and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this has led to a possibility of increased security breaches and possibility of individuals being scammed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is taking enough steps to educate and protect citizens, especially the elder or lesser educated sections of society; and

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

Offline Digital Payments

3223. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any framework for facilitating small value digital payments in offline mode which will neither require Internet nor telecom connectivity to overcome the issues of digital payments in remote areas where there are issues of connectivity;

(b) if so, the details of the working system for these digital payments; and

(c) the details of the usages of channels or instruments like cards or wallets in this regard?

Community Kitchen Scheme

3224. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently convened a meeting with State Food Ministers regarding implementation of Community Kitchen Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that no case of death happens due to starvation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Generation of Nuclear Power

3225. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed by the Government for the generation of nuclear power by the turn of the century;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets;
- (c) whether generation of nuclear power is proposed to be privatised;
- (d) if so, the steps taken thereon; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken to increase nuclear power generation so that the targets set by the turn of the century is achieved?

One Health for All

3226. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken initiative to evaluate the concept of one health for all living organisms including the invisible biota in soil that sustain our agricultural systems;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has initiated steps to prepare a strong and extensive cadre of human resources required to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Development of Handicrafts Sector

†3227. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the arts and crafts are struggling to survive in the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Haryana, Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Assam and other North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of Handicraft Service Centre established under the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) for the development of Handicraft sector at the central level in the country especially in Amravati, Assam and other North-Eastern States along with the achievements made during the last three years; and
- (c) the State-wise details of the assistance received by the artisans through these Handicrafts Service Centres in Assam and other North-Eastern States during

the last three years along with the improvement made in the lives of Handicraft artisans through these centres?

MAI Scheme

†3228. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

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

- (a) the measures being taken by the Government to tackle the challenges like high cost on exports being faced by approximately 1.2 lakh export oriented units of MSME sector in India;
- (b) whether the assistance being provided by the Government to MSME under Market Access Initiative(MAI) scheme is sufficient; and
- (c) if not, the measures being taken by the Government to encourage MSMEs for exports State/UT-wise?

Skill of Traditional Artisans

3229. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps are being taken to ensure traditional craftsmanship is passed on to the next generation or interested artisans; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Food Museum in Tamilnadu

3230. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India recently inaugurated the food museum in Thanjavur, Tamilnadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the inaugural function has been done without the presence of the representatives i.e. local MP, MLA and also the district collector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the salient features of the newly opened food museum in Thanjavur; and
- (f) the total cost/expenditure incurred for setting up of this food museum?

Means of Communication in Tribal Areas

†3231. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Governments plan about enhancing the means of information and Communication in the tribal areas so that the people could get information about various welfare policies;

(b) whether there is any policy of the Government to enhance public participation in digital communication in the tribal areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner by which the Government would ensure public participation in this sector?

New Industries in Karnataka

3232. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to start and operate new industries in the rural areas of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the names of the districts, where the said industries are likely to be operated on pilot project basis; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Senior Officials

3233. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that middle to senior management rank officials of the Central Secretariat Service in various Ministries have not been given promotion during the past six years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that many representations had been given by the employees for granting promotions and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is true that an assurance had been given to the employees regarding implementation of the promotion due to the employees; and

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

Vacancies in Odisha

3234. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies at different entry level posts in Railways, Zone-wise;

(b) the number of such vacancies that exist in the State of Odisha; and

(c) the time by which these vacancies are expected to be filled in Odisha?

Child Care Leave (CCL)

3235. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides Child Care Leave (CCL) to women officers/personnel to take care of their kids;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms and conditions applicable to all Government offices, subordinate offices and Autonomous Organisations;

(c) whether there is no provision of CCL for women officers/personnel during their probation period;

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

(e) whether CCL can be denied to women officers/personnel in case of exigencies of work;

(f) if so, the rule position in this regard;

(g) whether the Government has received complaints/representations regarding the denial of CCL to women officers/personnel; and

(h) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Radioactive Radiation

3236. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level of radioactive radiation emanating from nuclear waste causes a number of serious diseases such as skin problems, cancer, as well as radio vascular diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of appropriate mechanism and safety measures adopted for safe disposal of the radioactive waste generated in the country;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of reports of the presence of high alpha radioactive particles in various rivers near nuclear mining sites including Subarnarekha River which after passing through Jharkhand enters West Bengal and Orissa before falling

into Bay of Bengal and thus pose health hazards to populace living alongside such rivers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along the necessary corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Increase in Steel Plants

3237. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to establish more steel plants in the country as the demand for steel is increasing day by day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether import dependency on steel has adversely affected the Indian domestic market leading to high price of steel;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to reduce the import dependency on steel during the current year;

(d) whether the Government is aware that a large chunk of iron ore is still unexplored in different parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to explore iron ore with the help of State Governments; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up more iron based industries in the country to increase the production of iron ore in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Incentives for Handloom Sector

3238. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has approved a Production Linked Incentive Scheme for textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special incentives are being planned for the handloom sector;

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

(e) whether the handloom sector is only offered incentives to boost export;

(f) if so, the reasons for not providing incentives designed to promote production for domestic and local market; and

(g) the steps to be taken by the Government to promote the diversity in local handloom and handicraft instead of forcing standardization for exports?

Cyber Security Breach in Nuclear Plants

3239. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY

परमाणु ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the growing challenges of cyber security breaches in nuclear facilities across the world;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure India's nuclear security infrastructure;

(c) whether there are any plans to collaborate for technology exchange with the countries that have signed civil nuclear cooperation agreements to create a robust cyber security system and infrastructure; and

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

Telecommunication Towers in Remote areas

3240. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages and remote backward areas in the country where telecommunication towers have been set up during each of the last three years including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, Telecom company-wise;

(b) the number of such towers targeted to set up in the rural/backward areas in the next financial year;

(c) whether the Government has failed to develop telecommunication network in villages/remote areas of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to improve the telecommunication network in such areas and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve telecommunication network in villages and remote areas of the country?

BSNL and MTNL Subscribers

†3241. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone subscribers of BSNL and MTNL in various States of the country, District-wise;

(b) the number of Telecom Advisory Committee (TAC) headquarters located in various States and the heads of TAC;

(c) the manner in which jurisdiction of TAC is determined;

(d) whether TAC is applicable in the entire Parliamentary constituency or in the legislative assembly constituency; and

(e) whether TAC will be for one district or in all districts if there are many districts in a Parliamentary constituency and if so, the details thereof?

PLI for SPECS

3242. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of applications received by the Union Government under the Production Linked Incentives (PLI), scheme for promotion of manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) and modified Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) 2.0 schemes respectively;

(b) whether the Government has given any approval to any of the aforesaid applications; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount disbursed thereunder, scheme-wise; and

(d) the details of the amount of investment expected to be brought in and employment expected to be generated because of these incentives in the electronics sector?

Environmental impact of Mining Coal

3243. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

whether the Government has commissioned any study to assess the impact of coal consumption on environment and the measures to reduce it and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Lines in Andhra Pradesh

3244. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposed any new railway lines in Andhra Pradesh particularly Anantapur district and if so, the railway lines constructed since 2014 till date;

(b) whether the Government has sanctioned any new train services in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Anantapur district;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds sanctioned/spent for the same so far; and

(d) the details of gauge conversions/electrification that have taken place during this period?

Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry

3245. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sought under the detailed action plan by the States for the implementation of Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry (ISDSI), State-wise including Gujarat for the last three years; and

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Government with reference to the said proposals and details of the amount yet to be given to the States?

Increase in Prices of Essential Commodities

3246. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that as a result of Russia Ukraine war, prices of essential and non essential commodities have skyrocketed across the world and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure that prices of these commodities are stabilised in India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as a result of ongoing war, there is an increase in the logistic costs of items being imported into India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that global sanctions on Russia doesn't impact India in any way and if so, the details regarding the steps being taken to ensure the same?

Sanctioned Railway Projects

3247. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway projects/schemes sanctioned during the last three years for Eastern Railway and South Eastern Railway; and

(b) the details of the current status of such projects/schemes?

Railway Network Project

3248. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to transform India's railway network with new track and high speed trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railway network in Odisha is included in the above project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the timeline for completion of such projects?

Decreasing BSNL & MTNL Customers

†3249. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of BSNL and MTNL customer are continuously decreasing;

(b) if so, whether the Government has inquire into the reasons in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the company-wise and State-wise number of mobile users at present;

(e) the steps being taken/likely to be taken to increase the number of BSNL customers;

(f) whether the number of subscribers is not increasing in spite of many efforts made by BSNL/MTNL; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Covid-19 on Silk Industry

3250. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had conducted any study to understand the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Indian silk industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the key findings of the said study, including those specific to Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether the Government has taken any actions thereon to alleviate the conditions of workers employed in the silk industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Private FDI

3251. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government agrees with the view that it cannot depend much on private FDI to help India have a significant presence on the innovation map; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government keeping in mind that to imbibe a culture of innovation, the rules need to be amended and failures need to be taken in its stride?

Industrial Investment in J&K

3252. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for an industrial investment worth Rs.25,000 crore in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the investments under the new policy for Jammu and Kashmir would promote industrialization and employment opportunities in the coming years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any such proposal is also under the consideration for other States, particularly Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Centrally Sponsored Projects/Schemes

3253. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored projects/schemes being implemented in the State of Karnataka during the last three years;

(b) the status of all the ongoing Centrally Sponsored projects/schemes in the State; and

(c) the total funds allocated, sanctioned and utilized to implement all these schemes during the last three years and the current year, so far?

Supply Chain of Lithium

†3254. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the resources and supply chain of lithium in the country after assessing the long term demand and supply of lithium from indigenous sources;

(b) if so, whether the Government has set any policy to explore lithium mines in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is taking any steps for exploring lithium mines new sites in view of easing the dependency on imports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of SPECS

3255. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductor (SPECS) announced by the Government for the Electronic Manufacturing Sector;

(b) whether the investment commitment by various electronic companies has been approved and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from foreign investors for setting up of electronic equipment manufacturing factories in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Villages without Mobile Connectivity

3256. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1787 inhabited villages in Andhra Pradesh are without mobile connectivity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the agreement for USOF scheme has been signed by the Government and Telecom Service Providers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has included 1218 uncovered villages of Andhra Pradesh for provision of mobile connectivity under USOF scheme;

(d) if so, by when would these 1218 villages have mobile connectivity; and

(e) the details of the Government plans to provide mobile connectivity to the remaining 569 villages in Andhra Pradesh and by when this would be achieved?

Strength of CSS Cadres

3257. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total strength of CSS cadres and the number of posts vacant, position-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that no regular promotions have happened during the last six years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the last exam to induct personnel was conducted in 2017 and if so, the reasons for not conducting the exams thereafter; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to address the issues of promotions and vacancy?

Upgrading Post Office Branches

3258. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy/scheme to upgrade the branch post offices and sub post offices in higher category post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the post offices where modernisation/upgradation has already been undertaken, State/UT-wise, especially in West Bengal; and

(d) the post offices where modernisation/upgradation is proposed to be undertaken in West Bengal including Balurghat?

Safety of Women Passengers

3259. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned and actual strength of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) including women constables;

(b) whether many posts of RPF are still vacant and not filled, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether RPF has been able to achieve the objective of protecting and securing railway property, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps being taken in this regard;

(d) the number of persons who have been rescued under Mission Jeewan Raksha by RPF during each of the last three years and the number of RPF personnel who have been rewarded in this regard; and

(e) whether the Railways has launched 'Meri Saheli' initiative to focus on the safety of women passengers and if so, whether this initiative is extended to all zones and if so, the number of women RPF personnel deployed for this purpose?

Classification of Railway Stations

3260. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the classification of railway stations are done based on revenue turnover, importance of the place, etc.;

(b) if so, the principles and norms adopted in this regard at present;

(c) the revenue generated by different railway stations in Kannur and Kasaragod districts in Kerala;

(d) the criteria adopted for allowing stoppages of express trains and long distance trains at railway stations; and

(d) the contingencies in place for exemptions for deviating from the laid down standards?

Disaster Prone Districts

3261. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the details of services that a meteorologist can provide to a district administration in disaster prone regions;

(b) if so, furnish details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to appoint a meteorologist with enough supporting infrastructure for disaster prone districts in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to appoint a meteorologist/geologist for assisting the district administration in highly landslide prone regions like Idukki; and

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

Rehabilitation of Displaced Family

3262. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total land acquired by Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies for different coal mining activities during each of the last three years;

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

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

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

(e) the criteria fixed by the Government to provide employment to displaced persons due to land acquisition;

(f) the challenges faced by the Government while rehabilitating the displaced persons;

(g) whether there are several pending cases regarding providing employment and proper rehabilitation of displaced persons in Coal India and its subsidiaries;

(h) if so, the details thereof including corrective steps taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor and;

(i) the other steps taken by the Government to provide employment and rehabilitation to displaced persons in a time bound manner?

Textile Design Exhibition

3263. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile design exhibitions including handicraft exhibitions organised in the country particularly in the backward areas during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to organise more such exhibitions in future and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms/criteria to be followed by the Indian traditional handicraft industry/ artisans to participate in national/ international exhibitions/fairs;

(d) whether the participation in such exhibitions/fairs has declined during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of promotional schemes being run by the Government to provide adequate financial assistance and conducive infrastructure to the traditional handicraft industry in the country?

ITPO

†3264. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of International Fairs organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) in the country and abroad during the last five years; and

(b) the total number of small and medium industries established with the initiative of ITPO during the last five years and the details thereof?

Compensation to Families

†3265. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any step for increasing compensation to the dependant of workers who have suffered in accidents in coal mines in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Crimes against Women

3266. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reported cyber-crimes committed against women and children during the pandemic, State-wise and from Year 2020;

(b) whether the Government is taking any special measures for prevention of cyber-crimes against children and women and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to train law enforcement agencies to handle digital forensics and investigate cyber crimes specifically against women and children and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereon; and

(d) whether the Government has set up any committee or agency to tackle the rising cyber crimes against children and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Service Industries

3267. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to create standards for the service industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government agrees with the view that the service industries currently are more in need of support to survive the rigours of the pandemic rather than regulatory tangles; and
- (d) if so, the details of the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard;

Rural Dak Sevaks

†3268. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to regularise rural Dak Sevaks/BPMs etc.;
- (b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government had set up committee(s) for disposal of their demands; and
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the above committees and the action taken by the Government on these recommendations till date?

Venue for Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition

3269. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established permanent venues for the Handloom and Handicrafts exhibitions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to establish new permanent venues for the Handloom and Handicrafts exhibitions in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure under MPLAD Fund

†3270. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds spent on laying foundation stones and plaques, etc. by the public representatives comes

under the head of MPLADS or Government expenditure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of funds spent on laying of foundation stone and inscribing/engraving plaque etc. during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the head under which the said expenditure is covered;

(d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any step for diversion of this fund for other developmental works;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Trade between India and UAE

3271. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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

(a) the details of the volume of trade between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE);

(b) the top five exports to UAE and the top five imports from UAE in terms of both volume and value; and

(c) the details of the amount of investment by India in UAE during the last five years, year-wise?

Setting Up Food Museums

3272. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food museums in India;

(b) whether the Government is considering any proposals to set up more food museums across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of Projects by ISRO

3273. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government subscribes to the view that Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) should be entrusted with the responsibility of regulation of the projects related to the nation's security and scientific significance;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

BSNL Network

3274. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) network is still used by a large number of people across the country including West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total market share (mobile, internet, etc.) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(c) the key reasons for its failure to compete with the private players;

(d) the details of the reforms undertaken by the Ministry to update the services of BSNL in the country; and

(e) the number of new towers that are sanctioned for West Bengal in the last three years?

Railway Network under Kavach Technology

3275. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO

MANDLIK:

SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recently launched a 'Kavach' under the Atmanirbhar Bharat;

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

(c) the salient features of the said Kavach System;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any trial of 'Kavach' working system;

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

(f) the total railway network routes brought under the Kavach System in the country including Assam and Tamil Nadu;

(g) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on developing the above said system; and

(h) the time by which it is likely to be installed?

Donations to COVID Relief Funds

3276. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether donations have been made to any COVID relief funds from the MPLAD fund as per MoS&PI Circular No. E-4/2020-MPLADS (Pt. II) dated 28th March 2020;

(b) if so, the total donation received from MPLADS to such funds along with the details of the names of such funds and respective donations;

(c) whether any audit has been conducted on the expenditure incurred by aforementioned funds by virtue of such donations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for donations from MPLADS to be prohibited to PM and CM Relief Funds vide the MoS&PI Office Memorandum dated 1st April, 2020 (File No. C-60/2018-MPLADS (Pt-I))

Expenditure by SAIL from CSR Account

3277. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount spent by the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) account during the last five years;

(b) whether any amount spent in the State of West Bengal during the last five years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

India Post Payment Bank

†3278. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-Post-Payments-Bank proposes to provide the facility of bill payment at door step;

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

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

Complaint Redressal under CPA

†3279. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumer known as the king of the market, has to face so many difficulties like adulteration, sale of low quality goods, overprice, tampering in weight, etc.;

(b) if so, whether the present Consumer Protection Act (CPA) is not sufficient and there is a need to frame new regulations to ensure satisfactory resolution of the complaints regarding product quality;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a need to give special attention towards data security in India in the matters related to consumer protection and mobile data commission as the manner in which data is collected by the e-commerce companies has increased the worries of the people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Project Proposals

3280. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals received from Karnataka for approval of the Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of project proposals sanctioned along with the number of proposals lying pending; and

(c) the time by which the said pending projects are likely to be cleared?

Special Space Programmes

†3281. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce special space programmes for the development of communication through which high speed communication network can be developed by sending more satellites to space;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the private sector for the said purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

4G Auction

3282. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed the upfront payment including the right to use airwaves for 4G auction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any changes have been made in the aforesaid conditions for the private telecom providers in recent past;

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

(e) the details of the financial/revenue loss due to these changes?

PM Gati Shakti

3283. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and merits of PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan (NMP) for multi-modal connectivity in the country;

(b) whether the Government has taken in the significance of inland water ways as an important component of Gati Shakti plan in achieving optimal multi modal transport connectivity;

(c) if so, whether the Government has considered according importance to allocations and plans for the development of backwaters in Kerala especially the backwater regions in the district of Alappuzha passing through Vembanad lake and its tributaries with connectivity to Cochin and other areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SDG on Gender Equality

3284. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the country is nowhere near achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on Gender Equality and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(b) the details of progress made in respect of the nine targets and twenty six indicators related to the SDG of Gender Equality as on date; and

(c) the details of the progress made in respect of the first two targets namely eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women, State/UT-wise?

Constuction of Railway Lines in Himachal Pradesh

3285. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and spent on the construction of railway lines in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years; year-wise;

(b) whether the length of railway lines per square kilometer is less than the national average;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government to bridge this gap; and

(d) the details of railways projects sanctioned during the last five years and its current status thereof?

Talks on FTAs

3286. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has started talks for entering into Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with UK and Australia;

(b) if so, the details and progress of talks, country-wise;

(c) the time by which India can have FTAs with the above countries and also with EU; and

(d) the details of the benefits like to accrue to India getting from the above FTAs?

Fortification of Rice

3287. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outcome from centrally sponsored pilot scheme on fortification of rice and its distribution through Public Distribution System;

(b) whether the pilot scheme was considered a success since its implementation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of scaling up the production of fortified rice required to maintain an uninterrupted supply throughout the public distribution channels;

(d) the details of equipment modification required in rice mills to blend fortified rice kernels with normal rice;

(e) the details of rice mills modified in furtherance of expanding this project; and

(f) the details of tentative timeline by which the pilot scheme is likely to be expanded by the Government to all States?

Revenue from Luxury Trains

3288. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether even a single journey of any luxury train generated revenue from 2011 to till date and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to withdraw the functioning of the luxury train, as they are not generating profit;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether during the official travel under complimentary ticket of luxury train, the railway officials are allowed to take spouse or companion and if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the names of officials and others who travelled under complimentary berth from 2017 to till date in these luxury trains; and

(f) the guidelines under which complimentary berth in luxury trains are allotted?

Coal Supply to Power Plants

3289. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any comprehensive data available to depict the dependence of Power Sector on coal for both locally produced coal and imported coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the latest data depicting the shortage in deliveries of coal to power plants;

(c) whether there is an escalation in daily coal supply;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the government for this escalation; and

(e) the manner in which the coal production has been hit by the severe flooding in India's eastern and central states during the monsoon season?

Functional Post Offices

3290. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of post offices functional in the country at present, district and State-wise;

(b) the details of the number of new post offices set up in the country including Assam during the last five years and the current year, and State-wise;

(c) the number of employees currently working in post offices across the country and the exact sanctioned strength for different posts therein;

(d) the steps taken for strengthening the infrastructure and services of post offices across the country during the said period; and

(e) the amount of funds allocated/utilized by the Government for the said purpose during the said period, year-wise?

Assessment of Poverty Line

†3291. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any work force has been constituted for the assessment of Poverty Line in the country during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of the assessment made by the work force during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has any data regarding the income gap among various income groups in the country; and

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

Collaboration Between Small Businesses and e-Commerce Platforms

3292. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned any initiative to enhance the collaboration between small businesses and E-commerce platforms?

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government through collaboration can also ensure greater participation of rural sector in E-commerce space; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policies for Coal Dependent States

3293. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to coordinate transition policies for coal-dependent States and districts and also provide finance for the policy implementation;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steel Clusters

3294. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drafted a framework policy for Steel Clusters in an effort to resolve challenges of the ancillary, downstream and value-added steel units and unlock their growth potential; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has allocated any funds for such policy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Government is considering to resolve the issue of scarcity of steel grade coal in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of amount of money spent by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for procurement of steel grade coal from foreign contractors since the year 2014 to 2022, year-wise;

(f) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned any new Steel Cluster and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh comes under ancillary and downstream cluster or value added cluster and if so, the details thereof?

FDI Inflow

3295. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI
SOLANKI:

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

- (a) the details of the total amount of FDI inflows into India in 2021, State and Sector-wise;
(b) whether it is true that there has been a 26% decrease in the FDI inflows from 2020;
(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to compensate for the decrease in FDI inflows in the country?

Trials of Freight Trains

3296. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any trials of freight trains from India to other countries and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Ministry is planning to increase such freight trains from different States including Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Ministry has set any targets for increasing the share of trade through rail freight with other countries over the years; and
(d) if so, the details in this regard?

e-Investment

†3297. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to do business in Rajasthan and National Single Window Online e-Investment has been started for the convenience of the probable investors; if so, the details thereof;
(b) the total number of approvals needed to set up any project by an investor; and
(c) whether the entire process for granting approvals have been digitalized and if so, the details thereof?

Doubling Work of Guntur-Guntakal Rail Line

3298. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has allocated Rs. 803 crores in the Budget 2022-23 for Guntur-Guntakal doubling work of 401 kms;

(b) if so, whether so far only 92 kms has been completed since its implementation in 2016-17;

(c) if so, the details of cost overrun of the project from its original cost of Rs.3,631 crores; and

(d) the likely date of completion of the project?

Phases of National Digital Communication Policy

3299. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the phases in which the objectives of the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP) are being implemented nation-wide;

(b) the status of the progress of the various phases of the NDCP and the state-wise details thereof;

(c) whether targeted efforts are also being focused in the state of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the district-wise progress report of the NDCP in the state of Rajasthan; and

(e) whether the Government intends to launch a follow-up policy with the completion of the NDCP in the year 2022 and if so, the details thereof?

Problems in Implementing PMGKAY

3300. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided so far under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana;

(b) the problems faced by the Government in the implementation of the scheme so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to further extend the scheme;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reach individuals not covered under the scheme;

(e) whether the scheme has contributed to reduction in malnutrition; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Mission 25 Tonne

3301. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the increase in carrying capacity under Mission 25 Tonne;
- (b) the number of trains that have doubled its speed and the number that have increased average speed under Mission Raftaar, State and UT-wise with particular emphasis on Maharashtra and Karnataka;
- (c) whether Mission Hundred aims to complete 100 sidings in the next two years and if so, the number of these sidings that has been completed so far;
- (d) the location-wise details of these sidings; and
- (e) whether these sidings are loops or stubs and if so, the details thereof?

Food Security

3302. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 67% of the total population is meant to be covered, using the rural-urban population ratio in 2011, under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) through the Public Distribution Scheme (PDS);
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that due to the usage of outdated population data from 2011, millions of intended beneficiaries are being left out of the scheme;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has any plans to plug the data gaps of the PDS so that all intended beneficiaries can be reached;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the Government plans to redress the significant number of people being excluded from PDS before the new Census data is available; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to ensure food security in India in the wake of the pandemic?

Steel plants

- †3303. SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of steel plants in the country at present;
- (b) the details of the targets in respect of production of steel during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the said targets have been achieved; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of steel plants which are functioning and earning profit;
- (e) whether some steel plants have been closed or declared sick and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken or the efforts made/being made for revival of the aforesaid plants?

Activities under CSR

3304. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Steel Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are taking up various activities under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total expenditure made under the CSR by Steel PSUs during the last three years;
- (d) the details of the year-wise expenditure against respective PSUs; and
- (e) whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure CSR fund should be spent as per the norms and if so, the details thereof?

Vigyan Jyoti Programme

3305. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vigyan Jyoti programme is becoming popular among girls day-by-day and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether more than 12,000 girls have been supported under the Vigyan Jyoti programme and if so, the details thereof, district and State-wise;

(c) whether this programme is limited to only Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government intends to extend this to Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Government schools run by the States for better outreach; and

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

High Speed Bullet Trains

3306. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared the Detailed Project report (DPR) of high speed bullet trains and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to include Mysore-Bangalore-Chennai track under the bullet train project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of investment likely to be made on the same including Mysore-Bangalore-Chennai track; and

(d) the details of the speed at which this train is expected to run?

Import of Phones & TV

3307. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised a decision to bring the import of displays and camera modules in licensing regime against free imports which is a big relief to manufacturers of mobile phones and television;

(b) if so, whether a meeting to this effect was recently held between the Ministries of Electronics & Information Technology, Finance and Commerce and Industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the aforesaid decision of the Government is likely to help domestic manufacturers of aforesaid items and help in Make in India programme?

PLI for IT Hardware

3308. 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 announced the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Information Technology(IT) Hardware;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme proposes PLI to boost domestic manufacturing and attract large investments in the value chain of IT Hardware in current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government allocated funds for above scheme for next five years and if so, the details thereof?

Account ability of Social Media

†3309. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to make social media accountable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the actions taken so far against the companies operating social media; and

(d) the number of citizens whose social media accounts were suspended during last years?

BharatNet Project

3310. SHRI JUAL ORAM:
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BharatNet is a project envisaged by the Government to digitally connect all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages of India by way of laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) upto GP level;

(b) if so, whether there is a plan to connect all the GPs in Bihar and Odisha;

(c) if so, the number of broadband connections working in Odisha and the action being taken for providing broadband facility to all GPs under Phase-I and II;

(d) the steps being taken to provide mobile connectivity in uncovered villages; and

(e) whether there is any proposal received from State Governments of Odisha and Bihar in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Attract FDI in Future

3311. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking concrete steps to attract FDI in future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the sectors where FDI received from the foreign countries is being utilised and the manner in which it is facilitating the development of the country?

Expansion of New Railway Lines in Tamil Nadu

3312. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding the expansion of new railway lines and introduction of new trains in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total funds allocated to Tamil Nadu for the new railway projects during the last three years and the current year, project-wise?

Automatic Ticket Vending Machine

†3313. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

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

- (a) whether Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) are being installed at the railway stations to provide on the spot tickets to the passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including in Karnal Parliamentary Constituency (Panipat Junction, Samalkha railway station, Gharunda railway station, Karnal railway station, Taraori railway station);
- (c) whether the Government proposes to create awareness among the passengers through volunteers to purchase online tickets a few minutes before the arrival of the train at the abovesaid railway stations;
- (d) whether the train from Panipat to Chandigarh is likely to run at a speed of 160 kmph; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Textile Waste

3314. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government attention is drawn to increased textile waste in the country in the form of discharge of dyes into water streams and dumping of cloths into garbage;
- (b) if so, the details of textile waste produced in India from the year 2016- 2021, state wise;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed rapid increase in greenhouse gas emissions over the time in the country and if so, the details of greenhouse gas emissions from textile industry in the country from 2016-2021;
- (d) whether the Government has data on recycling and waste management of waste produced by the textile industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- e) whether the Government has received any proposals to set up waste management plants at the textile industries, if so, the details thereof and if not, the other Government interventions to address this issue?

Internet and Mobile addiction

3315. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that usage of cell phones among children had increased during the pandemic, resulting in Internet addiction and if so, the details thereof comparatively pre and post pandemic;
- (b) whether the Government aware that some States provided special counselling for children and students to reduce mobile phone usage and prevent Internet addiction;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether aforesaid centres would function at the department of paediatrics and if so, the details and present status thereof and if not, the details of the steps that would be taken in future?

Optical Fibre Cable Network

3316. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) the completion/pending details of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network in the country since 2014 onwards till date; and

(b) the funds sanctioned/spent therefor till now, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Utilization of MPLAD Fund

†3317. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include more areas/sectors under MPLAD fund scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the utilization of MPLAD Fund; and

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

Fraud Transactions

3318. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the RBI Working Group report that more than 600 illegal loan apps have been operating in India and are available on several app stores for Android users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to prevent fraudulent transactions on abovesaid apps which are mostly used to dupe innocent people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Functional Coal Mines

†3319. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the functional coal mines in the country, State/UTs-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to modernize the coal mines and if so, the details thereof, State and mine-wise;

(c) the reasons for not modernising the coal mines of various States of the country including Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the time by which all coal mines are likely to be modernised in the country?

Funds to Odisha under PMGKAY

†3320. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) till date, State-wise including district-wise details in Odisha;

(b) the amount of food grains in terms of metric tonnes allocated to Odisha; and

(c) the financial burden borne by the Ministry as well as the State of Odisha under the said scheme?

Capacity of Warehouses in AP

3321. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of warehouses in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(b) the number of farmers who are benefitted from the said warehouses;

(c) whether the capacity of these warehouses is adequate for the food grains procured from farmers in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Government plans to set up more warehouses for storage in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Handloom Sector

3322. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken for the development of Handloom sector in the country especially in west Bengal during the last six years and the present status of this industry during and after COVID-19;

(b) whether the Government has considered to introduce any new initiative for this industry;

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

FTA with UAE

3323. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has signed a Free trade Agreement (FTA) with the UAE;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria of rules of origin in the FTA with UAE;
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that the goods from third country are not routed through UAE;
- (e) whether some high-valued items are excluded from stringent value addition (around 40%) requirements; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Failure of Aadhaar Biometric

3324. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has information on the failure of biometric authentication due to frequent errors arising on Aadhaar authentication process;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to address the 12 per cent authentication failure for Aadhaar as reported by the UIDAI therefor; and
- (c) whether the matter has been taken with the Finance Ministry for the persons who have failed to link Aadhaar with PAN and CR update with voter card and if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Bengaluru Cantonment Station

3325. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of completion of Sir M Visveshvaraya Terminal in Bengaluru and other terminals being planned in Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering upgradation of the Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Station to meet the increasing demand of Bengaluru City and overburdening of KSR Bengaluru Station (SBC) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any stretch of railway network in Karnataka is being considered under the KAVACH and if so, the details and expected date of completion thereof?

Modernisation work on Delhi-Howrah Rail Route

†3326. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for completion of modernisation work on Delhi-Howrah rail route and if so, the present status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made comprehensive inquiry of the developmental works of these projects and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the division/Block-wise details of steps taken to ensure timely and quality completion of these works including in Prayagraj, North Central Railways; and
- (d) whether any complaint has been received about the quality negligence in the above works and if so, the action taken thereon?

Immovable Assets of BSNL

3327. SHRI D.M. KATHIRANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has complete data on the immovable assets value of BSNL in the country including its own buildings, lands, towers and telecom equipments available with BSNL and if so, the details thereof Telecom circle-wise; and
- (b) whether these assets would be taken into consideration for the disinvestment of BSNL and if so, the details thereof?

Protecting India's Interest in Space

3328. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning on establishing a dedicated military force for the purpose of protecting India's interests in Space and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the current provisions and international agreements for the protection of Indian satellites and other equipment around the orbit?

Manufacture of Aluminium Coaches

3329. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 236 acres of land acquired more than a decade ago for the manufacture of fuel efficient light weight aluminium coaches at Kanjikode in Palakkad district of Kerala under public private participation, is still lying vacant and unutilized and if so, the facts and reasons therefor;

(b) whether this project which is under PRAGATI is likely to be moved to Gati Shakti to expedite the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways is considering to utilise this land either for its principle objective or for any other railway project;

(d) if so, whether Railways has received many representations to expedite the project on the said acquired land; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

IIP Institute

3330. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to make Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) an institute of national importance;

(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to bring in innovations in packaging that can boost exports;

(c) if so, whether there is any plan to start a new IIP Institute in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds in CSR

3331. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has utilised the entire amount received under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details of total amount received and spent respectively during the last three years;

(c) the details of total amount received by Government from the State of Rajasthan as against the expenditure made for the State;

(d) whether the Government is emphasising upon the development of local institutions, rural schools and hospitals also through CSR activities; and

(e) if so, the year-wise details of the domains along with the amount spent on the development work during the last three years?

Coal Stock

3332. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:
SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal stock has reached an alarming level whereby 47 thermal power plants are having four days of stock and 38 power plants have reached critical level;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to tide over the situation and speedy transportation of coal to various power plants;

(c) whether the Government has received any request for the power plants located in Tamilnadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure supply of coal;

(e) whether the Government will prepare a coal demand plant for five to ten years; and

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

Resumption of Train in Kerala

3333. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the sufferings of train passengers due to the withdrawal of passenger train services in the Shoranur-Nilambur route under the Palakkad Division in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons behind non-resuming of the passenger train service in this route;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps to resume all the train services including passenger trains in the route and to mitigate the difficulties being faced by the people; and

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

Reintroducing Daily Passenger Train

3334. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the letter No. MP/KXJ/LSC/DEV/2020-21/47 dated 20/01/2021 addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways with a copy to the General Manager, N.F. Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati regarding reintroducing daily passenger rail service on BG line from Dullavcherra to Silchar in the morning and return service from Silchar to Dullavcherra in the evening;

(b) whether the Government is considering to resume the daily rail service in the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

India Semi conductor Mission

3335. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the India Semiconductor Mission;
- (b) the details regarding the schemes under the abovesaid Mission, including the allocation for each of the schemes;
- (c) the manner in which India Semiconductor Mission will improve India's manufacturing capacity?

SSDG and e-Governance

3336. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the current status of the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) including the 27 Mission Mode Projects and 8 components of the project; State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide technical and financial assistance for effective management and functioning of State Data Centres during the last five years in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the State e-Governance Service Delivery Gateway (SSDG) used during COVID-19 pandemic for exchange of data and if so, the details thereof, year and State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the Government services provided through mobile devices under the Mobile e-governance Service Delivery Gateway; year and state-wise?

Eradication of Poverty

†3337. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched various new schemes for poverty eradication in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of BPL households have come down during the said period in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including West Bengal?

Coverage under NFSA

3338. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 was adopted before the bifurcation of united Andhra Pradesh and that after bifurcation both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are in the same bracket despite difference in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of both States;
- (b) if so, whether any corrective measures have been taken by the Government to cover higher percentage of population under NFSA in Andhra Pradesh considering its post bifurcation financial strain; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ration for Homeless

3339. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to bring all homeless, shelterless and destitutes who might not have ration cards under the National Food Security Act, 2013 in order to ensure provision of foodgrains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has also initiated the plan of action to identify those homeless who could not get ration due to the non-issuance of ration cards by the State Governments; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Tek Fogg App

3340. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government tracks and monitors apps designed to manipulate social media platforms with the intent to spread hate speech and misinformation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government considering to investigate the role of the Tek Fogg App in spreading misinformation during the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protests, Delhi communal violence, and COVID-19 pandemic in India;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

(e) whether the Government considering to investigate the Tek Fogg app which has been used to hijack Twitter's trending section and to harass journalists online;

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

(g) whether the Government intends to take any action against Tek Fogg App which allows operatives to redirect readers of online news platforms to fake news websites; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

4G Mobile Services in Andhra Pradesh

3341. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the districts identified in Andhra Pradesh (AP) for implementation of the Government scheme to improve 4G mobile services in over 7,000 villages across five States including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of aspirational districts being covered in each of the five States;

(c) the details of outcome of above interventions, with particular reference to identified districts in AP and the status of their progress; and

(d) the details of any additional steps being taken to improve digital connectivity in AP?

Fortification Process

3342. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that fortification with micronutrients is one of the suitable methods to combat malnutrition in the country;

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government to fortify rice and wheat to provide nutritional food and also make better India's ranking in the Global Hunger Index and Global Food Security Index;

(c) the details of the country's capacity of fortification of rice in view of 2/3rd Indians using rice as staple diet and per capita consumption being nearly 7 kgs per month;

(d) whether existing rice mills have to be upgraded for fortification and, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry is considering to give some incentives to rice mills; and

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

Innovation of Environmentally Sustainable Technology

3343. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated and funds spent in innovation of environmentally sustainable technology during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a scheme to fund NGOs or startups working to create environmentally sustainable technologies;

(c) if so, the details of the total funds allocated during the last three years, to such NGOs and startups, year-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of PDS

†3344. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Distribution System (PDS) is being modernized and simplified with the passage of time;

(b) if so, the measures taken/being taken to provide continuous and better benefits of the said scheme to the people of rural areas of Gujarat;

(c) whether the Government has laid down any rule which states that the ration shops under PDS shall undertake the distribution within the territory of the same Gram Panchayat that it comes under; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quarterly Rate of GDP

†3345. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 in the various States and Union Territories of the country including Chhattisgarh along with the State/UT/year-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of quarterly GDP growth rate in respect of the above; and

(c) the details of the components of GDP in agriculture, service and manufacturing sectors, State/Financial Year-wise?

Average Productivity of Pulses

3346. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the annual quantity of pulses in million tonnes required in the country to achieve zero hunger or meet the minimum protein requirement in the next decade;

(b) whether the Ministry has calculated average productivity, in production per hectare of the various pulses needed to achieve zero hunger or minimum protein requirement for the next decade and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the average productivity of pulses grown in India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry is aware that the different varieties of pulses released by the Government are not performing as per the claimed productivity of even the lower yielding varieties; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to increase productivity to meet zero hunger goals?

Compensation for Train Delays

3347. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government aims to provide compensation to all the passengers who faces train delays and not only for selected trains;

(b) if so, the amendments that has to be done to the existing rules to provide such compensation;

(c) whether the Government plans to make those amendments;

(d) if so, the timeline of implementation of such amendments;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the train delays that have occurred in the past year along with the reasons for such delays?

Projects for Nuclear Power Generation

3348. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for nuclear power generation proposed by the Government during the last five years along with the success achieved in this regard;

(b) the names and sites where such projects have been commissioned/are pending during the said period;

(c) the total power expected to be generated by these projects; and

(d) the total number of nuclear power projects pending for approval from the Government, State-wise and the reasons for the pendency, project-wise?

Services in CSC

3349. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that three lakhs Common Service Centres(CSC) were set up under the Digital India Programme plan which are delivering services like registrations for Aadhaar Cards, Pan Cards, Booking of Train Tickets, Checking of bank balance, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the States which are covered by CSC and the manner in which the rural population is getting benefitted from it; and

(d) the details of the CSCs in the North Eastern States?

Introducing Economy Class Coaches

3350. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has rolled out its first AC three-tier economy class coach recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its main features;

(c) whether the facility to be provided in these economy class coaches would be at par with other AC three tier class coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this economy class would be introduced in all routes and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide more comfort to train passengers by developing world class infrastructure?

STI Hubs for SCs & STs

†3351. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated the scheme for setting up Science Technology and Innovation (STI) hubs in different parts of the country especially for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the estimated funds thereof;

(d) the details of the target set in this regard;

(e) the number of centers to be set up in Rajasthan;

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up these hubs in Dausa district of Rajasthan; and

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

Director of Inquiry

3352. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed a Director of Inquiry for conducting preliminary inquiry into graft complaints sent by the anti-corruption ombudsman, as mentioned in the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013;

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

(c) whether the Lokpal will make public the details of the prosecution in the corruption cases received by it in 2021 and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government aims to amend the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act (2013) to confer upon the Lokpal powers to reconsider and review its orders; and

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

Inaccurate Weather Forecast by IMD

†3353. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether monsoon was not as per the forecast made by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons as to why weather forecast by the IMD often go wrong; and

(d) the details of the corrective steps taken in this regard?

STPI Incubation Centre

3354. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action on setting up a Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Incubation Centre under Next Generation Incubation Scheme in Shillong;

(b) if so, the funds allocated and spent thereon including the status of the aforesaid scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand and Supply of Uranium

†3355. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nuclear power plants of the country are facing fuel shortage due to gap between demand and supply of natural uranium;

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

(c) the details of installed capacity of each of these plants along with the actual generation of electricity during the last three years, plant-wise; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to ensure continuous supply of fuel to each of such nuclear power plants in the country?

Unreserved Post to Reserved Category

†3356. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposed to take any steps for providing job to a reserved category person against unreserved posts in Government/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in case if a candidate scores equal or higher marks as compared to a general category candidate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Losses of Foodgrains

3357. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the transit losses of foodgrains during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action against negligent officials to hold them accountable for unwarranted losses of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received related to leakages, diversion of foodgrains for other purposes and corruption in the storage and transit of foodgrains during the past three years;

(d) whether the Government has considered updating its monitoring system for foodgrain transit and distribution and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has developed any vigilance mechanism in coordination with States to ensure proper functioning of monitoring system and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Leave Travel Concession

3358. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to restrict booking of Air tickets by Central Government employees for LTC purpose by three Government owned firms viz. Balmer Lawrie, Ashoka Travels and IRCTC only;

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

(c) whether the Government has not authorized the official website of airlines companies to purchase air tickets for LTC purpose and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether keeping in view of ease of access and strengthening digital India campaign, the Government proposes to authorize website of airline companies for purchase of air tickets for travel by Government employee on LTC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the notification is likely to be issued in this regard?

Revival of Textile Mills

3359. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

SHRI SELVAM G.:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operational and non-operational textile mills in the States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;

(b) whether several textile mills are lying inoperative/closed due to Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to revive such textile mills;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to modernize textile mills alongwith the action plan formulated for the said purpose and the amount incurred during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is implementing schemes to support the Textile Industry and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost textile sector and increase its production?

Ecosystem towards Innovation

3360. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether youngsters need an ecosystem to take the first step towards innovation in science and technology and develop skills for problem-based learning;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to encourage the students to develop an interest in innovation as early as the second grade and come up with solutions for problems affecting the society and the steps being taken to shift to problem-solving learning and foster innovation in youngsters/along with results yielded till date and if not, the time by which such steps will be taken?

Optical Fibre Network Connectivity

3361. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an optical fibre network connectivity has been launched across the country and if so, the details thereof with the investments made;

(b) whether it is a fact that the regular services of optical fibre network are not maintained at the village and panchayat level and if so, the details of connectivity provision and utilisation thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been low utilisation of the optical fibre network and if so, the details thereof with the State/UT-wise utilisation and mechanism of monitoring; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there has been a drop in State-wise revenue collection on the optical fibre network and if so, the details thereof with the steps taken/being taken?

Shortage of IAS Officers

3362. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to make up the shortfall in the number of officers in the IAS and IPS and if so, the details thereof including the sanctioned strength of IAS officers against the actual number of officers in the cadre at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Central Government had sent a letter to all the State Governments seeking their opinion on the proposed amendment of the IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954 and if so, the details thereof including the summary of assent/dissent responses received so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government is planning to acquire for itself overriding powers to transfer IAS and IPS officers through central deputation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the proposed amendment is a bid to subvert the States' authority guaranteed by the Constitution and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Water Logging in Underpasses

3363. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations to take corrective measures on the issue of water logging on the railway underpasses in Rajkot division;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that due to faulty design of underpasses there is frequent water logging due to which the industries in the vicinity are suffering;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also aware of the possibilities of loss of lives due to short-circuiting in these water logged areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

SCTIMST

3364. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of backlog reservation vacancies in Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) Group-A category for individual posts/grade;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the backlog vacancies in Group-A category;

(c) whether SCTIMST obtained any exemption from implementing reservation policies of the Government of India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of Higher Education had issued an order to fill up backlog vacancies in the ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the steps have been taken by the Ministry of Science and Technology/Department of Science and Technology (DST) to fill the backlog vacancies in the Autonomous Institutions under DST and if so, the details thereof?

Startup Companies in MP

†3365. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of startup companies started during the last five years in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the startup companies are functioning smoothly;

(c) if not, whether the Government also has any information about closure of the some startup companies; and

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

Incentive to Domestic manufactures

3366. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether high cotton prices this season has become a subject of concern to the domestic textile industry as the units are facing not only spike in raw material prices but also shortage in availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the industry has made representation that Indian cotton prices are higher than the international

prices, thereby affecting the competitiveness of the industry and requested the Government to immediately remove the import duty on cotton;

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

(e) whether the Government is planning to provide any incentives to domestic manufacturers including export incentives; and

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

Mine Water Utilization initiative

3367. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages and States that are currently receiving water supply from the Government's Mine Water Utilisation initiative;

(b) the quantity of water supplied to these villages since inception, year-wise; and

(c) the plan of the Government to expand the initiative for other purposes like irrigation?

Setting up of Wagon Repair Workshop

3368. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has sanctioned a wagon repair workshop to be set up in Badnera Junction in Amravati District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of estimated expenditure likely to be incurred in setting up of the said workshop and the funds so far sanctioned, released and utilised in this regard;

(d) whether the estimated cost of setting up workshop has now increased due to delay in the project; and

(e) if so, the details and the corrective steps taken by the Railways for timely completion and operation of the said workshop?

Shortage of Coal

†3369. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to explore new mining areas to meet the present shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed new mining areas/sites so identified;

(c) whether the Government is planning to use forest lands for exploring the new mining areas and if so, the details thereof location-wise alongwith the area of forest land to be used for such new mining areas; and

(d) the percentage of energy needs of India that is achieved through usage of coal?

Online Banking Frauds

†3370. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of online-banking frauds and hacking of the ATMs and data and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring in new technique to check the aforesaid incidents of online frauds and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fraudulent activities like cloning of ATM cards and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check the rising cases of frauds by obtaining the OTP and other bank details on phone calls?

Linking Aadhaar with Ration Card

3371. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ineligible or unverified beneficiaries removed from database after linking of Aadhaar with ration card, since 2014, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the magnitude of 'quantity discrepancy' where legitimate beneficiaries are given only a fraction of their entitlement by the PDS dealer;

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

(d) whether the Ministry is also aware that linking Aadhaar with ration card is leading to denial of

entitlements to legitimate beneficiaries while having no impact on 'quantity discrepancy'; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to curb 'quantity discrepancy'?

Investment from Land Border Sharing Countries

3372. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

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

(a) whether the Government of India in April 2020 notified that any investment from a country sharing land border with India will require prior Government approval and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether over concerns for security, India has banned a host of Chinese apps and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that some of these apps have re-launched in India after rebranding details of all such apps and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Chinese companies are doing significant business in India;

(e) if so, whether they have fulfilled all the requirements under the April 2020 notification if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, whether the Government of India plans to initiate investigation into the matter and if so, the time which the said investigation is likely to be initiated?

Export Promotion

3373. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Government is encouraging Export Promotion and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Special Economic Zones Act is likely to be replaced with a new legislation that will enable the States to become partners in 'Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs' to cover all large existing and new industrial enclaves to optimally utilise available infrastructure and enhance competitiveness of exports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and progress made till date and if not, the reasons for not providing encouragement to industrial enclaves?

Domestic Data Centres

3374. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI
KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to encourage building up domestic data centers by providing any incentives or subsidies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has held any consultations with State Governments in southern India in regard to setting up of Data Centers, as many of them have favourable environment such as submarine cable connectivity, global outsourcing opportunities, skilled workforce; and

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

New FOB at Madan Mahal Station

†3375. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Foot Over Bridge (FOB) has been constructed at Madan Mahal Station, Jabalpur under the West Central Railway zone;

(b) if so, whether it takes extra time to go from one platform to another as the bridge is located far away;

(c) if so, whether this is causing problems for women, children and senior citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for Textile Industry

3376. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme is being run for textiles sector along with the details of schemes being run by the Government for textiles industry in the country; and

(b) the funds allocated, sanctioned and released to the State of Tamil Nadu including Madurai for the development of textile industries during the last four years and current year?

Increase in Prices of Edible Oils

†3377. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of edible oils and such other commodities have increased due to the gap between their demand and supply and as a result the dependency on their import has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of production, demand, import and prices of edible oils during the last three years;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase domestic production and to control prices of edible oils;

(e) whether the Government proposes to supply edible oils at subsidized rates to consumers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Jaisalmer-Kandla Railway Line

†3378. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to sanction Jaisalmer-Kandla via Sanchor railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total cost and distance covered by the above rail line;

(d) whether this project is likely to be implemented in partnership of Union and State Government and if so, the share of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Union Government in the above said project;

(e) whether the Government of Rajasthan has given in principle approval for giving land for Jaisalmer-Kandla railway line; and

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

Future Plans of Railways

†3379. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the future plans of the Indian Railways;

(b) the manner in which the said plans are likely to benefit the citizens; and

(c) the reforms proposed by the Indian Railways for making itself more streamlined and developed in future?

Employment in Textile Sector

†3380. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile sector has been a major contributor to the advancement of Government's Skill India and Make in India initiatives;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for generating direct employment particularly for rural people in the textile sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Financial Assistance to States

†3381. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to States for distribution of food items under the National Food Security Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and other public welfare schemes during the last eight years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to cover more number of beneficiaries under the National Food Security Scheme; and

(c) if so, the work plan in this regard?

Gold and Gold Jewellery

3382. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a huge increase in the consumption of gold and gold jewellery in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been an increase in the gold imports in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring in any changes in the structural and compliance norms to further boost the demand for gold and gold jewellery and better monitor the gold industry; and

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

Restarting Cooked Meals in Trains

3383. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to restart cooked meal in trains, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railway Board has asked the zonal railways to verify catering and other charges;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways also proposes to provide bed rolls in trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

AGR Dues of all TSPs

3384. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the AGR dues of all the private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), group-wise as on date;

(b) the details of the charges levied by the Government on the private TSPs as interest on such AGR dues for different periods: (i) prior to 01.04.2016, (ii) after 01.04.2016, (iii) after 24.10.2019, and (iv) from 01.10.2021;

(c) whether the Government has reduced the interest rates for delayed payments by TSPs on "license fee, or any other dues payable under License beyond the stipulated period" and changed the methodology of calculating from "compounding monthly" to "compounding annually" and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the waived penalty for shortfall in payments and interest on penalty; and

(e) whether the Government has given all the TSPs the option to defer their AGR dues by four years and if so, the impact on the Government revenues, Conversion of deferred spectrum and AGR interest dues into Equity?

Distribution of Fortified Rice

3385. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to distribute fortified rice through the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Other Welfare Schemes (OWS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and PM-POSHAN, by March 2024, to include 291 Aspirational Districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether by March 2024, the entire TPDS and OWS are likely to be covered by fortified rice in the country with essential nutrients on pilot basis focusing on 15 districts across 15 States - preferably one district

per State being an effective way in fighting malnutrition in kids and adults; and

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

Escalators at Shahjahanpur Station

‡3386. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval for installation of escalators and lifts at Shahjahanpur railway station under the Northern Railways has been given in view of the difficulties faced by the public especially senior citizens in the use of stairs;

(b) if so, the number of escalators and lifts at Shahjahanpur railway station for the installation of which, approval was granted and the date on which it was granted;

(c) whether an escalator and two lifts have been installed at Shahjahanpur railway station at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay therein?

PM Mitra Parks Scheme

3387. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the sites for the PM Mitra parks scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the applications received and the timeline for the decision;

(c) the details of the parameters upon which the sites will be chosen;

(d) the funds allocated and utilised for the scheme till now; and

(e) the details of the benefits these parks will bring to the country and States in terms of employment, revenue generation, quality enhancement, resources, etc?

Wasted Paddy Stock

3388. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has stated in its reply dated 15-12-2021, that 'no paddy stock was wasted or got damaged due to storage in open spaces' despite

ample evidence available publicly that suggested otherwise;

(b) if so, whether approximately 2000 tons of grains were damaged in 2020-21 and according to FCI, 40,546 tons of food grain was damaged since 2014;

(c) whether in 2015-16, on the recommendation of Shanta Kumar Committee, the Government decided to increase the additional capacity under silos to 100 lakh tons by 2019-20;

(d) if so, the details of the funds earmarked, actual expenditure made and progress made on the project so far;

(e) whether out of the awarded 30.75 MLT of storage to be constructed till FY20, only about 10 MLT of storage has been built till date; if so, the reasons for the delay and the progress made in this regard; and

(f) the details of the costs and contracts awarded for the project?

Export Policy for Bamboo Products

3389. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

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

(a) whether as per the amended export policy for Bamboo products, these products are kept in the Open General Licence category and are free to export and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether other Bamboo products such as bamboo charcoal, bamboo pulp and unprocessed shots are still under the prohibited category under the export policy;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is likely to take appropriate steps to bring bamboo charcoal, bamboo pulp and unprocessed shoots also in the exempted products and will be allowed on Open General Licence; and

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

Food Grains in Jharkhand

†3390. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the food grains sent by the Government to Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) the rate at which the food grains is given to the State Government;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the quantity of food grains being sent keeping in view the special situation of Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Retail Price Inflation

3391. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of essential food items whose average retail price has increased in 2021;

(b) the reasons for the inflation of prices of the said essential food items; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to stabilize the prices and if so, the details of the same?

Setting up of Eco Parks

†3392. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State-wise number of Eco parks set up in various parts of the country by various coal sectors;

(b) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the proper maintenance of such parks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last two years?

Stoppages of Trains in Madhya Pradesh

†3393. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trains and their stoppages in Narmadapuram (Hoshangabad) and Narsinghpur districts of Madhya Pradesh which have not resumed its services till date after the pandemic;

(b) whether there is a long pending demand for the stoppages of Kamayani Express at Malwa Station (11071/11072) and Jabalpur-Indore Overnight Express at Kareli Station (22191/22192);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for not giving approval for stoppages of both these trains at the said stations?

Coal based Power Plants

3394. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to issue guidelines for minimum stock maintenance for coal-based power plants to ensure stability of supplies in future;

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

(c) whether the Government plans to increase domestic output of coal considering the large reserves available in the country; and

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

Promotion of Employment and Trade related to Textiles

†3395. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various types of employments and trades related to textiles which have been promoted by the Government under Make in India programme;

(b) whether the said programme is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of Substandard and Harmful Toys

†3396. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether substandard and harmful toys are being imported in the country from China and these are easily available in retail shops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to prevent the import and sale of such toys in toy shops; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures taken/being taken for quality check of products imported from China and other countries?

New Railway line in Uttar Pradesh

†3397. DR. SANGHMITRA MAURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme related to introduction of new railway line in Uttar Pradesh through which the people of Badaun can travel directly to Lucknow or Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is going to be implemented;

(c) if not, whether there is any plan for the same in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Jaunpur City Railway Station

3398. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to modernise Jaunpur City and Jaunpur Junction railway stations with latest amenities in view of tourism and huge volume of passenger traffic;

(b) the total budget earmarked and funds allocated for modernisation of these railway stations during the last and current financial year; and

(c) the time by which the modernisation of the above two railway stations are likely to be completed?

Technical Textile Parks

3399. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to establish technical textiles parks in India;

(b) if so, the details of the technical textile definition; and

(c) the steps taken to start the technical textiles park in Gujarat?

Make in India in Steel Sector

3400. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for enhancing steel production within the country so that import of steel can be decreased and prices of steel can be checked;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the outcome of Make in India scheme for steel production in India?

Average Price Rise of Cotton

3401. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average price of cotton has risen consistently over the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the rise in prices has affected the textile industry, including the export sector; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government to contain the rise in price?

National Infrastructure Pipeline

3402. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state the manner in which the Government is planning to utilise/elevate the infrastructure of Railways under the National Infrastructure Pipeline?

Railway Freight Corridor

3403. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of railway freight corridors;

(b) the amount spent on each railway freight corridor;

(c) whether the construction of both freight corridors are being much delayed; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same and the additional amount likely to be spent in this regard?

Upgradation of IIHT

3404. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan in the coming financial year to upgrade different Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) having 3 year diploma course to 4 year degree courses;

(b) if so, whether the Government will consider upgradation of IIHT, Bargarh of Odisha to the next level from 3 year diploma course to 4 year degree course being the 5th such Institute in India; and

(c) whether the Government will consider different specialisation courses in the Institute and simultaneously consider training of handloom artisans, and global marketing of Sambalpuri Sarees?

Steel and Recycled Materials

3405. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that steel produced using recycled materials emit less carbon and are better for the environment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to publicise public and private sector steel manufacturers to reutilisation or recycling achievements such as through the means of country-wide sustainability rankings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

INSPIRE Scheme

3406. SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students in various universities receiving scholarship under the INSPIRE schemes during the current academic year; University-wise; and

(b) whether there has been delay in releasing scholarships to the students and if so, the reasons therefor?

Imports of Edible Oils

3407. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of import of edible oils from Ukraine and Russia;

(b) whether the recent instability between Ukraine and Russia has caused any problems in terms of import of edible oils and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the domestic production of edible oils and make India atmanirbhar in terms of edible oils; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to lower the rising prices of edible oils in the country?

Number of ATMs

3408. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the number of ATMs to cover all the Departmental Post Offices for the benefit of people especially from rural areas of Jharkhand; and

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

Unmanned/Manned Level Crossings in Chhattisgarh

†3409. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unmanned/manned level crossings in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of Rail Over Bridges/Rail Under Passes constructed by the Union Government in Chhattisgarh;

(c) the number of Rail Over Bridges/Rail Under Passes whose construction work has not been completed and the time line for its completion;

(d) the number of Rail Over Bridges/Rail Under Passes proposed to be constructed in Chhattisgarh along with the progress of previous proposed construction work, district-wise; and

(e) whether the construction of Rail Over Bridge in Korba-Champa has not been completed even after the completion of prescribed time limit and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Promotion of Textile Industry

3410. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work done in Rajasthan during the last three years to promote the textile industry;

(b) the quantum of amount that has been spent in last five years; year-wise data;

(c) whether the Government has plan to establish Shilp Gram in Rajasthan, particularly in Chittorgarh Lok Sabha constituency;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Major Industry in Nanded

†3411. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a major industry in Nanded, Maharashtra. the land of internationally acclaimed 'Guru-Ta-Gaddi' of Guru Gobind Singh Ji;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for setting up of a large industrial unit in Nanded; and

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

Extension of Gorakhdham Superfast Express

3412. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request for the extension of 12555/56 Gorakhdham Superfast upto Sirsa using lie-over as there is no daily train service available for Delhi from Sirsa in between 06.30am to 02.55pm, i.e., almost 20.30 hours;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has planned to introduce new train service between Sirsa to Delhi in evening time due to increasing public demand; and

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

Unsatisfactory Services of Telecommunication

†3413. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Government to rectify the shortcomings in the system to improve the unsatisfactory services of telecommunication during the last three years;

(b) whether any review has been conducted regarding progress made after the said efforts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

New Patent Rights

3414. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new Patent Rights issued under Intellectual Property Rights in India during the last five years;

- (b) whether the issued patents were commercially successfully; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing Pollution Levels

3415. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:
 SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of meteorology is providing timely and crucial alarming statistics of pollution levels to the relevant Government agencies like the MEFCC and others in the eco-system to head towards a solution for the serious issue of pollution levels, especially in the city of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether there is considerable reduction in air pollution after the increased use of battery operated vehicles in the metros;

(c) whether the department has detected a pattern in the system that paves way to increased air pollution levels in the city of Delhi and surrounding areas post the harvest seasons in the States of Haryana and Punjab;

(d) if so, whether analytics of this peculiar pattern of increased pollution levels has been sent to the Delhi Government and the MEFCC for further research; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor

3416. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (HSR) corridor is running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has successfully acquired the land for construction of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether many Gram Sabhas have passed resolutions opposing the takeover of land for the HSR project; and

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

Mission Gaganyaan

3417. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of mission Gaganyaan;

(b) whether the mission is suffering from financial necessity;

(c) whether the Government has engaged private entities to handle the mission work;

(d) whether the Government has encouraged startups to join hand in mission works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Third Line between Chhapra and Kacheri

3418. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commissioning of third line between Chhapra Kacheri (CI) and Chhapra (CPR) of 3 kms. is pending since long and causing congestion at Chhapra despite repeated requests to complete it;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay and the time stipulated to complete the said work;

(c) whether the private bus operators have developed nexus with the officials of Railways to keep it pending so as to earn more profit by running private buses;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry is likely to fix the responsibility on the construction department for delaying the said work;

(e) if so, the details of requests/representations received and action initiated in this regard; and

(f) whether non execution of this work on time has led to cost escalation of the project and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Industrial Clusters

3419. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is developing industrial clusters in Uttar Pradesh, including incubation centre with joint ventures in various districts of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard; and

(b) the role of NASSCOM in setting up of warehouses in Uttar Pradesh and the progress made under Joint Venture with Uttar Pradesh Government?

Tejas Vande Bharat Train in Udaipur

†3420. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run Tejas Vande Bharat trains under PPP model in Udaipur district, which is one of the major tourism place of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the stand of the Government regarding railway electrification;

(b) if so, whether a consultation meeting with private sector has been held in this regard and if so, the details of participants;

Discontinuation of Train No. 14795/96

†3421. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the discontinuation of train number 14795/96 for the last two years which used to run from Bhiwani to Chandigarh and connect with Himalayan Queen in Panipat and if so, the time by which it is proposed to be restarted;

(b) whether there is a proposal to start this train from Rewari to Chandigarh as an independent train;

(c) whether there is any proposal to run train number 04089/90 to Sadar Bazar which presently runs from Hisar to New Delhi; and

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

SATIS-2 at Thane Station

†3422. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Station Area Traffic Improvement System(SATIS-2) in east Kopri has not been started due to non-approval by the Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC), Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said work is likely to be started;

(c) whether the Jupiter Hospital, Thane had requested for providing emergency medical services at Thane Railway Station on which no decision has been taken till date; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Coal Production

†3423. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current coal production in the country is sufficient to meet its demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the coal being mined and consumed on daily basis during the last five years and current year;

(c) whether the shortage of coal has ever witnessed in the country during the last five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and utilised so far in this regard?

Production from Discontinued Mines

3424. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced that 100 shut or production discontinued mines of Coal India will be operated in partnership with private companies;

(b) if so, whether a consultation meeting with private sector has been held in this regard and if so, the details of participants;

(c) the terms of revenue-sharing envisioned for such partnership;

(d) the reasons for shutting or discontinuing production in these 100 mines;

(e) whether such a step is counter-productive to the 7 February, 2022 statement of the Government with respect to eco-friendly use of abandoned coal mines;

(f) the impact of the decision to use de-coaled areas for extensive plantation, development of eco/mine tourism parks, agricultural fields, orchards, creating water bodies to augment ground water recharge and drinking water supply, etc.; and

(g) the effects of reopening of 100 mines on India's coal phase down pledges made in COP26?

Auction of Coal Blocks

3425. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether private players have won coal blocks auctioned recently in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of companies and coal blocks won during last seven years by private players;

(c) whether the private players have started production from the coal blocks and if so, the details of the production and use of coal by private players; and

(d) whether the private players can sale coal in open market and if so, the details thereof?

Decline in Steel Production

3426. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that steel production has registered a sharp decline during the last three years due to slow demand in the automobile and real estate sector;

(b) if so, the details of total steel production during each of the last five years;

(c) whether the Government acknowledges that the decline in steel production is wholly or partially attributed to slow down in the economy; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken to boost the demand in automobile and real estate sector and if not, the reasons therefor?

SEZs in Rajasthan

†3427. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Rajasthan and the facilities/assistance being provided to these SEZs;

(b) whether the Government conducts periodic review of policies with regard to SEZs;

(c) if so, the details of public representative groups who conducted survey of SEZs during the last one year location-wise;

(d) the irregularities found therein and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(e) whether district Banswada in Rajasthan is likely to be developed into SEZs and if so, the details thereof?

Bidding of Coal Mines

†3428. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bidding process of coal mines;

(b) the share of coal in power generation in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the extent of environmental loss caused by power generation from coal; and

(d) the details of the measures taken by the Government to save the environment?

Trains from Deendayal Upadhyaya Junction

†3429. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains that used to run from Deendayal Upadhyaya Junction to Howrah, Dehri-on-Sone to Ranchi Palamu and Arrah to Sasaram under Deendayal Upadhyaya Division of East Central Railway prior to lockdown;

(b) the number of trains, out of the said trains, not operating at present;

(c) the reasons for not providing basic facilities in Dehri-on-Sone railway station even after getting 'A' class status; and

(d) the time by which the Government is likely to restart the operation of these trains?

Illegal use of Aadhaar Biometrics

3430. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding illegal use of Aadhaar biometrics in the country;

(b) if so, the details on attempting unauthorised authentication and impersonation therein;

(c) the details of such modus operandi and the financial loss incurred thereon during the last three years; and

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

Vande Bharat Trains

†3431. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce the Vande Bharat Trains through out the country in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to replace Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duranto trains with Vande Bharat Trains;

(d) if so, whether the operation of these trains is likely to be discontinued completely; and

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

Ease of Doing Business

†3432. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making efforts to improve 'Ease of Doing Business' situation in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is taking any concrete steps to dispose of commercial cases pending in the courts with the assistance of State Governments and Union Territory administrations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is formulating any concrete policy to minimise the licensing rules and requirement of labourers and to simplify the renewal process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demand of Steel

3433. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री be pleased to state: the details of the demand and production of steel in India since 2014, year-wise?

Import of Coal

†3434. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal is imported for the coal based power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether coal import has reduced due to increase in supply of coal by the Coal India Limited (CIL) during the last few years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for substituting domestic coal as an alternative for the imported coal?

Tamkuhi Road-Chhitauni Rail Project

†3435. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamkuhi Road-Chhitauni Rail Project for which the foundation stone was laid in 2007 has been still lying pending and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether approximately Rs. 100 crores have been spent on this project so far and no work has been undertaken on this project during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to complete this project; and

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

Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

3436. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Persons with Disabilities appointed in Railways during last three years and the current year, Zone-wise;

(b) whether the cases of violation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 in Railways have come to the notice of Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise;

(c) whether Railways has implemented Supreme Court's order for extending three per cent reservation to Persons with Disabilities and if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate representation of Persons with Disabilities in Railways?

Promotion of Handloom Sector

3437. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Uttar Pradesh's rich handloom sector on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) the names of programmes developed and the funds allocated therefor by Government in this regard?

e-Commerce Companies

3438. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some of the e-commerce companies are not displaying the mandatory requirement of country of origin under the Legal Metrology Rules, 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has laid down several restrictions on import from China, however these e-commerce companies are marketing Chinese origin products;

(d) whether the Government is likely to allow the e-commerce companies to market their products, if the county of origin as China is mentioned; and

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

Reforms in the Telecom Sector

3439. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recently has approved a number of structural and procedural reforms in the telecom sector for boosting employment, growth, competition and consumer interests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reforms are focused to ensure that affordable telecom services are reaching the poor households; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

VRS in BSNL

3440. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is delay and deficiency in the services provided by BSNL due to the implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in BSNL;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the impact of lack of sufficient number of human resources due to mass voluntary retirement scheme; and

(d) the details of the action taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies in BSNL?

Shortage of Guards

†3441. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether goods trains are being run during night hours without guards and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is a shortage of guards as per the claims made by Moradabad Division and if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also contemplating on running trains without guards;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this matter till now and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether such a situation be a reasons for any major railway incident and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Towers in West Bengal

3442. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile towers are not available in the remote villages of West Bengal so far, including Bankura district and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the effort made/being made by the Government for having mobile towers installed in remote areas of the State;

(c) the time frame by which the vision of revolution in communication is likely to be fulfilled in remote villages and the efforts made by the Government in this regard so far; and

(d) whether any policy framework has been prepared by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Weather Forecast Stations

3443. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of weather forecast stations presently functional in the State of Bihar;

(b) whether the Government plans to increase the number of automated weather stations in the State;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government in strengthening the flood forecasting mechanism in the State and the quantum of funds allocated for the same;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up one weather forecast station, per district in Bihar, to better equip the State with flood forecasting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Passenger Trains

3444. SHRIMATI ANGADI MANGAL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the passenger trains in all the States which stopped plying owing to Covid-19 pandemic and have started plying again; and

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

Funds to Assam for Rice Distribution

3445. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Government to Assam for distribution of rice under National Food Security Act(NFSA) and other welfare schemes in 2021; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries under NFSA in Assam, District-wise?

Innovation Values

3446. SHRI COSME FRANCISCO CAITANO SARDINHA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various initiatives taken up by the Government for boosting India's entire innovation value chain comprising researchers and research institutes keeping in view the COVID-19 and tackling the pandemic;

(b) the details of the various institutes/organisations involved in boosting the innovation values; and

(c) the details of the programmes/schemes developed by the Government for these purposes?

Procurement of Food Grains at MSP

3447. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government procured various food grains from across the country at Minimum Support Price (MSP) as per procurement policy;

(b) if so, the details of various food grains procured during the last three years and current year; State and year-wise;

(c) whether any limit has been set for the procurement of fair average quality (FAQ) food grains from farmers at Minimum Support Price as per procurement policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of total number of farmers benefitted under the said policy along with the MSP for the last three years, year and State-wise?

Passenger Amenities at Stations

†3448. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recently announced several passenger amenities at various railway stations of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Manufacturing of New Vande Bharat Trains

3449. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to build Vande Bharat Trains in the country;

(b) if so, the companies that have been short listed for manufacturing the above said trains;

(c) whether any time limit has been set for rolling out of these trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the railway routes identified for the same?

Construction of Godowns

†3450. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total debt owed to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the amount of funds allocated by the Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether godowns have been constructed by the Government and if so, the number of such godowns

constructed so far including the number of godowns required further; and

(c) the storage capacity of the private godowns in the country along with the grants provided by the Government for the construction of the godowns, State-wise?

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