

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Monday, December 24, 2018/Pausha 3, 1940 (Saka)

(Ministries of Commerce and Industry; Culture; Human Resource Development; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

(वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संस्कृति; मानव संसाधन विकास; श्रम और रोजगार; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस; कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता; इस्पात; पर्यटन; जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय)

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Gender Neutral Hostels

2071. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHVAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to establish gender neutral hostels in Central Universities; and

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

Export of Vegetables

2072. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that even after 2 years of withdrawal of temporary ban on bitter and snake gourd, brinjal &

colocasia leaf from January, 2017 from European Commission, export of the said vegetables to the EU from India has not been possible and Business potential is remaining untapped, despite their huge demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that till 2014, huge quantities of leafy vegetables and betel leaves were exported but export of these to the EU has stopped due to fear of suspension of Import Export Code of exporter, though it was never banned and betel farmers especially tribal farmers of the Northeast are being deprived of better prices for their produce;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether APEDA used to give an incentive of 10% on Free on Board (FoB) price of agricultural products to the Agri-exporters under Transport Assistance & Insurance benefits Component ECGC; and

(f) if so, the actions which have been taken to find out a way to resume all?

RCEP Agreement

2073. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have raised several issues before the Government in relation to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to revisit and revise the RCEP objectives' so that external competition from developed countries can be prevented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has conducted or planning any discussions with the State Governments before signing the RCEP; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Protection from Smog to School going Children

2074. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend to provide protection to the school going young children who have to go to schools in early hours when the pollution levels are at its peak especially in cities like NCT of Delhi which pose a potentially dangerous health hazard to these school going children;

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

Trade with BRICS Nations

2075. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade among BRICS nations is less than 5% of their total global trade;

(b) if so, the details of India's trade with BRICS countries at present, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has discussed with different BRICS nations to increase trade and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether rice export to China and green channel for pharmaceutical products also came up for discussion with China;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the trade has been affected due to UK exit from BRICS nations ?

Proposals to build Statues like the Statue of Unity

2076. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal/proposals from other states to build statues like Statue of Unity in their respective States and if so, the details of the proposals along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(b) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding the construction of unregistered tourist hotels and ashram, if so, details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Empowering Teaching Faculty

2077. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started two new programmes to empower the higher education teaching faculty and if so, the details thereof along with the number of institutes who would offer these courses, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has tied up with foreign universities also for the new programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has prepared any data of number of patents registered by Centrally funded technology institutions during the last four years and the current year and if so, the details thereof?

Counselling of Students

2078. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any action plan for providing special counselling to students to guide them about their aptitude after 8th and 10th Class on lines of other countries; and

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

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†2079. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers appointed under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) have not been given permanent status till date due to which neglected areas are being deprived of educational facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to give such teachers permanent status or grant funds for the salary of such teachers to the State Governments to enable the States to appoint them on permanent posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Identification of Tourism Circuits

2080. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to popularize the 15 identified circuits to people of the country and from abroad so that it can be beneficial for the economy of the country; and

(b) details of the major criteria being taken to identify these 15 circuits?

Campus of IIMs

2081. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved establishment and operationalisation of permanent campus of seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs);

(b) if so, the details thereof with locations selected and the criteria followed for selection;

(c) whether these would provide education to students to enable them to become professional managers and they will also promote economic and industrial development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Logistics Sector

†2082. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investment in logistics sector is expected to reach 500 billion dollar by the year 2025;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to meet the said target so far;

(c) whether the Government is planning to formulate a National Logistics Policy and Multi-modal logistics policy;

(d) if so, the details of the topics under priority on the basis of which the Government is going to formulate a National Logistics Policy and multi-modal logistics policy; and

(e) the details of the works done by the Government to strengthen the supply chain and logistics management in the existing global environment during the last three years?

NMC Programme

2083. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP) is being implemented in the country including Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the current actual expenditure incurred and achievements in all six components of NMCP during the last five years in Maharashtra?

Boosting Tea Quality

2084. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Research Association (TRA) is planning to harness front line technologies based on artificial intelligence, chatbots and sensor based machinery to boost tea quality while equipping the age-old industry to face the ravages of climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the TRA has tied up with two start ups that will show the way forward in these initiatives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Software for Tea Auction System

2085. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has asked the Industry to devise its own software for reforming the present auction system for tea and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Tea Board would not interfere in the process and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Tea Industry has been advised to go for product differentiation and rise in productivity to improve the industry's sustainability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Eradication of Child Labour

†2086. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite stringent Child Labour laws Child Labour is still prevalent in various parts of the country including factories of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to make amendments in Child Labour laws including fixing of accountability of labour officials with a view to ensuring the enrolment of each and every child in school;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures undertaken by the Government to eradicate child labour in the country?

Strengthening of MSMEs

2087. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced some measures to strengthen the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the last Budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which these measures have actually been proved to be beneficial to the MSME sector; and

(d) whether these measures have provided employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof?

Exemptions for Social Security Schemes

2088. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians working abroad can now exempt themselves from their host country's social security scheme and get covered by retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an online facility to avail the benefit has been made functional and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether EPFO has entered into an agreement with 18 countries in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Industrial Corridor in Punjab

2089. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered constructing an industrial corridor in Punjab, particularly near the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor so as to facilitate trade between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has consulted the Government of Pakistan or the State Government of Punjab in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

PMKVY/NSDA2090. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided skill training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) during the last three years, year-wise and training partner-wise;

(b) the amount allocated and disbursed so far in the last three years, year-wise and training partner-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any serious action against the TPs and officials of NSDA with regards to issues related to training, certification and payments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand on this?

Central University Kashmir

2091. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Central University Kashmir at Tullmulla has been stopped in the designated/identified site with the result the campus is non-functional

at Ganderbal and the Authorities are paying rent in crores to the rented buildings at Srinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Promotion of Mahakumbh

2092. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special initiatives to promote the Mahakumbh in the foreign countries which is to be held in Prayag Raj; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

RCEP Meeting

2093. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the countries which are member of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);

(b) the details of aims and objectives of RCEP;

(c) whether RCEP meeting was held in Singapore recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of countries participated in the meeting;

(e) the details of the points/matters that were raised by India along with the outcome thereof; and

(f) the details of the issues discussed and the number of negotiations held in the said meeting?

Setting up of Inter-Faith Studies

2094. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up Inter-Faith Studies to promote brotherhood and diversity;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the location selected for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government will engage experts and form committees to oversee and finalise concept of this institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ST Hostels

2095. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government assessed the state of hostels meant to accommodate students from tribal communities and if so, the details of the report released thereafter;

(b) the action taken by the Government undertaken against those in-charge of hostels found in poor conditions;

(c) the total number of hostels sanctioned and the total number of hostels operating, the total number permissible occupancy and the current occupancy of such hostels, the total number of staff sanctioned, post-wise as opposed to the current number of staff hired - details of above criteria, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government used the allotted fund for construction of such hostels, if not, the steps taken; and

(e) whether the Government plan on delegating the construction and administration of such hostels to State Governments by providing them funds for the same if so, the details of the plan and if not, the reasons therefor?

Integrated Coffee Development Project

2096. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coffee Board is implementing Integrated Coffee Development Project (ICDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its salient features;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned/ utilized for the project indicating the year in which the Coffee Board started receiving funds under ICDP;

(d) whether the Government has stopped release of subsidy to this project and is proposing to reduce funds allocation to the Coffee Board and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether many coffee growers have suffered losses due to crop failure; and

(f) if so, the quantum of compensation disbursed under the scheme during the last three years and the current year?

Steel Production/Export

†2097. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:
ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total capacity of the steel production and quantum of steel produced during the current year, State-wise, in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's finished steel exports fell by 23.4 per cent to 0.596 million tonnes in October, 2018, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India should cut down its dependence on special steel product imports through value addition and form Joint Ventures with global leader for technological upgradation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that despite being the world's second largest producer of steel, India is still dependent on imports for some products and there is a need to develop technologies to produce electrical grade and auto grade steel to become self sufficient/reliant and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

High Level Panel for Global Trade Challenges

2098. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the constitution of a High Level Advisory Group to look into the opportunities and ways to address the ongoing challenges in the global trade scenario;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this High Level Advisory Group would meet regularly over the next two months and make specific implementable recommendations in the light of the terms of reference, including each of the areas to facilitate the formulation of future trade policies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Technology Initiatives for Coffee Stakeholders

2099. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched technology initiatives for coffee stakeholders—Coffee Connect and coffee Krishi Tharanga recently and if so, the details thereof, including its objectives;

(b) the number of Coffee growers covered and the funds allocated for Coffee Krishi Tharanga;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the Integrated Coffee Development Project beyond 12th Plan period with higher outlay and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Coffee Board has identified technological solutions to address some of the perennial coffee production and coffee farming issues and challenges and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of R&D Programmes launched by the Coffee Board aimed at improved Coffee varieties especially Arabica coffee; and

(f) the estimated total direct and indirect employment in coffee sector?

Funds for Opening New Kendriya Vidyalayas

2100. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the fund allocation for the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the country during the last five financial years including the current financial year 2018-19, year-wise;

(b) the number of new KVs opened during the last five financial years including the current year;

(c) the number of new KVs have been made operational during the last five years including current financial year in all the States including Haryana; and

(d) the number of new KVs have been approved by the Government during the last five financial years including the current year in all the States including Haryana?

SSA and RMSA

2101. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient feature of Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) launched in 2001 and 2009 respectively;

(b) whether the Government contemplating changes in the respective guidelines to accommodate specific requirements of the States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts have been made to sanction the requisite class rooms for the students under these schemes;

(d) the efforts made to remove restrictions, if any, to accommodate the number of students in the schools constructed under these schemes;

(e) whether the Government is aware of shortcomings of the said schemes of opening a school at every 5 km. in the States such as Gujarat, Rajasthan and others who are sparsely populated and do not have enough students to admit and thus

draining out the financial resources with no fruitful gains;

(f) if so, the necessary modifications in policy contemplated by the Government to make these schemes more successful all over the country; and

(g) the efforts are being made to provide the book uniform free of cost to all the students throughout their schooling period and salary to teachers appointed under these schemes since inception of the schemes?

Assistance under IIUS

†2102. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and actually released as Central Assistance under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) to the Sheohar district of Bihar during the last three years, State-wise including Bihar;

(b) the assistance provided for development of export infrastructure and related works to the Sheohar district of Bihar and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any efforts have been taken to establish any industry based on the locally raw material available in the district; and

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

Proposals from Public Representatives of Jharkhand

†2103. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the representatives of the people to declare areas surrounding Getalsud dam, Rukka dam, Hundru falls and Gautam Dhara in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand as tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Training in Education and Income Scheme

2104. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people trained in the education and income schemes introduced for the minority society in the country during the last four years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of the training centres opened for such training, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details and the number of the trained people provided employment therefrom State/UT-wise?

Establishment of New ESI Hospitals

2105. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ESI hospitals sanctioned from 2014-15 to 2017-18 including funds allocated thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(b) the status of establishment of 100 beds ESI Hospital in Shimoga district of Karnataka along with the amount allocated for establishment of the said hospital; and

(c) the details of necessary support that needs to be extended by the States to establish new ESI Hospitals in their respective States?

Teacher's Vacancies in Rajasthan

†2106. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that as per the Right to Education forum more than five lakh posts of teachers are vacant in India including Rajasthan whereas about 6.6 lakh teachers require training;

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

(c) the total number of vacant positions of teachers and principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas across the country including Jalore; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies?

Buildings Declared as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO

2107. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Mumbai's rich cluster of Victorian and art deco building has been recently declared world heritage site by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of places/buildings from India declared as heritage sites by UNESCO as on date, State/UT-wise and Site-wise;

(d) whether UNESCO has granted any funds for maintenance and upkeep of these heritage sites during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise and Site-wise?

Ph.D. Course in IIMs

2108. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country have made a proposal to the Ministry to accord approval for running two year Ph.D. Courses in IIMs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the Government to such request; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction around Monuments

2109. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to reduce the limit of non-construction area around the heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has noticed the serious issues being faced by the residents around heritage sites of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

National IPR Policy

2110. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India witnessed significant changes in IPRs since the introduction of the National IPR Policy in 2016 and if so, the details thereof including various achievements made till date;

(b) whether all universities in India to set up Intellectual Property (IP) Centres and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite the policy push to have more IP in the country do not have enough IP professionals and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of IP professionals in the country?

Gender Champions Initiatives by UGC

2111. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) University-wise progress of Gender Champions Initiative that was proposed by the University Grants Commission (UGC);

(b) whether the Higher Education Commission of India as proposed by the Government includes this initiative for continuation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Gender specific welfare and vigilance mechanisms developed by the Government in higher education institutions in India in last four years?

Production of High Nitrogen Steel

2112. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is producing sufficient quantity of High-Nitrogen Steel (HNS) through public or any private sector steel companies to supply to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to manufacture

sophisticated arms and ammunitions and thereby replace the import of rolled homogenous armour and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such an armour application of HNS has taken off in the country as part of the Prime Minister's Make in India Initiative and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the HNS has the potential for use in all armour applications to be used in Infantry Combat Vehicle (ICV), Light Speciality Vehicle (LSV), Light Armoured Multi-Purpose Vehicle (LAMV), Futuristic Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV), Main Battle Tank (MBT), Future Ready Combat Vehicle (FRCV), aviation and naval systems etc., if so, the details thereof?

Funds under Pradhan Mantri Skill Development Scheme

†2113. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कोशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the amount of money allotted to and the amount of funds utilized by Jharkhand under the Pradhan Mantri Skill Development Scheme during the last three years; and

(b) the district-wise details of beneficiaries along with the total number of beneficiaries under the above said scheme?

Investments in Oil and Gas

2114. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase investments in domestic production of oil and gas and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether all potential oil/hydrocarbon fields have been explored for production in the country during the last five years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of new oil/hydrocarbon fields discovered and oil, gas and other petroleum products produced from the said fields, State/project/company-wise; and

(d) whether alternatives to hydrocarbon based imported fuel is being planned by the Government for meeting the long term energy requirements of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Investment in SEZs

2115. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the imposition of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) on Special Economic Zone (SEZ) units and developers has contributed towards the reduction of

investments in SEZs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) Whether the Government has taken steps to enhance investment in SEZs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government plans to launch an online platform for SEZs to facilitate ease of doing business for developers and units and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of alternative measures undertaken by the Government for the development of SEZs; and

(e) Whether SEZs have contributed towards infrastructure and economic development of their respective regions in the past two years and if yes, the details thereof?

Setting up Kendriya Vidyalayas in Each District

2116. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:
SHRI S. SELVAKUMARA CHINNAYAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had taken a decision to set up Kendriya Vidyalayas in each Constituency/district of the country and if so, the details thereof including the details of districts having no Kendriya Vidyalayas till date throughout the country;

(b) the number of districts in Tamil Nadu where KV have not been set up so far

along with the total number of KVs functioning in Andhra Pradesh, District-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to open two more KVs in Rajahmundry, East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Regional Museums

2117. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the actions taken by the Government under the scheme of Setting up, promotion and Strengthening of Regional museums in the country;

(b) the details of financial assistance given to various regional museums under the scheme so far in various States including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala demanded any second instalment of funds under the scheme for the development of Hill Palace museums, Thrippunithura, Koyikkal Palace, Nedumangad and Pazhassi Raja Museum, Kozhikode; and

(d) if so, the details of the funds given for these museums?

Skill Development Training in ITIs

2118. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has opened new areas of Skill Development training in addition to the traditional occupational training available to the ITIs throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is extending its assistance to the State ITIs in terms of technical experts (Trainees), machinery, funds etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant Posts of Faculty Members

2119. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as much as 36% of sanctioned posts of faculty members are vacant across eight prominent Indian Institutes of Technology in the country (IITs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IITs of Mumbai, Delhi, Guwahati, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Chennai, Roorkee and Varanasi currently have 65,824 students, but only 4049 teachers against 6318 approved posts; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts of teachers in IITs?

Employed Workforce in Organised and Unorganised Sectors

†2120. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and percentage of employed workforce in organized and unorganized sectors in Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the total number of unemployed persons in rural and urban regions of Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir separately;

(c) the names of different welfare schemes initiated in unorganized sectors for workers by the Government and the quantum of allocation made and the amount spent for the above mentioned purpose during the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the rights of workers of unorganized sector and to improve the imbalance of workforce?

Freeing of Bonded Labour

†2121. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether bonded labours have been made free during last three years in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, year/State-wise; and

(c) the details of the bonded labours made free from brick kiln and other places during the said period in the States?

Implementation of Right to Education Act

2122. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of Section 12(1) of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009;

(b) whether all the States are complying with Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure the States comply with Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act?

Uniform Fee Structure

†2123. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any likelihood of the Union Government issuing directions to the State Governments for playing regulatory or monitoring role for regulation of fee structure in private schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against KVS Employees

2124. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints including anonymous complaints regarding corruption, mismanagement received against the Principals and other Higher Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) during the last 6 months by the Government, KVS Headquarters and various regional offices, State-wise;

(b) the break-up of details of nature of the individual complaints so received and the action taken therein along with the details of the disciplinary/vigilance action initiated against the officials of KVS on the basis of complaints so received or otherwise in each such cases;

(c) whether there is any provision of conducting internal audit to assess the state of affairs at the school level; and

(d) if so, the details of the audits conducted during the last 6 months and if not, the reasons for not having any such mechanism?

Regional Offices of UGC

†2125. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to lack of State/Regional offices of

University Grants Commission (UGC) in the State of Chhattisgarh, proposals of colleges are sent to regional offices in Bhopal and lot of hardships are faced by the colleges to contact this office situated 700 km far from the State Capital;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to start State/Regional office of UGC in Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Chhattisgarh in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government on the abovementioned?

Projects under PRASAD Scheme

2126. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is progressing with the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of sites under PRASAD since its inception, State-wise;

(d) the details of projects/activities proposed under the scheme; and

(e) whether it aims at integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in planned, prioritized and sustainable manner to provide complete religious tourism experience and if so, the details thereof?

NEID Scheme

2127. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects sanctioned under the North East Industrial Development Scheme, 2017;

(b) the details of the status of progress of these projects; and

(c) the details of the total funds sanctioned, released and utilized till date under this scheme?

Tea Production, Import and Export

2128. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and domestic consumption of tea in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum and value of export and import of tea during the said period, country-wise;

(c) the share of India in world production and export of tea along with the share of various States/UTs therein, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether there has been a decline in the production and export of tea and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to tea

growers particularly to small tea growers of Assam during the said period; and

(f) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production and export of tea?

Storage/Consumption of Fuel

2129. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI: SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of storage, terminal and progress of Paradip-Haldia-Barauni oil pipeline and Jagdishpur-Dharma project;

(b) whether high altitude remote location areas of the country are in crisis of kitchen, motor and shortage of fuels due to road blockage and landslides;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with any proposal of the Government to fill up depot storage to achieve the target operation of 'Advance Winter Stocking'; and

(d) the details of consumption of fuel and storage capacity and reserves as on last day of November, 2018?

Scheme for Minority Institutes

2130. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the number of institutes received funding from the Government under the scheme for Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutes (IDMI) for the year 2018, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether any additional funds are disbursed for the schools exclusively set up for special needs of children and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Oil from Iran

2131. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN;
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil imported from Iran during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) whether the Government has made some alternative arrangement to ensure energy security in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Religious Places of Andhra Pradesh under PRASAD Scheme

2132. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken up any work in Andhra Pradesh to be implemented under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive

(PRASAD) Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to include Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh under PRASAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the popular pilgrimage places like, Tirupati, Antarvedi, Annavaram Temples in East Godavari District and Simhachalam Temple in Visakhapatnam and in Arasavalli Temple in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh have been included under PRASAD Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and allotted for each temple?

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

2133. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of higher educational institutes that have been selected under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0 and the number of villages that have been adopted for development;

(b) the details of the dimensions of development and the types of works under those dimensions that have been covered under the Action Plans prepared by the institutes; and

(c) the aspects that are covered under the 'Values and Perception Development' component of the Human Development domain of intervention in the scheme?

Inspection of Hostels

2134. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a set of guidelines to ensure adequate safety, minimum standard of living conditions and periodic inspections of hostels in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made to conduct any inspection of school hostels in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Education

†2135. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of modernisation and innovations in the Indian Education System even though it is the biggest in the matter of number of Institutions and third largest from enrollment angles in the world and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether certain serious issues are likely to be resolved by providing more funds and concentrating on higher education and if so, whether shortcomings have been found in education system;

(c) whether the Government proposes to safe comprehensive review of the

standard of education and if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has decided to export digital literacy in rural areas of the country thereof National Digital Literacy Mission and to impart training to the youths encommensurate with the competition in Global market and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Opening of IITs and IIMs

†2136. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government, keeping in view the increasing demand, proposes to open more Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) institutions in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Statue of Shivaji

2137. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish statue of Shivaji in Maharashtra to promote tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the plan outlay, time frame and nodal agencies regarding the aforementioned proposal; and

(e) whether the Government has any similar plan/proposal for the State of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Special Education Zones

2138. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Special Educational Zones to serve higher education and skill development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposals to establish educational townships on the lines of Oxford and Cambridge;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government would consider such a proposal in the near future to raise the standards of higher education; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Open Dispensaries

2139. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received inputs about the shortage of open

Dispensaries in various areas of the country and especially in backward and remote districts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of initiatives and policies enunciated in this regard?

Home Schooling for Differently Abled

2140. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of differently abled children in the country receiving home schooling in the country; and

(b) the number of them out of need/preference instead of absence of choice due to inaccessible public transport?

Courses in Skill India Scheme

†2141. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to introduce new courses in Skill India Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any special initiative to develop new Skill Development Courses in economically backward areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Programme for Skill Development Training of Beedi Rollers

2142. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch a programme for skill development training of Beedi rollers to engage them in alternative jobs for their livelihood across all Beedi rolling States and districts in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated number of Beedi workers engaged in Beedi rolling industry in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the number of workers given such training and provided with alternative jobs under this scheme so far, State/UT-wise?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Funds

†2143. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release funds for adjustment of advance under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the time by when funds are likely to be released; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Draft Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions

2144. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to frame a Draft Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions thereby seeking consolidation and amendment of various labour laws in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the objectives and salient features of the proposed Draft Code;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that a number of labour unions have already expressed their concerns over the implications of the Draft Code including the exclusion of 85 per cent of workforce from the coverage of health and safety measures;

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

(e) whether the Government has received any representation on the aforesaid matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to redress the concerns in this regard?

Employees' Coverage under PF, Health Facilities

2145. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to cover more number of people/

private companies to increase the coverage of Employees Provident Fund, health facilities, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people/private companies brought under the fold of Employee's Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of targets, if any, set for the purpose along with the steps taken/being taken to achieve the same?

Sale of MSME Products

†2146. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up sale outlets at district level for the products manufactured by the Small and Medium industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any online system is being developed for encouraging such industries, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether any action-plan is being formulated for the storage and sale-purchase of the materials/products of the said industry and if so, the details thereof?

Suggestions made by FIEO

2147. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of India Export Organisation (FIEO) has suggested that the Government should focus priority on boosting exports to check the widening current account deficit;

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

(c) whether imposing curbs on imports may not have a significant impact and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether FIEO has suggested that the Government should not restrict imports to address the rising current account deficit and fall in the rupee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Training under Skill India Mission

2148. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of skill India mission during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the scheme has shown any progress in the last two years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme has benefited women workforce of our country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of operational skill training centres, target decided by them and the timeline assigned to the same;

(e) whether the Government has any strategy/plan to improve the quality of

trainers under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the detailed list of the private companies that have taken skill development as part of their CSR initiative?

Skill Development Training in Agriculture

†2149. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the schemes/programmes being implemented for Skill Development and training in agriculture and related fields for the farmers in various States including Chhattisgarh in each of the last three years and in the current year;

(b) the number of farmers that have been imparted training under the schemes and the State/scheme-wise details of benefits accrued to them during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any amount for this purpose under various schemes; and

(d) if so, the State/scheme-wise details of the amount allocated and spent during the said period?

Uniform Syllabus

†2150. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received suggestions from various stakeholders to wind up State education boards at Primary, Middle and Higher secondary levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action done in this regard?

Engineering Cluster

†2151. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Engineering Cluster has been established under the industrial infrastructure upgradation scheme in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with amount allocated/sanctioned for the purpose, cluster-wise; and

(c) the details of the clusters that have started their work and the objectives of this cluster scheme?

Development of Himalayan Circuit

2152. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total fund sanctioned during the last three years for the development of Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in

Himachal Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme;

(b) the time by which the remaining funds are likely to be released;

(c) the details of the projects taken under the scheme; and

(d) the details of other similar projects that the Ministry proposes to introduce in the near future?

Blast in BPCL Refinery

2153. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent incident of blast reported in the Mumbai's Chembur BPCL refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such blast;

(c) the number of persons injured/died in the incident and the estimated loss incurred to the exchequer along with any probe ordered therein and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether any steps are being taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future; and

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

Recognition as Scheduled Tribes

2154. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of percentage of tribal population as against total population as on date State/UT-wise;

(b) the list of communities which have been accorded tribal status during the last ten years;

(c) the details of pending applications received from different States/UTs for recognition as Scheduled Tribes and the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether the Government would consider to put an end for raising demands seeking tribal status in future and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Tribal Museum

2155. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to setting up of tribal Museum and to carry out various activities to preserve and promote tribal culture across the country through research & documentation, maintenance and preservation of art & artifacts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has developed a web page for use as tribal repository; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign Students in DU

2156. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been some increase in the number of applications of foreign students in Delhi University as compared to last year;

(b) if so, the total number of foreign students seeking admission in various disciplines, country-wise;

(c) whether all the foreign students admitted in the Delhi University are provided hostel accommodation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Samagra Shiksha Scheme

2157. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme, Rs. 164 crore has been sanctioned for self-defence training to schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of schools in each State that have been sanctioned money under this scheme for self-defence with the amount that has been sanctioned since 2014, year/State-wise;

(c) the number of schools that have utilised more than 60 per cent of such funds allotted to them since 2014, year/State-wise; and

(d) the details of utilisation of funds by States since 2014, year-wise and State-wise?

Sub-standard Steel Quality

†2158. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether sub-standard steel is being reportedly supplied in the country;

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

(c) the details of the corrective action taken by the Government against these companies?

Admission Rules for M.Phil./Ph.D.

†2159. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to change the admission rules for M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Central Universities; and

(b) if so, the time by which this is likely to be done and the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Rural Tourism

2160. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps and initiatives taken/being taken by the Government for promoting Rural Tourism and the successful rate for these efforts; and

(b) the details of rural areas identified for the purpose along with the details of Schemes being implemented in this regard and the extent of success achieved therefrom, State/UT-wise?

OMCs Helpline Number

2161. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that each Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are having a separate helpline number but that are not toll free;

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

(c) whether the Government has issued instructions to these OMCs to make these numbers toll free at the earliest and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the said decision is likely to be implemented by the OMCs;

(e) whether the Government has started a 24x7 single toll free number 1906 for complaints regarding leakage of LPG in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of complaints received by OMCs on this helpline number and the remedial action taken by these OMC so fare, company-wise?

Steel Consumption

2162. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel sector which is on a consolidation mode now under the IBC process amidst strong domestic demand, is unlikely to witness any green field expansion as mill owners are likely to go in for brown field expansion at least for the next half a decade or so and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the domestic steel demand touched 91 million tonnes in fiscal 2018, making the country the third largest consumer of the alloy in the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the demand is expected to be quite robust at nearly 7-8 per cent in the coming year and if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development of Unemployed Youth

†2163. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes currently being run by the Government for Skill Development of the unemployed youth in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(b) the number of people benefited with these schemes during the last two years along with the number of youth provided with avenues of employment?

Skill Development of Disabled

2164. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes being run by the Government for the Skill Development of disabled in the country;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of such programmes during the last four years, year-wise;

(c) the funds allocated with regard to such programmes during the last four years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure jobs for such persons trained under such programmes?

Residential Schools for General Category

2165. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps taken by Central Government to provide quality residential schools to provide quality education to students from General Community and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the residential schools for general category meritorious students are presently being run by the Government State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

App for Small Tea Growers

2166. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board of India is planning to launch an App aimed at guiding small growers whose share in total tea production is increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the main objective of this App is to establish better two way communication; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Growth of MSME Sector

2167. SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has been consistently registering higher growth rate than the overall growth of the industrial sector in the country during the last Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage growth rate in production, establishment of new units and employment generated during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the growth registered by the MSME sector is lagging behind the target fixed during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including the difficulties being faced by the MSME sector; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to achieve the higher growth rate of MSME sector?

Exemptions for Differently Abled

2168. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has proposed to provide specific exemptions to differently abled students in the board examinations in accordance with their needs;

(b) whether it is also true that the CBSE is considering to shift to the online mode of examination for such children;

(c) whether it is also true that the CBSE has prepared a comprehensive policy for addressing challenges faced by differently abled children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Growth Rate of Industries

†2169. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial growth rate in the country at present ;

(b) whether the said growth rate has declined during the current year in comparison to the last year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, sector-wise and month-wise;

(d) the number of the industrial units shutdown during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

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

Innovative Ideas for MII

†2170. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has opened doors to develop the youth's creative ideas and accepted their proposals under its "Make in India" initiative, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received ideas/suggestions/proposals from the youth during the last and the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, proposal-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has constituted /proposes to constitute any expert committee/mechanism for the exchange of such proposals, suggestions and implementation thereof and if so, the details thereof?

Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant

2171. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending before the Ministry for disinvestment of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant, Bhadravathi and if so, the details and the status thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the capacity and infrastructure of the plant is underutilized and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to fully utilize the capacity and infrastructure of the plant; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the performance of the plant and the investment proposed for this purpose?

India's Ranking on FDI

†2172. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether doing business is continuously getting easier in the country over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether India's ranking is still tenth in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) even after increase in facilities for doing business in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Establishment of NIMZs

2173. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs) in this country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the NIMZs are different from Special Economic Zones?

Implementation of PMKVY

†2174. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and status of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana;

(b) whether the Government is considering to make amendments in the targets set under the said scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Price of Crude Oil

†2175. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:
SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:
SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of crude oil in international market has decreased rapidly since the month of November and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not reducing the prices of LPG and other petroleum products in proportion to the decrease in prices of international crude oil;

(b) the action taken by the Government against the Oil Marketing Companies which have not reduced the prices of LPG, petrol, diesel and other petroleum products in commensurate to international prices along with details of their profit margin during the said period;

(c) the details of increase/decrease in the prices of petrol, diesel, CNG, LPG, ATF and kerosene during the last three years and the current year along with policy adopted to fix the price of petroleum products, product-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to supply cheap petrol, diesel, CNG for commercial vehicles which are on the verge of closure due to high prices of fuel and if so, the modalities worked out by the Government in this regard?

Amendment in the Existing Child Labour Law

†2176. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has enacted any strict laws or carried out amendment in the existing laws to check child labour in rural areas during the last six years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints of child labour received during the last six years along with the number of children rescued across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise and district-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any kind of assistance from foreign countries to reduce cases of child labour and to make children in the country literate during the said period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Growth of Leather Industry

2177. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present condition of the leather industry in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;

KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the dropout rates have been increased at primary and secondary level and if so, the details of dropout rates of boys and girls in rural and urban areas, State/UT and Year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to measure dropout rate in school after 2014;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the details of the States where dropout rate is high and the States where dropout rate is low along with the percentage of dropout of girls, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the dropout rate of girls in primary schools has been reduced after the introduction of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a rise in the admissions of girls in primary schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to minimise the dropout rate in schools, particularly girls dropout rate?

Scientific Thinking of Students

†2180. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the useful steps taken by the Government to encourage scientific thinking of students;

(b) whether there has been a slow down in the leather production and export during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the growth rate of exports in leather industry;

(d) whether there has been a supply crunch in leather industry particularly in Agra region of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Promotion of Manufacturing Sector

†2178. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of manufacturing sector is not stable in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has implemented 'Make in India' programme in the country during the last few years;

(d) if so, the details of the facilities provided to manufacturing sector under the said programme; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote the growth of the manufacturing sector in country?

Female Dropout Rate

2179. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

(b) whether the department of education has started a new partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(c) if so, the prominent features of the said MoU;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include the students of other State level schools under the same apart from the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya;

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

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation for Various Programmes under Skill Development

2181. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether New Plan is incorporated or considering to include under the Skill Development Programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has utilised the budget allocation for its various programmes and schemes during the year 2017-18;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the impact it has on implementation of the schemes;

(d) whether the Ministry needs to improve its financial performance and prepare a proper action plan in the beginning of the financial year to spend the allocated funds;

(e) if so, the plan prepared by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the corrective measures taken by the Union Government of India for proper organizing the Ministry, effective preparation and implementation and achieve the targets?

Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship

†2182. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:
SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is allocating budget to the States on the basis of the formula of committed liability under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of the fund released by the Ministry across the country under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme during the last three years along with the number of students getting benefited under the said scheme, State-wise?

India's Trade with UAE and Japan

2183. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed currency swap agreements with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Japan and other countries without bringing in a third benchmark currency like US dollar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's gain therefrom;

(c) whether the Government is expecting rise in exports and imports with these countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the EXIM trade between India, UAE and Japan in the last four years?

Pension Scheme for Unemployed Youth

†2184. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a monthly pension scheme for unemployed youth in view of the problems of rising unemployment across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has details of State-wise number of unemployed youth in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the unemployed youth who are at least matric pass, State/UT-wise?

Funds for ST Population

†2185. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether insufficient allocation of funds has badly affected in efforts made for the development of Scheduled Tribe communities;

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

(c) the percentage of their population in total population of the country; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure sufficient allocation of funds for the development of Scheduled Tribe people, UT/State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2018

2186. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2018;

(b) the details of number of registration done under the Act, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the kind of benefits being provided under the Act;

(d) the details of number of beneficiaries under the Act, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under the Act, State/UT-wise?

Indian Education System

2187. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Indian education system lacks modernisation and innovation although is the largest in the world in terms of institutions and third largest in terms of enrolment it;

(b) if so, whether despite allocating more resources of focusing more on higher education the main shortcomings noticed in the education system and the steps are being taken by the Government to improve the quality of education at the institutional level;

(c) whether the Government is considering for a holistic review of the standard of education;

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

(e) whether the Government has decided to expand the Digital literacy in rural India through the National Digital Literacy Mission and trained the youth competitively to fit into a global market; and

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

Child Labour

†2188. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether child labourers are reportedly being employed in particular parts of the country especially in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of Child labourers in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(c) whether the Government has collected any data of children of Jharkhand being transported to other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export of Potato Seeds

†2189. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the share of India in export of potato seeds is negligible despite being the highest potato producing country in the world;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any effective policy to promote the export of potato seeds;

(d) if so, the time by which the said policy is likely to be formulated by the Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to Improve Ratio of Working Age Population

2190. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and ratio of working-age population to non-working age population of India in Comparison to China, Korea, France, U.S. and Brazil at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to improve the ratio of working age population in the country by 2030; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality of human resource for increasing productivity in the country?

Khadi Exports

2191. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of Khadi Gramodyog has declined resulting in sharp decline in the export of khadi products in the last three years;

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

(c) the details of khadi products exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period, product and country-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide special incentives to khadi and village industries to promote its exports and if so, the details thereof?

Higher Education Institutions

†2192. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of higher education institutions have increased in the country even then the number of such institution is quiet insufficient in comparison to the population of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to establish more educational institutions in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal of the Government to provide tertiary degree to its citizens by 2020; and

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

Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy

2193. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the 'Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy' (CMIE), the unemployment rate in the country has risen to 6.9% in October, 2018 touching the high of 2016 mark and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Labour Participation Rate has also fallen to its lowest to that of January, 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of job seekers has doubled from 14 million in July, 2017 to 29.5 million in October, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for such an alarming situation and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to get over such a crisis?

Promotion of Startups

2194. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently called on firms of foreign countries like the United States, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore to attract foreign capital for the largest startup base in the country and if so, the details thereof along with its key objectives;

(b) the details of the States wherein these startups are to come up, State-wise including Odisha;

(c) the details of the startups established in different States along with the employment generated therefrom during each of the year since 2014-15, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure even employment opportunities are generated across all States in this regard?

Definition of MSMEs

2195. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modify the definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposal to cover the service sector under the MSME sector; and

(c) the time by which the modified definition is likely to be implemented in the country?

Plan for 'Champion' Service Sectors

2196. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set aside Rs. 5000 crore which will be spent on 12 champion sectors of services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed new industrial policy will take the country's industries to the next level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Value of Imports and Exports

2197. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY: SHRI RAJESH PANDEY: SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of import and export of India in terms of both rupee and US dollar during the last three financial years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively and the current financial year; and

(b) the details of the items showing declining trend in both these sectors and the main reasons for slowdown therein?

International Tourist Mart

2198. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN: SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO: SHRI SATAV RAJEEV: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM: SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organized 7th edition of the International Tourism Mart recently;

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

(c) the number of foreign delegates participated in the said International Tourism Mart;

(d) whether business to business meeting, discussions with sellers from the North Eastern Regions was held in the said Mart and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such International Tourism Mart was organized in North Eastern States on rotation basis and if so, the details thereof and the achievement made so far in organizing such International Tourism Mart; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost tourism in the North Eastern region of the country?

Casual Labourers in PSUs

2199. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers working in various oil PSUs and since when they are working;

(b) the number of workers employed on fixed term employment, PSU-wise;

(c) whether these casual labourers have been empanelled for regular vacancies to be filled up as per the Recruitment and Promotion Rules; and

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

Literacy Rate of STs

2200. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) indicating the break-up of male and female literacy rates and its comparison *vis-a-vis* the overall literacy rate in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether improvement in the literacy rate of Tribal Girls is essential to enable them to participate effectively in and benefit from socio-economic development;

(c) if so, the measures taken or schemes being implemented to bridge the gap in literacy levels between the General Female population and Tribal Girls along with the funds, released and utilised under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the steps taken for 100 per cent enrolment of tribal girls and reducing dropouts at the elementary level by creating the required ambience for education;

(e) whether the Government is aware that the tribals living particularly in remote areas of the country do not have easy access to educational and employment opportunities; and

(f) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard, State-wise?

Rising Imports from China

2201. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rising imports from China have taken a heavy toll on the employment-generation potential of manufacturing sector, especially among the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total quantity and value of products got imported from China in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the imposition of anti-dumping duties on Chinese products have failed to provide desired results as they are relatively few compared with the amount of Chinese dumping that takes place; and

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

Setting up Higher Secondary Schools

†2202. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not making any efforts by the Government in setting up higher secondary schools for providing

quality education equivalent to non-government-schools in addition to setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya schools despite inclusion of education in a concurrent list of the constitution;

(b) whether the Government propose to open such schools for providing quality education at affordable rate in a country; and

(c) if not, the details of alternative measures proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirement of such schools?

Kanya Ashram

2203. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kanya Ashrams sanctioned for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the country and the number of Ashrams functioning with the food, medical facilities, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to open more of such schools and it has received proposals from various State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of such proposals accorded approval out of them along with the amount of sanctioned funds for the same during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the monitoring system put in place for improving the standard of education as well as the performance and achievements of students in such schools?

Scheme for Upgrading Shantiniketan

2204. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the role and responsibility of the Ministry of tourism relating to selecting and upgrading a tourist spot into an international tourist spot in any State in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any projects/schemes for upgrading Shantiniketan in West Bengal into an international tourist spot;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has such projects/schemes for some other tourist spots within the country and, if so, the details thereof?

Employment through Skill Development

†2205. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth provided employment through the Skill Development Sector during the last four years;

(b) the State-wise details thereof, particularly in respect of Maharashtra;

(c) the sector-wise employment provided especially in the State of Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government conducts any survey or carries out any inspection to find out if the youth so employed are

actually working in the companies where they have been placed and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of persons working in the Skill Development sector in the country; and

(f) whether the Government conducts any evaluation of the efficiency of the institutes or social organizations which are engaged in this sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Mandatory Yoga Education

†2206. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any plan to make yoga education mandatory in all the States including Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by which the said action plan is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Concessions for Higher Education

†2207. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the countries which are providing concessions to Indian students for higher education;

(b) the details of concessions provided by each of these countries;

(c) the reactions of the Government thereto; and

(d) the number of students getting these concessions during each of the last three years and the current year?

Unemployment Rate in the Country

†2208. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its Report on World Employment and Social Outlook has predicted that globally the number of the unemployed persons would increase by 3.4 million in the year 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ILO had in its report further predicted that the number of the unemployed persons in India would go up by about 1 lakh in 2017 and by about 2 lakhs in the year 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ILO has further predicted that India's unemployment rate would go down from 3.5 per cent to 3.4 per cent in 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether globally Asia, home to 60 percent of global work force, and south Asia and India in particular, generate more employment than other countries in the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the negative effect of this global fall is also being reflected in India

as well and if so, the details thereof along with the assessment regarding the said negative effect in the country and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Construction of Lakes to promote Tourism

†2209. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the construction of lakes in the country to promote tourism;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and

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

Free Education in KV

†2210. SHRI RAJENDRA D. GAVIT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free education to the children of Group-IV employees working in Atomic Power Station, Tarapur and the children of affected people who have provided land for the project, studying in Kendriya

Vidyalaya located in the premises of the Atomic Power Station, Tarapur in Tarapur Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any concrete steps in this regard to provide computer literacy in the schools particularly in rural areas of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of States on EODB

2211. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY: DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about a dozen States have implemented 75 per cent or more of the 340 reform areas chosen to rank States on 'business reforms action plan' as part of the Centre's the 'ease of doing business' initiatives and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government invites more investments, reform in construction permit, environmental and labour norms, obtaining electricity connection, online tax return filing, inspection reforms, access to information and transparency, single window mechanism, land availability and commercial dispute resolution to make it more successful and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some States need to speed up the implementation of reforms in order to attract more investments and if so, the details thereof and steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Assessment of
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

2212. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether several independent
NGOs have been authorized by the
Government to undertake a concurrent
assessment of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
launched by the Government and if so, the
details of NGOs;

(b) the details of the Kendriya
Vidyalayas where vocational courses are
introduced in the country, State-wise
including Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Financial Assistance for Local
Festivals**

2213. SHRI BHAGWANTH
KHUBA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is
providing any financial assistance to
State Governments for organizing local
festivals and promote their local tourist
places;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the
last three years and the current year, State/
UT-wise;

(c) whether any proposal has been
received by the Government from the State
of Karnataka in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development Programme

2214. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth who have
been skilled and employed from 2016 under
the skill development programme;

(b) the details regarding the number
of youth from socially and economically
marginalized sections, religious minorities,
differently abled people, women and trans-
genders given formal training and
employment opportunities under the skill
development programme; and

(c) whether the Government is taking
any steps to emphasise on developing
skills that lead to sustainable development,
if so, the details thereof and if not, the
reasons therefor?

**Working Conditions of Domestic
Workers**

2215. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set/
proposes to set a minimum wage for
domestic workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has
taken/proposes to take any steps to regulate
the working conditions of the domestic
workers in the country; and

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

Labour Rules for Contract Jobs

2216. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
modified/proposes to modify the labour
laws for contract jobs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware
that many industries are not paying any
benefits in terms of fixed term workers;
and

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

Learning Skills

2217. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:
SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the
Annual Status of Education Report
(ASER) there is an increasing gap in learning
outcomes of children in higher classes and
if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken
by the Government to address the issue;

(b) whether the learning gaps in
schools as highlighted in the ASER are
leading to elevated dropout levels and if
so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps undertaken by the
Government in this regard and the details
of enrolment in the country under the Sarva
Shiksha Abhiyan, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether new learning-outcome
oriented guidelines are likely to be

formulated by the Government to ensure
that learning is focused upon and if so, the
details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes
to devise mechanisms to keep the teachers
accountable for the learning-outcome of
children and if so, the details thereof?

Protection of MSMEs

†2218. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI) :

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and
Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the
country are lagging behind due to availability
of products of multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
reasons for the high prices of the indigenous
products as compared to the Chinese
products;

(c) whether the Government has
provided some assistance to encourage and
protect MSMEs and taken some remedial
measures in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Grant of 'Most Favoured Nation'
Status**

2219. SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Nations to which India has granted the status of 'Most Favoured Nation' (MFN) in trade of commodities; and

(b) the details of benefits given by India to those countries which have been granted the MFN Status?

Level Playing Field to LPG

2220. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the apex body of auto LPG suppliers has urged the Government to give them a level playing field as LPG is as effective as CNG in curbing vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government allows city gas operators a choice of CNG and auto LPG outlets to increase the existing 1,200 auto LPG outlets available at present and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that LPG as a fuel in automobiles is clear than CNG as it is easier to handle and if so, the details thereof?

Facilities for Visually Impaired Students

2221. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the inclusive provisions that are there for specially-abled, especially

visually impaired students and transgender community in the Central Universities;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to bring inclusive curriculum for the visually impaired students;

(c) whether the Government has given any orders to the Central Universities for printing textbooks in braille script, making syllabus as audio books and to come up with tactile diagrams and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce bridge course for these students and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the efforts taken by the Government to include more such socially and economically backward students?

Literacy

†2222. SHRIMATI NEELAM

SONKER:

DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR

RAY:

SHRI SHER SINGH

GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding literacy rate in the country, State and gender-wise including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Punjab;

(b) whether the Government is considering to introduce a policy to ensure full literacy in the country and if so, the features of the said policy;

(c) whether the Government has formulated a policy to provide special assistance to those States in which the

literacy rate is less than the national average and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the target of total literacy is likely to be achieved under the said Policy?

Technical Education

†2223. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a huge shortage of teachers for technical education in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from several State Governments to meet this shortage during the last two years and the current year;

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

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage of teachers in technical education across the country especially in Uttar Pradesh?

Violation of Mines Safety Norms

†2224. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Mines Safety of the Ministry has issued infringement letter regarding violation of mines safety norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of infringement letters issued during the last three years;

(c) the purpose of issuing these letters;

(d) the difference between infringement letter, infringement notices and infringement orders and the time-interval prescribed for issuing above letters;

(e) whether it is true that corrupt methods are reportedly adopted in issuing such letters; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Cashew Industry

2225. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that cashew industry in Kerala is in crisis and if so, the action taken by the Government to overcome the crisis;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the action initiated by the banks for recovery of loans make the issue critical;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government for revival and restructuring the loans of cashew industry;

(d) whether the Government has initiated action for opening the cashew factories closed due to the crisis and if so, the details of action taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme for providing raw cashew nuts to the industry at a reasonable price and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to establish a comprehensive project for the revival of cashew industry and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Indian Dance Forms

2226. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is trying to promote Indian Dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Matki Dance and Lavani on the International level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to organize Dance festival in different countries of the world and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is trying to give a chance to new performers to perform on an International level so as to promote our dance forms and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to organize an Inter-State Dance competition, to find the talented artists and if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocated to Skill Development Centres

†2227. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:
SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating plans to establish Skill Development Centres to motivate the aspiring youths to become entrepreneurs, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and released during the last two years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Assam; and

(c) the total number of Centres opened/proposed to be opened?

Children Deprived of Education

†2228. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students in the country who are still deprived of education, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any Government or Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) has conducted any estimate about number of students not getting education in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether any financial assistance was provided to the above mentioned organizations for the purpose; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to provide proper education to the children deprived of education?

Creation of Employment Opportunities

†2229. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment opportunities created in the organised and unorganised sectors of the country as on date;

(b) the number of people provided employment in the organised and unorganised sectors of the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the percentage of unemployed male and female in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the security and welfare of the workers engaged in the unorganised sector?

Statue of Mother Teresa

2230. DR. RATNA DE (NAG) :

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish statue of Mother Teresa in West Bengal to promote tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the plan outlay, timeframe and nodal agencies regarding the aforementioned proposal?

Recognition to Private Universities

†2231. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of private universities granted recognition during the last five years;

(b) whether chancellor, vice-chancellor of these universities are appointed by the Government;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the declining level of higher education of private universities;

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government against most of the private universities for setting up of distant education centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Connections under PMUY

†2232. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:
DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:
SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:
SHRI B. Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to distribute 5 kg. LPG cylinders under

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to sell 5 kg. and 14 kg. LPG cylinders without providing LPG subsidy and if so, the time by which the said order is likely to be issued;

(c) whether the Researchers of IIT, Kharagpur have devised a computer programme to maximise LPG connections to BPL households under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with any special packages for the well performing districts under PMUY;

(d) the number of households still trapped in 'chulha' pollution due to unsafe firewood used by them along with the steps being taken by the Government to overcome this aspect;

(e) whether some of the States have started parallel scheme to PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the effect of these schemes in the States; and

(f) the number of families benefited under PMUY in each assembly segment of Shimoga Parliamentary constituency?

Preservation of Konark Temple

2233. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Konark Temple (Black Pagoda) in Odisha is at stake and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year so far;

(b) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred by ASI on the maintenance of Konark Temple;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the upkeep of Konark Temple; and

(d) whether the Government has received any complaint/complaints of irregularities by the Archaeological Survey of India during restoration of Konark Temple and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against the quality?

Gandhian Chairs

2234. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to activate the non-operational Gandhian Chairs/Institutes in the Universities;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Imposition of Tariff on Indian Imports

2235. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America (USA) has imposed tariff on Indian imports into the USA and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the response of India to the USA imposition of tariff on Indian goods;

(c) the impact of US imposition of tariff on India's trade and economy along with the response of India thereto; and

(d) whether such imposition of tariff violates WTO and other agreements and if so, the details thereof?

Unrest in NLU

2236. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the on-going unrest in the National Law Universities (NLU) regarding a proposal of nationalisation of the same and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any action regarding the nationalisation of the NLUs for better functioning of these institutes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Gram Sabhas in Fifth Schedule Areas

2237. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen and empower Gram Sabhas in Fifth Schedule Areas regarding alienation and acquisition of tribal land under its jurisdiction;

(b) whether the Union Government proposal to give directions or recommendations to State Governments to empower Gram Sabhas in Fifth Schedule areas to approve or disapprove alienation or acquisition of tribal land under their jurisdiction, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of States in which Gram Sabhas in Fifth Schedule areas have the power to approve or disapprove alienation or acquisition of tribal land under its jurisdiction and the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government believes that Gram Sabhas in Fifth Schedule areas should have the power to approve or disapprove alienation or acquisition of tribal land under their jurisdiction and if so, the details thereof?

Issue of Reforming WTO

2238. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI) :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of reforming the World Trade Organisation (WTO) was discussed in the G-20 Summit held in Buenos Aires and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the complex issues between the developed and the developing countries on the subject of agricultural subsidy, e-trade and e-commerce were discussed and any solution was found and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of concerns expressed by India and the reaction of the member countries in the meeting with regard to trade and subsidy in agricultural products?

VC of Manipur University

2239. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manipur University is now functioning without a Vice Chancellor;

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

(c) the time by which a regular Vice Chancellor shall be appointed;

(d) whether the University is now running by a retired bureaucrat; and

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

Quality of Education

†2240. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government grants financial assistance to the States with the objective of providing quality education and basic facilities in Government schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the meeting of the Sub-Group of State Education Ministers of the Country, a recommendation was made to grant central assistance for providing higher secondary level school facilities in Gram Panchayat headquarters in States with difficult physical terrain and economically weaker States such as Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether the Government intends to comply with the recommendation of the Ministerial Sub-Group; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Budgetary Allocation for Kondareddy Buruju

2241. SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kondareddy Buruju in Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh is a heritage site and protected monument under the purview of ASI and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of budgetary allocation made and the funds utilised for maintenance of the said monument during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for developing the said monument as a major tourist spot and providing basic amenities there; and

(d) the total amount of budgetary allocation made and the funds utilised for the protected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

Merging of Central Labour Laws

2242. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken an initiative to merge about 40-odd central labour laws into four codes towards designing a unified structure with a view to improve ease of doing business while upholding workers rights;

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

(c) whether there are reports of the trade unions opposing the same;

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

(e) whether it is a fact that the proposed revised labour code does not cover over 85 per cent of the country's labour market who are employed either in small companies deploying 10 or less workers, or in the informal sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the details of measures undertaken to address the lacunae issue?

Recruitment of Skilled and Unskilled Labourers

2243. ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements have been made for the recruitment of Skilled and Unskilled Labour during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has any future plans for appointing and filling of vacant posts in various departments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

LPG Consumption Data

2244. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG consumption data since 2014 till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the monthly requirement/supply of LPG in each State during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware of acute shortage of LPG in some States especially in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government maintains LPG consumption data stratified based on rural and urban areas and if so, the

details thereof along with the details of the households still dependent on alternative fuels like kerosene and biomass in the country, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to simplify the process of refilling of gas cylinders in rural areas and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to research any alternate fuel to LPG and if so, the details thereof?

Export Promotion Strategy

2245. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on an export promotion strategy to boost shipments of chemicals, plastics and allied products sector to push the growth of the country's overall exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a sub-group for formulation of the strategy and to deliberate upon the issues of the sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of exports of organic, inorganic and agrochemicals, plastics and its products in the last four years and the current year?

Production of Crude Oil

†2246. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the production of crude oil was started in Mumbai High;

(b) whether the production of crude oil has been decreased in Mumbai High due to old Oil Wells;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of decline in the production level; and

(d) the corrective measures taken or being taken to enhance the production of Crude Oil in Mumbai High?

Change in Books and Syllabus

†2247. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to make improvement in the books and courses of NCERT and UPT;

(b) whether the Government proposes to constitute a commission or expert committee to attract the children towards education and to make it accessible;

(c) whether the bookish education being given to the children in our country is matching with the education of other developed countries and if so, the details thereof and if not, the action being taken in this regard; and

(d) the charges being carried out in the books and course to improve the talent of children?

Import Duty on Chinese Imports

†2248. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to levy higher import duties to check import of Chinese goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Indian economy is getting affected due to Chinese goods; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Vocational Courses in NIOS

2249. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of the admission in the vocational courses during last 3 years at NIOS Gujarat; and

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

Oil and Gas Recovery Methods

2250. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures being undertaken to implement the policy framework to promote and incentivize enhanced recovery methods for oil and gas;

(b) the details of progress in screening of the fields for enhanced recovery methods of oil and gas; and

(c) whether the Enhanced Recovery Committee has been set up/proposed to be set up by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the said committee and the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

Performance of National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers

†2251. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

DR. BHARATIBEN D.

SHYAL:

SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Social Security Board for unorganized workers has been performing functions like registration of workers, State-wise reviewing of expenditure and keeping of records under various schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the year-wise and scheme-wise details of the number of beneficiaries along with the amount spent under schemes mentioned in Scheduled-I of Un-organised workers Social Security Act, 2008 during the last three financial years; and

(c) the State-wise details of the total number of unorganized workers duly registered under Section-10 of this Act?

Mandatory Social Security Scheme for Workers

2252. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to introduce Mandatory Social Security Scheme for workers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the benefits in terms of retirement, health, old-age, disability, unemployment and maternity benefits likely to accrue to the workers therefrom; and

(c) the manner in which the Scheme will classify different types of workers - poor, medium and moderate workforce and the details of financial burden likely to fall on the workers by opting this scheme?

Establishment of MSMEs

2253. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish small scale industries to encourage Khadi in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such industries established during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Dependency on Petroleum Products

2254. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to reduce dependency on petroleum products in the near future;

(b) the increases in the price of LPG during the last 6 months, State-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of commission being paid to distributors of LPG along with the increase in their commissions during the last 6 months, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details and the status of the second phase of the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves?

Development of Tourist Sites as Iconic Tourism Destinations

2255. SHRI MALYADRI
SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to develop 10 prominent sites as iconic tourist destinations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the stage of identification and development of the 10 tourism sites as iconic tourism destinations;

(c) the criteria adopted for inclusion of locations in iconic list; and

(d) the fund allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the budget 2018-19?

Funds Released for Labour Related Schemes

†2256. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount released for Uttarakhand during the last five years under various centrally-sponsored schemes for the labour, year/scheme-wise;

(b) the number of labourers benefitted therefrom during the said period, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments seeking the financial assistance for various schemes/programmes being implemented for the welfare of labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

Empowering Teaching Faculty

2257. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started two new programmes to empower the higher education teaching faculty and if so, the details thereof along with the number of institutes who will offer courses, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has tied up with foreign universities also for the new programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has prepared any data of number of patents registered by Centrally funded technology institutions in the current year and previous four years and if so, the details thereof?

Central Universities Act

†2258. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given approval for making amendments in the Central Universities Act, 2009 to set up a Central Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(b) if so, the details of and the amendment made in the Central Universities Act, 2009;

(c) the number of Central Tribal Universities functioning in the country, at present, State-wise; and

(d) the number of tribes who have got education in Central Tribal Universities during the last three years and the current year?

CBSE Norms for Affiliation of Schools

2259. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has revamped the norms of affiliation for schools and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereof;

(b) the salient features of the revised norms of affiliation;

(c) the number of schools in India and abroad affiliated to the CBSE, till date;

(d) the number of applications pending with CBSE for affiliation, till date along with the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the transparency

and to boost confidence of parents of school children?

Centre for Yogic Sciences

2260. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has any plans to establish an inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose for which centre is being established;

(c) whether UGC had constituted a panel to assess the feasibility of establishing an inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the panel has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof?

IIT Kharagpur

2261. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

- SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has decided to set up 'Rekhi' Centre;

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

(c) the time by which it is likely to be made functional;

(d) whether IIT, Kharagpur has also offered a certificate course on happiness and positive psychology; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the course is likely to be started?

Seeding of Universal Account Numbers

2262. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of members of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in the country;

(b) whether KYCs of more than 50 per cent of the EPF Members have not been seeded with their Universal Account Numbers (UANs) so far;

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

(d) whether the Government has directed all establishments covered under EPFO to get 100 per cent KYC seeded with UANs of the PF members;

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

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide speedy, convenient and dependable services by EPFO to their members?

Central Secretariat Library

2263. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of books procured and available in different languages in Central Secretariat Library, Delhi, Language-wise;

(b) the criteria fixed by the Central Secretariat Library for enrolment of new membership for the library along with total number of persons enrolled till date;

(c) whether Central Secretariat Library has initiated any steps to extend the membership of library to persons who are not Government employee and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether in recent years Central Secretariat Library has restricted procurement of new books; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with corrective steps taken in this regard?

Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana

2264. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana for Insured Persons (IPs) covered under the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including objectives, eligibility conditions and the number of Insured Persons likely to be benefited therefrom;

(c) whether ESIC has approved the proposal for relaxing the eligibility conditions for availing super speciality treatment for dependents of IPs also and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of workers linked with ESIC benefits and brought in the fold of EPFO during the last two years; and

(e) the steps taken to enhance the working conditions, safety and social security in order to improve the standard of living of Organised and Unorganised sectors in the country?

Growth of e-Commerce

2265. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that e-commerce is growing very fast in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has collected data of e-business development in the country and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism to monitor the e-commerce related issues in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the total contribution of e-commerce to the Indian economy during the said period?

Financial Assistance for Development of Eco-Tourism

2266. PROF. RICHARD HAY:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any eco-tourism projects during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the funds allocated to the State Governments and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) whether any evaluation has been done by the Government to check whether eco-tourism resulted in generating increased income in the local communities including marginalized, SC/ST, rural and particularly women-led Haats/Fairs and local crafts;

(d) if so, the details thereof including per capita economic benefits accrued to each community; and

(e) whether in respect of Eco-tourism, National Tourism Policy of 2002 is relevant upto what extent in the current scenario, considering the advent of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and other challenges of population and pollution and if so, the details thereof?

Conventions to Promote Tourism

2267. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHARAO RAUT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to promote conventions in

order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Tourism Industry is expecting to overtake the IT sector in the country by 2020 in terms of economy and employment generation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Tourism is regional and each State needs to create special packages to sell its advantages to generate income and employment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas

†2268. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:
SHRIMATI BUTTA
RENUKA:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of objectives and norms laid down for establishing Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals/ requests from any State Governments including Andhra Pradesh to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in

respective States and if so, the details thereof and the Government's response thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such Vidyalayas in future in all the States including Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat and if so, the details thereof, State and location-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

2269. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI GANESH SINGH:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), if so, the details thereof including its salient features and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the proposals approved, funds provided, loans disbursed to youths and targets fixed/achieved under the PMEGP in various States/UTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and NER;

(c) the total amount of margin money subsidy provided to various States/UTs under the said programme during the said period, State/UT-wise including the above mentioned States;

(d) whether any irregularities/corruption cases in implementation of the said programme have come to the notice of the Government during the said period, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has made any assessment of the achievements under the PMEGP, if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said programme across the country?

Loss of Jobs

2270. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that around 550 persons are losing their jobs daily in the country due to various reasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the detail of laying off during the last four years, Sector/State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of number of graduates, post-graduates and Ph.D holders who were unemployed during the last four years, Sector/Year/State-wise?

Model Shops and Establishments Bill

2271. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA
PRASAD:
SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has drafted and circulated among States the Model Shops and Establishments Bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features and objectives of the bill;

(c) the States which have formulated act on the lines of the Model Bill;

(d) whether some State Governments including Andhra Pradesh have taken steps through the Bill to improve the working conditions of workers and provide favorable environment for doing business; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

†2272. SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:
SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been set up, UT/State-wise including Bihar and Kerala;

(b) the details of the Eklavya Model Residential Schools were sanctioned at block level in the country in the last four years, UT/State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal/proposals of opening of new Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof and the details of proposals received from other States along with the action taken by the Government on the proposals; and

(d) the details of the budgetary allocations made for this purpose, UT/State-wise?

MSME Schemes

2273. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RITI
PATHAK:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the registered and unregistered Micro, Small and Medium

Enterprises (MSMEs) and the mechanism set up to confirm the authenticity of data in this regard in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Bihar;

(b) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to encourage development and competitiveness of MSMEs in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the incentives provided to the MSMEs for adopting energy efficient technology and procuring state-of-the art technology for its operations?

Professional Programmes for Students

2274. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would introduce three new professional programmes imparting over 1000 hours of industry linked training for students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these professional programmes will be started;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to review career oriented add-on-courses in traditional universities and colleges and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the technical support of Philanthropic Foundations and the Indian Centres for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE) is proposed to be taken to create a robust framework for skill-based education within the higher education sector in the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the assessment of vocational skills and training provided by Community Colleges is being done in accordance with assessment protocols developed by sector skill councils and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Trade between India and China

2275. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the imports and exports between India and China during the last three years and the current year, product, value and year-wise;

(b) whether India's trade deficit with China has increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether China has now agreed to import raw sugar from India after several rounds of meeting in this regard and if so, the details of raw sugar to be exported to China;

(d) the estimated quantum of foreign exchange earned during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost export of Indian goods to China to reduce trade deficit?

Agricultural Export Policy

†2276. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the export of agricultural products from the country;

(b) whether the Government has proposed or approved new export policy for agricultural commodities in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the policy and the reasons for delay in the announcement of the said policy;

(d) whether the Government will ensure that the agricultural commodities attain self-sufficiency in the country before exporting to other countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Import of Crude Oil

2277. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to cut import dependence of oil/petroleum products by 10 per cent in 2022 and prepare a long term scheme for development of oil/gas and petroleum sector and if so,

the details thereof along with the measures taken to reduce the import bill and prices of petroleum products especially petrol, diesel and LPG;

(b) whether the experts have sketched the oil demand of the country to 458 million tonnes by 2040 and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to meet the energy demand and expand the refining capacity of the country;

(c) the present refining capacity of the country, refinery-wise;

(d) whether some countries have offered to meet the growing energy demands of the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to make the country self-reliant in the production of petroleum products and develop alternative pollution free cost effective fuel economy including ethanol blended petrol in the country;

(e) whether OPEC proposes to cut crude oil production which might result in increasing the prices of petrol/diesel in coming month and if so, the details thereof along with steps being taken to arrest the prices of petrol/diesel; and

(f) the present crude oil price for one barrel in the international market and subsequent cost of production for one liter petrol and diesel in the country along with monthly price of crude oil during 2017-18 and the currency year?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

2278. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Government behind the launch of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana along with the details thereof;

(b) the number of persons trained under the said scheme since its launch till date along with the number of persons out of them who got placement during the last three years State/UT-wise including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the persons, trained under the said scheme, provided employment placement by the Government in public and private sectors, State-wise?

Penalty on RIL

2279. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:
SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed an additional penalty of

\$380 million on Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and its partners for producing less than targeted natural gas from eastern offshore Krishna Godavari (KG) D6 basin, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the total penalty imposed on RIL in this regard;

(b) whether a dispute has been created by the gas supply contractors of KG basin over the cost issued by the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to compensate the revenue loss suffered to the exchequer;

(c) the updated status of the probe conducted by the Government in respect of theft of gas in the KG basin along with the action taken/being taken after the submission of inquiry report to the Government;

(d) the estimated loss of revenue to the Government due to theft of gas from KG basin along with the steps taken to recover such loss; and

(e) whether the Government has received any complaint from ONGC regarding drawing gas from its reservoir by a private company and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

New IIMs

†2280. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had sanctioned Seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) during 2015-16 and 2016-17 for being set up and to start their functioning;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this project so far, IIM-wise;

(c) the details regarding the total number of students enrolled so far in these seven new IIMs;

(d) the total number of students studying in these seven new IIMs and other IIMs in the country;

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal to increase the number of seats in IIMs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Renovation of Jharkhand Dham

†2281. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to renovate Jharkhand Dham, the famous pilgrimage of Jharkhand and a place of attraction for the tourists on the lines of shrine board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Online Training Course through SWAYAM

2282. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched initiative of online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform, SWAYAM;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under its first phase of implementation, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) have been identified;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the aim of the Government through this project?

ASPIRE Scheme

2283. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether A Scheme for Promoting Innovation and Rural Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE) is being implemented in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its status and the number of beneficiaries who have availed the benefits of the Scheme since its inception, year-wise;

(c) the number of Livelihood Business Incubations (LBIs) and Technology

Business Incubations (TBIs) sanctioned in Maharashtra for implementing the scheme; and

(d) whether employment in Maharashtra increased as a result of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Free Trade Agreements

2284. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enter into new Foreign Trade Agreements (FTAs) or review the existing FTAs with other countries including ASEAN region for enhanced co-operation and investment and boosting trade and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has entered into FTAs with other countries during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the names of countries;

(c) whether there is any provisions for providing relaxation in taxes under FTAs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any imports and exports have been made with the countries, India has signed FTAs during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to amend several laws to meet the requirements of the international trade agreements ratified by India and if so, the

details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

Educational Schemes

†2285. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government in the field of education in the country;

(b) the funds allocated for such schemes/programmes during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government have adopted integrated approach in the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes in the field of education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Coir Products Outlets

2286. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic market for the coir and coir products is large enough to consume the entire coir production on an annual basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of outlets which the Government has set up throughout the country for selling the coir products;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the outlets are in a miserable condition and need immediate renovation and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of outlets, if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to increase Tourism in Punjab

2287. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the number of domestic and foreign tourists in Punjab have increased during the last four years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;

(b) the amount of expenditure spent on conservation of heritage sites in Punjab, especially Ludhiana;

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any measures to increase/promote tourism in Punjab in consultation with the State Government of Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Local Art Forms

2288. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special initiatives for the promotion of different art forms like tribal arts,

Madhubani arts, Rajasthani local arts, etc. on an International platform;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to promote and preserve the local folk songs from different parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Campuses of IISER

2289. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved establishment and operationalisation of two new permanent campuses of the Indian Institutes of Science, Education and Research (IISER) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof with locations selected;

(c) whether it would provide top quality science education at undergraduate and postgraduate level, PHDs and Integrated PHDs levels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Damage to Monuments in Kerala after Floods

2290. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of historical monuments and Archaeological sites

declared protected and of National Importance by the Archaeological Survey of India in the State of Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has any idea about the extent of damages to monuments and other historic sculptures across flood-devastated Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) launched Kerala Heritage Rescue Initiative to assess damage to rich cultural and built heritage in Kerala after the floods and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether ICOMOS also proposes to create heritage response team and train its members to undertake damage assessment and emergency measures and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated and utilized in the maintenance of such sites during the last four years along with the number of persons deputed by ASI at these respective sites in the country State/UT-wise?

Trade with China

2291. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of yearly trade deficit with China since 2014 along with the steps taken/ trade agreements signed to reduce trade deficit and the expected deficit post implementation of these steps;

(b) whether India intends to export upto 2 million tonnes of sugar to China and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether China has already exhausted its import quota for this year

and if so, the manner in which the Government is expecting to achieve its export target;

(d) the details of goods imported in India from China through e-commerce firms since 2014 along with the details of products from China to India which are exempted from being channelized through the customs route;

(e) whether China Post subsidizes delivery of products shipped to India and if so, the steps taken to protest/counter; and

(f) the details of cases registered where Chinese e-commerce sites have misused Foreign Trade (D & R) Act to export items priced under Rs. 5,000 to India by misusing identities of NRIs in West Asia along with the details of actions taken thereafter?

Change in Name of Ministry

†2292. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposes to change the name of Ministry as Ministry of Education;

(b) if so, the names of States from which the proposals in this regard have been received; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

Differently Abled Students

2293. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government from this academic session has also issued directions that there will be minimum 5 per cent admission in all educational bodies of children with disabilities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that it is one of the top most priorities for the Government to make use that the rights of specially challenged people are ensured; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Bal Shramik Vidyalayas

†2294. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of Kendriya Bal Shramik Vidyalayas opened in the country since the inception of National Child Labour Project; and

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of funds allocated and spent as well as achievements made under the said project during the said project?

Performance of Steel Sector

2295. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the third largest Steel Producer in the world and Steel sector

contributes to over 2 per cent to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the secondary steel sector contributes more than 34 per cent of the total production of Crude Steel and 42.86 per cent of gross finished steel production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has instituted secondary steel sector awards for the first time and if so, the details thereof, including selection criteria fixed thereof;

(d) whether secondary steel sector comprises of composite and stand-alone steel production and processing units, if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to create a globally competitive steel industry; and

(e) whether the consumption of steel in the country has touched 70 kg per capita and if so, the details thereof along with the steps initiated to encourage the secondary steel sector to strive for improving performance and quality of production?

Share of Export in GDP

2296. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of share of exports in the annual GDP for the last 20 years;

(b) whether the share of exports in GDP for the year declined to fourteen-year low and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the annual rate of growth of exports and the corresponding annual rate of growth of GDP for the last 20 years?

Tourism Infrastructure Projects for Gujarat

2297. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has prepared a number of programmes to promote tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount allocated by the Government in the budget for the last four years to promote tourism, State/UT-wise including the amount allocated to the State Government of Gujarat out of the total budget;

(c) the details of the ongoing schemes for the development and promotion of tourism and the number of tourism infrastructure projects prioritized/sanctioned during the above period, State/UT-wise, particularly in the context of Gujarat; and

(d) the details of average revenue generated and foreign exchange earned from tourism during the last three years?

Payment of Arrears to KVS Employees

2298. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya

Sangathan (KVS) have not been paid full arrears after implementation of Seventh Pay Commission;

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

(c) whether the Government has not paid the grant of Non-Productivity Linked Bonus to KVS staff for the last three years;

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

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to release funds for arrears and bonus for KVS employees?

IGL Pipeline

†2299. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any requests to lay IGL pipelines in States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government on the said requests, State/UT-wise?

Competitiveness of Exporters

2300. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that significant time lag in providing refunds has supposedly eroded the competitiveness of exporters in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has also taken note of the fact that an estimated 15-20 per cent of the working capital is already stuck up with the Government for refunds; and

(d) if so, the details of the Government's plan to release stuck up capital expeditiously so that the situation does not deteriorate any further?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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2126 & 2132	for "PRASAD" <u>read</u> "PRASHAD"
2247	Part (d); line 1: <u>for</u> "charges" <u>read</u> "changes"
2292	Part (a); line 1: <u>for</u> "proposes" <u>read</u> "proposal"

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