

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 230

Procurement under Minimum Support Price

1151. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procurement of wheat, paddy and other commodities covered under Minimum Support Price (MSP) in the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to increase/improve procurement from the ten States where the procurement is minimum; and

(c) the details of the average figure the Government is expecting to increase as regards procurement under MSP in the next five years, especially from these ten States?

Promotion of RuPay Debit Cards

1152. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved an incentive scheme to promote RuPayDebit cards and low-value (uptoRs. 2,000) BHIM-UPI transactions (Person-to-Merchant (P2M)] in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the acquiring banks will be incentivised by the Government by way of paying percentage of value of transactions (P2M) done through RuPay Debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI modes of payments;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government for building robust digital payment ecosystem and promoting RuPay Debit card and BHIM-UPI digital transactions across all sectors and segments of the population and further deepening of digital payments in the country; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government to give further boost to digital transactions in the country?

Industrial Investment in Bhundelkhand

†1153. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken special measures to promote industrial investment in Bundelkhand in order to check migration of people from that region; and

(b) if so, the details of the industrial investment made in Bundelkhand during the last two years?

Atal Tinkering Labs

1154. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:
DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) that have been established across the country, managed by the Government and private sector, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the amount of funds disbursed as of January 2022 to ATLs, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise particularly in Rajasthan;

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(c) the amount of funds earmarked for establishment of ATLS in the next three years;

(d) the number of private and Government run ATLS to be established/in the pipeline for the next year, State-wise and district-wise particularly in Rajasthan;

(e) the number of ATLS that have been functioning post March 2020 and whether the Government has created any specialised auditory mechanism to review their functioning in the post Covid-19 era;

(f) whether ATLS initiative has been successful in achieving its aims and mandate in terms of numbers of labs established, number of students engaged in STEM subjects and results produced; and

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

National Institute of Design

1155. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the budget and a detailed project report for construction of National Institute of Design (NID) in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned the entire approved budget for the establishment of NID in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Common Service Centres (CSCs)

1156. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Common Service Centres (CSCs) set by the Government, State-wise;

(b) the details of various services being provided by CSCs at the level of Gram Panchayats;

(c) whether the Government is planning to increase the services under CSCs in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Nuclear Energy

1157. SHRI SARYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways, Indian Oil, ONGC and NTPC propose to raise funds for expansion of nuclear energy in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) proposes to set up nuclear power plant in joint venture with these companies and if so, the details thereof including the number of nuclear plants likely to be set up under the joint venture; and

(c) whether the Indian Railways and NPCIL have sufficient funds for this joint venture and if so, the details thereof?

Banned Apps

1158. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned apps which are posing danger to the country/general public;

(b) if so, the details thereof from 2014 onwards including the Tek Fog app and other apps.;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard; and

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

Storage of Food grains

1159. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:
SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:
KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of foodgrains currently available in storage across the country as on date;

(b) the number of silo sites in development, including the current status of each site, respective estimated storage capacity and estimated date of completion; and

(c) the details of the progress made as on date towards achieving the goal of doubling India's silo capacity under public-private partnership by 2019-29 to 15 lakh tonnes?

MPEDA

1160. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is assisting the aquaculture sector to recover from the crisis caused by the pandemic; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Network Issue

1161. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people from Swarga area in Enmakaje Grama Panchayat in Kasargod district of Kerala are facing mobile network problem for the past six years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government authorities are aware of this problem, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of mobile network providers in the aforesaid area;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome the issue of mobile networks; and

(e) whether there is any plan to install mobile network towers by the Government and if so, the time by which the said project is expected to be implemented?

Exports of Goods and Services

1162. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is at an all-time high in export of goods and services during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of goods and services that have been exported to other countries during this financial year and the total income earned through these exports, product-wise and country-wise?

Stamp of Mooloor S Padmanabha Panicker

1163. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposal received by the Government for release of commemorative postage stamp of Mooloor S Padmanabha Panicker;

(b) whether the proposal has been considered by the Philatelic Advisory Committee;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereto; and

(d) whether the Government will consider releasing the commemorative postage stamp of this great scholar and social reformer without delay and if so, the details thereof?

Service Provided by Department of Posts

1164. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the services provided/being provided by the Department of Posts in the country during the last three years along with the revenue earned/being earned therefrom service-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set any target for generation of revenue from postal service during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the manpower and infrastructural facilities including post-masters and postmen are adequate in the Department of Posts at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government has any proposal to recruit more number of personnel ;

(e) whether the Government has started providing postal services by using latest technology for delivering mail and parcels to various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether income generated by the Department of Posts is declining during the last three years; and

(g) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Sanctioned Railway Projects

†1165. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway projects sanctioned since 2019 till date in Bhagalpur district under Sonpur Rail Division;

(b) whether the work on all the projects has been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the railway projects are pending in the Bhagalpur district under Malda Rail Division and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any guideline has been laid down by the Government necessitating the Member of Parliament of the area concerned to be apprised by the Railways, about the activities undertaken by the Railways and if so, the details thereof?

Phase I & II of BharatNet

1166. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gram Panchayats (GP) and Blocks the Union Government has proposed to cover under Phase I and Phase II of BharatNet project in Maharashtra and Odisha;

(b) the details of GP and Blocks so far covered under the said programme;

(c) the details of broadband connections working and provided with infrastructures to provide high speed broadband connectivity in Maharashtra and Odisha as on date and the action taken/being taken for providing Broadband facility to all GPs under the said programme;

(d) the details of percentage of utilisation of Phase I of the BharatNet project in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Odisha;

(e) whether the Union Government proposes to provide Wi-Fi technology under the BharatNet project so the internet facilities is provided in rural areas in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Odisha; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in functioning of Railways

†1167. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to further improve the functioning of the Railways without including the component of privatisation;

(b) if so, whether measures have been taken by the Railways to increase the level of investment to bring improvement about in its status and modernise its functioning; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Digital India

†1168. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Digital India Programme in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) whether all the villages and towns in remote areas of the country including Maharashtra have been connected to the basic communication/internet services;

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

(d) the time by which the entire country is likely to be connected with these services;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide basic internet services to all the villages to educate the rural youths of the country keeping in view the conduct of online classes;

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

(g) whether the Government is formulating any other scheme in this regard; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

ROBs/RUBs in Telangana

1169. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred on construction of Rail over Bridges (ROBs) at Nizamabad along with the status of the project and reasons for the delay, if any;

(b) whether completion of the said bridges is likely to address the traffic problems and if so, the steps taken for early completion of the project;

(c) whether the Railways has planned the construction of more ROBs and Rail under Bridges (RUBs) in Nizamabad and Jagtial Districts of Telangana; and

(d) if so, the details of the places identified for the construction of ROBs/RUBs along with the time by which the work is likely to be started?

Eroding Coastlines

1170. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that coastlines of the country have suffered severely due to natural causes and human activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to undertake any survey and mapping using scientific methodology to identify coastline stretches prone to suffer due to natural causes and human activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has identified such stretches for restoration; and

(f) if so, the details along with the action plan for restoration of heavily eroded coastline?

Setting up of Textile and Apparel Parks

1171. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up world class textile and apparel parks across the country, especially in Maharashtra and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to set up integrated textile value chain in such parks especially in Maharashtra and Rajasthan?

Deep Ocean Mission

1172. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the apprehensions that the recently approved Deep Ocean Mission would result in over exploitation of the marine resources by the corporate houses affecting the life and livelihoods of millions of fishers in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to hold discussions with various stakeholders including the fishers, experts and State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Deep Ocean Mission is related to the Blue Economy Initiatives of the Government, if so, the details thereof?

PMGKY Food Grid

1173. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is the world's largest food programme undertaken during Covid-19 pandemic period;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries who were benefitted of it;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to bring any scheme to make food grid for those who are not covered in Public Distribution System (PDS) to fight against malnutrition and hunger; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Travel Time of Thoothududi Nellai Train

1174. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the travel time of Thoothukudi-Nellai train since the cost of ticket in this train has increased but the travel time of the train remains the same as it was earlier; and

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

Atmanirbhar Bharat

1175. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of foodgrains distributed under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat package State-wise; especially in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of amount of undistributed foodgrains under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat package, State-wise;

(c) the identity requirements for beneficiaries to avail foodgrains under the scheme; and

(d) whether any beneficiary has been denied rations under the scheme due to lack of Aadhaar card and if so, the details thereof?

KIRAN Scheme

1176. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to various women scientists under the KIRAN scheme in 2020-21; and

(b) the details of the recipients, State-wise?

Crop Based Distillery

†1177. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to set up crop based distillery for promoting the cultivation of maize and production of ethanol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated to set up per capita rice production plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Discount on Automotives and Tractors on GeM Portal

1178. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed mandatory discount clause for manufacturers of automotives and tractors on GeM portal;

(b) if so, whether these discounts are to the extent of 20% on tractors, 12% on utility vehicles and 15% on commercial vehicles whereas in DGS&D regime, mandatory discount was only 5 per cent;

(c) if so, the grounds (study conducted, recommendations of committee, etc) on which such a huge discount are determined;

(d) whether many latest models are not available on GeM portal on account of high discounts, which are preventing various Ministries/Departments from acquiring latest vehicles;

(e) if so, whether huge discounts on these products are affecting the competitiveness of Indian companies to offer their modern/upgraded products on the GeM portal; and

(f) if so, other steps being taken by the Government to rationalise mandatory discount regime on automobiles on GeM Portal to make it more competitive for domestic manufacturers?

Incidence of Heavy Rains

1179. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has noted an increase in heavy downpour of rains in Kerala in the past five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any study on the incidence of heavy rains in Kerala over the next ten years;

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

(d) whether the Ministry has conducted a study on the water holding capacity of soil in different regions of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has implemented procedures for improving the water holding capacity of soil in Kerala to reduce the incidence of landslides; and

(f) if so, the extent of success achieved in this regard?

Export of Agricultural Products/processed Food Items

1180. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of value added agricultural products/ processed food items exported to various countries during each of the last three years and current year along with the net foreign exchange earned from such exports;

(b) whether the share of India in the global trade of value added agricultural products and processed food items is very low in comparison to other developing countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to promote the export of processed food items from the country along with the incentives provided to exporters for the purpose during the said period; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any decision to permit the export of processed food even if a restriction is imposed on export of the basic farm produce and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on the prices of such goods in the domestic market?

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Production of Parboiled Rice

1181. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States that produce paraboiled rice and the quantity of such production during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of procurement of paraboiled rice from the above States by FCI and other Central agencies during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of States to which paraboiled rice is supplied by FCI and other Central agencies;

(d) the details of supplies of paraboiled rice made to the above States during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(e) whether the Ministry has decided to stop procuring paraboiled rice from the paraboiled rice producing States;

(f) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(g) if not, the manner in which the Ministry is planning to procure paraboiled rice from the above States in 2022?

Cancellation of Trains due to Fog

1182. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lot of delay/cancellation of trains across the country due to recent fog, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the details of the trains cancelled or delayed and revenue loss to the railways due to delay of trains due to fog during current winter season;

(c) whether passengers had to face a lot of inconvenience due to delay of trains and if so, the steps taken to mitigate the hardships faced by the passengers;

(d) the steps that have been taken by the Railways to avoid delay of trains due to fog and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the railways is working to develop any advanced technology, just like in airplanes to tackle the problem of fog and prevent delays and danger of accidents due to fog and if so, the details thereof?

Features of BharatNet

1183. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the features of the BharatNet Project;

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

(c) the details of the number of villages connected with broadband facility under this project within Tamil Nadu and Assam;

(d) whether the Government has the data of villages that are still not connected with this facility within Tamil Nadu and Assam;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be connected?

Tourist Circuit Trains

- †1184. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY
BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run a tourist circuit train in the Northeastern States of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government also proposes to run a tourist circuit train in Gujarat; and

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

Revenue from Parcel Services

1185. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue earned by the Railways annually from its parcel services during each of the last three years;

(b) whether revenue from parcel services has increased in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take initiative to compensate for non-delivery of parcels of goods booked on the Railways;

(d) if so, the details of the compensation paid during each of the last three years, region-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to focus on growth of parcel business and increase its revenue?

Selling Products through GeM

1186. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of artisans and weavers who have registered themselves in the Government-e-Marketplace (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government departments and organizations, State-wise;

(b) the number of artisans and weavers who have actively participated in trade activities on the portal out of the total registered artisans and weavers; and

(c) the details about the number of artisans and weavers who have participated in the portal from Delhi, in absolute figures as well as comparative to the rest of India?

Casualty in Coal Mines

1187. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state the year-wise data of casualties caused due to the coal dust in the mines and near the pit-heads since 2010?

Survey of Belagavi Railway Line

1188. SHRI ANNASHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surveyed route of Shedbal-Athani-Bijapur (112 kms) railway line in Belagavi and Bijapur district has been taken up for further action;

(b) if so, the current status of the project and if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) the project status of Kudachi-Bagalkot railway line;

(d) the details of amount sanctioned so far and the utilisation status of the sanctioned funds; and

(e) the time by when the Railways intends to finish the projects mentioned above?

Procurement Centre in Bihar

1189. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agricultural products procurement centres functioning in Bihar, district-wise and location-wise;

(b) the total value of agricultural products procured by these procurement centres at Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints with regard to corruption in the procurement centres during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in the matter?

Skill Training to Weavers

†1190. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government formulated made any scheme to impart training to the weavers under modern skill training;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the skill training imparted to the weavers during the last few years; State-wise;

(d) the number of institutes with which the contract has been signed for skill training; and

(e) the details of the number of weavers who were imparted skill training in Haryana State?

Height of Platform

†1191. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps for raising the height of platform at Mallawan Madhoganj Railway Station while putting cemented sheds thereon in Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps for beautification of Araul Railway Station which is near the world famous dargah of Madarshah and also provide facilities like drinking water, toilets, restrooms, etc. over there; if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to keep the railway crossing no. 43 located at a distance

of three kilometers from Shivrajpur Railway Station open as it had been earlier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Apparel and Garment Making Centres

1192. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on setting up of apparel and garment making centres along with the details of funds allocated and so far released, State-wise and the employment likely to be generated by such centres in the country;

(b) the details of contribution of textile and apparel exports to overall exports in textile sector; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to give the required push to the Textile industry to increase the textile and apparel export more than double in future and if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government to achieve this target?

Stororage of Critical Minerals

1193. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is likely to face acute shortage of critical minerals necessary for developing clean energy applications, infrastructure for its solar mission and for manufacturing high technology products in the near future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country is likely to become largely dependent on China in the coming years to source such materials for its manufacturing sector and at present is hundred per cent import dependent for critical minerals and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps/measures taken by the Government to reduce such dependence, to develop mines and unleash untapped potential of the vast mineral resources?

Illegal Mining

†1194. SHRI BALAK NATH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is able to detect illegal mining activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to check such activities;

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to use space technology in this regard; and

(e) the achievements made in this regard particularly in Sikar, Bharatpur and Alwar of Rajasthan?

Clearing of Export Dues

1195. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to clear Rs. 56,000 crore dues owed to exporters under various Government schemes;

(b) if so, the details of schemes under which Government owes to exporters and the number of MSME exporters who are going to be benefited from this;

(c) the details of exporters from Telangana whose dues have to be cleared; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made by the Ministry to achieve the target of exporting US \$ 400 billion in 2021-22?

Scheme for Information Technology

1196. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by the Government to make Information Technology more accessible in the country, particularly in the State of West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government is planning to make the Information Technology (IT) accessible to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the State of West Bengal?

Central Deputation

1197. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to transfer IAS and IPS officers through central deputation and doing away with the requirement of taking the approval of the State Government; and

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

Crime in Railways

1198. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the number of crime cases on Mumbai Railways have increased manifold;

(b) if so, the number of crime cases that were reported on Mumbai Railways during 2021, jurisdiction-wise;

(c) the number of cases of murder, attempts to murder and cases of robbery that were reported in 2021;

(d) the number of cases of crime against women including molestation and cases of rape that were reported on Mumbai Railways during 2021; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to control crime in Mumbai Railways?

Apps Implications on National Security

1199. DR. A. CHELLAKUMAR:

MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take action against Tek Fogg app which allows operatives to hack into and take over Whatsapp accounts of private citizens;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering to investigate the phishing of personal information of targeted Whatsapp users by Tek Fogg and utilised as part of harassment campaigns;

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

(e) whether the Government is planning to protect citizens from the threats of identity theft and potential legal liability for criminal cases emanating from their hacked phone numbers;

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

(g) whether the Government is considering to investigate alleged links between two private companies, Persistent Systems and Mohalla Tech Pvt. Ltd. in regard to the apps implications on national security; and

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

India Post Payments Bank

1200. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO

MANDLIK:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Post Payments Bank (IPPE) has crossed five crore customer mark in three years to become the fastest growing digital payments bank in the country and if so, the details thereof and breakup with respect to urban and rural areas;

(b) whether the Government proposes to focus particularly on rural women and youths in the country to bring them under the umbrella of IPPB;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase or extend its base by providing door to door service to citizens living in far flung and interior parts of the country to build financial awareness among its citizens;

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

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government to bring the digital literacy to the grass root level?

Hike in Fare

†1201. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of certain superfast and express trains has been suspended due to Covid-19 and if so, the details thereof under the North Western Railway;

(b) whether the passenger fare and operation fee have been hiked in the wake of Covid-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to normalize the hiked fare and resume the operations of such trains which have been suspended due to Covid-19 or some other reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Representation of OBCs for Employment

1202. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to secure representation of OBCs in

employment and for their welfare in Railways, particularly in Southern Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of such OBCs who availed such representation and welfare in Southern Railways during the three years?

MPLAD Funds

1203. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to release MPLAD funds upto March 2020;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of funds released during 2018-19 to 2019-20;

(c) whether the Government recently sanctioned and released a token fund through MPLADS to Members;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of proposal for release and utilisation of funds for the Members of Parliament of Lok Sabha who have retired on and after 01.04.2020 along with the details of relaxation in the guidelines thereto?

Investment in Manufacturing Sector

†1204. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become one of the most attractive places for investment in manufacturing sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the investment and development undertaken particularly in Paanipat recently in this sector?

Semiconductor fabs

1205. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the scheme for Setting up of Semiconductor Fabs and Display Fabs in India which will extend fiscal support up to 50% of the project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to work closely with the State Governments to establish High-Tech Clusters with requisite infrastructure in terms of land, semiconductor grade water, high quality power, logistics and research ecosystem;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to approve applications for setting up at least two greenfield semiconductor fabs and two display fabs in the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Quality of Foodgrains

1206. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any survey to ascertain the quality of foodgrains distributed by shops under Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that quality does not deteriorate during the lockdown period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of PDS shop owners who have been caught distributing adulterated/low quality foodgrains since last year, State-wise;

(f) the action taken against such shop owners; and

(g) the steps being taken to ensure that the quality of foodgrains is not compromised, especially when free ration is provided to the poor?

Online CoOs

1207. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by exporters due to the new Online Certificate of Origin (CoOs) notification issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has encountered cases of physical certificates still being issued causing confusion amongst the exporters and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to address and resolve such issues of the exporters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

BSNL Sim Cards

†1208. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the mobile phone users are not showing any interest to purchase SIM Cards of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) due to unavailability of 4G and 5G services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is incurring heavy losses due to decreasing number of BSNL mobile consumers on account of unavailability of BSNL 4G services and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not starting BSNL 4G network throughout the country;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to save BSNL in competition with private companies; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for redressal of network related issues like call drop and poor signal of telecom companies including BSNL?

Hardships Faced by BSNL

†1209. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint in respect of hardships being faced by the BSNL for running its network smoothly;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government for redressal of these complaints?

Setting up of Textile Parks by Private Entrepreneurs

1210. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of textiles parks proposed to be set up in different States, both by public and private sector;

(b) the financial assistance proposed to be extended to the private entrepreneurs to set up the textile parks;

(c) the terms and conditions laid down for the same; and

(d) the subsidies proposed to be provided to the private entrepreneurs?

Rescuing Human Trafficking Victims

1211. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any SOPs have been issued for curbing and/or investigation of human trafficking through Railways and the rescue of such human trafficking victims;

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

(c) whether any budgetary allocations have been made towards addressing human trafficking issues through the Railways; and

(d) if so, the details of allocations and funds released from 2016 till date and if not, the reasons therefor?

Green Fuels

1212. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any joint research and development agreement with Denmark on green fuels including green hydrogen during the recent science and technology meet between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions thereto;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to sign such an agreement with other countries and if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(d) whether the Government is considering to give any special incentives to attract investments in green research, technology and innovation;

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

(f) the details of other measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote green fuel in the country?

Private Player in ISRO

1213. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to bring private players on board to get their participation in the space activities of ISRO;

(b) whether the Government plans to allow FDI in the near future to boost the investment in the space sector by the foreign players;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa Scheme

†1214. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main and important function of Indian Meteorological Department is weather forecasting;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Meteorological Department for such farmers who entirely depend on weather forecasting for their crops;

(c) whether the Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa Scheme is being implemented by the Government in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of farmers benefited by such scheme; and

(e) the number of beneficiaries in Durg Parliamentary Constituency as well as in Bilaspur, Mungeli and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi districts of Bilaspur Parliamentary Constituency under the said scheme?

Trains For Dahod

†1215. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the trains that were earlier discontinued in the wake of Covid-19, have resumed operations in Dahod ;

(b) the number of trains that are likely to be provided stoppage at Dahod keeping in view the inconvenience caused to common public;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any survey with regard to starting of new trains for the benefit of common public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Effects of Air Pollution

†1216. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department has started any application to enhance the awareness among common public regarding the hazardous effects of air pollution and to enable the citizens to test air quality;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the cities where this facility is presently available;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide this facility in other parts of the country in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of New Railway Lines

†1217. SHRI AKSHAIBAR LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct a new railway line for Khalilabad, Utraula, Dumariaganj, Bhinga, Shravasti and Balrampur;

(b) whether any communication has been received by the Government to lay the above said line upto Jarwal via Bahraich and if so, whether the Government is likely to lay the said railway line to maximise its' utility;

(c) if so, the time by which the above said railway line is likely to be constructed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Target for Coal Production

†1218. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for coal production upto the year 2025; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to achieve this target?

Porting of Ration Card

†1219. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of ration cards ported from one State to another in the country so far; State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment of benefit/loss for the ration card holders in this portability scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Post Office Passport Seva Kendra

1220. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented scheme of opening Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in all the Lok Sabha constituencies of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any coordination has been established between the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Communications regarding this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the number of post offices in the country including Bihar in which passport seva kendras have been started under the said scheme so far, the State-wise;

(e) whether guidelines have also been issued to Bihar Postal Circle for starting post office passport seva kendra in Jehanabad Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar under this scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Disrupted Services of BSNL

†1221. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) services remain disrupted in Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Union Government has received complaints from the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has fixed any accountability in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Disabled Friendly Coaches

1222. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has made passenger train coaches accessible for Person with Disabilities (PwD);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has setup any complaint redressal mechanism for resolving issues of accessibility of railway stations and trains for the PwD and senior citizens; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether trains have been allowed to extend their halting time for allowing PwD, senior citizens and sick people to board and deboard the train safely; and

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

Optical Fibre Laid

†1223. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the optical fibre cable laid in West Bengal so far under National Optical Fibre Network project;

(b) the details of the number of Gram Panchayats in Purulia district of West Bengal that have been connected with broadband and Wi-Fi hotspot so far under the said project; and

(c) the reasons for the number of Gram Panchayats not been connected to the said services in abovesaid district of West Bengal under the said project so far?

Subsidy to Small Textile Units

†1224. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to provide subsidy to the small textile manufacturing units particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the textile units approved by the Government in Maharashtra so far?

Industrially Backward Districts of West Bengal

1225. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has expanded the list of industrially backward districts in the country including West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the district-wise details of schemes being implemented to promote industrialization through DPIIT in West Bengal including North Dinajpur and South Dinajpur districts, during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to initiate 'One District One Product' scheme in each district of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other new initiatives/steps being taken by the Government for strengthening of industrial sector in the country with special reference to West Bengal?

Coaches for Reserved Categories

†1226. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of various categories such as senior citizens, cancer patients, doctors, disabled persons, etc. have been getting reservation facility in rail tickets and separate coaches have also been provided to ladies and the disabled travelling in various express trains, drutgami, superfast and other trains in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether various security personnel of the country belonging to BSF, CRPF, Army and Police have been seen travelling to their destinations by sleeping/sitting at train gates under compulsion while travelling for urgent official work or their own family reasons;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide facilities of special category to all the said security personnel by providing them special coaches similar to coaches for ladies, disabled persons, etc. or making seating arrangements for them by getting their waitlisted train tickets confirmed; and

(d) if so, the time by which such facilities are likely to be provided to them, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hospitals run by CIL

1227. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of hospitals run by Coal India Ltd across the country;

(b) the details of total sanctioned strength of doctors in all the hospitals run by it and the number of existing vacancies particularly in Odisha, hospital-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to raise the retirement age of doctors in Coal India Hospitals from 60 years to 65 years and bring it at par with the retirement age of doctors across the country;

(d) if so, the time by which decision in this matter will be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Early Warning System for Landslides

1228. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved an Early Warning System for landslides and glaciers related disasters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to have focused research on developing such a system to minimize landslide induced disasters?

Studies on Policies

†1229. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conducting studies on the policies concerning the challenges in India like poverty, rural development and building basic infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes formulated by the Government to eradicate poverty from the country at present?

Process of Issuing Aadhaar Cards

†1230. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of issuing Aadhaar cards to the citizens of the country has been completed;

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

(c) whether the citizens have to wait for long for registration of Aadhaar cards and making corrections therein and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of machines at the registration centres to deal with the situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Standard Developing Organisation

1231. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for declaration of Standard Developing Organisation under One Nation One Standard mission of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(b) whether the Government contemplates to define standard development activities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government plans to undertake assessment for identification and categorization of such activities to attain One National Standard for One Subject and if so, the details thereof?

Yarn Prices

1232. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government held discussions with representatives of the textiles and clothing sector to discuss the issue of rising raw cotton and yarn prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has urged the textile mills to consider the present situation and take the required steps, so that yarn prices could be brought under control and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the garment exporters in Tiruppur were in strike for two days demanding measures to control the prices of cotton and yarn; and

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

Rehabilitation Package for Telecom Operators

1233. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a rehabilitation package for Telecom Operators;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed scheme;

(c) the cumulative burden on the exchequer in rupees for implementation of the scheme; and

(d) whether the Government is going to bear this huge loss in revenue and if so, the details thereof?

Voice Recognition Feature

1234. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the growth in the voice-search feature in the country;

(b) the measures taken by the Government to address the privacy violations as a result of the increased use of voice assistants online;

(c) the details of the average data retention period of online voice assistants;

(d) whether the voice recognition feature has been misused for political campaigning; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rapid Melting of Himalayan Glaciers

1235. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cognizance of rapid melting of Himalayan glaciers over the past few decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the current status of the glaciers;

(c) whether the Government has come across the study conducted by the University of Leeds, School of Geography in the UK recently regarding rapid melting of Himalayan glaciers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any study in assessing the melting of Himalayan glaciers in recent times, if so, the details of the study so conducted and if not, whether there are any chances of doing so;

(e) the details of the effects of the melting of glaciers in the Indian context; and

(f) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the research on Himalayan Glaciers during each of the last five years?

Categorisation of Railway Bridges

1236. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any plan to review the existing system of categorising railway bridges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to formulate any new policy regarding inspection and maintenance of

bridges, by taking into consideration the life-span of bridges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Features of PMGDISHA

†1237. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA);

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the above said Abhiyan in the State of Rajasthan and Assam;

(c) the details of the number of candidates enrolled, trained and certified under the said Abhiyan in the State of Rajasthan including the Dausa district;

(d) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made till date under the said Abhiyan; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to cover the remote and rural areas under the said Abhiyan?

Financial Assistance from LIC of India

1238. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether MoU was signed between Railways and LIC of India in 2015 for financial assistance of Rs. 1,50,000 crore in five years for infrastructure development in Railways;

(b) if so, the details of financial assistance sought by Railways and funds provided by the LIC of India in the Financial Years (FYs) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020;

(c) whether the said MoU is still in force or has been renewed;

(d) if so, the number of years of the contract and the amount of financial assistance involved therein; and

(e) the details of projects undertaken with the help of LIC of India funds from FY 2016 to FY 2020, year-wise?

Information of Various Schemes

1239. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to make information and incentives available in various schemes to MSMEs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a special reduced compliance mechanism in these schemes for MSMEs and startups;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is possible for SEZs, Bonded Manufacturing Zones, Export Oriented Units, etc. to work in a way that allow them to sell goods and services internationally and domestically without going through difficult processes of selling to the Domestic Tariff Area; and

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

Agricultural Trade

1240. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agreements aimed at expanding the scope of agricultural trade between India and other countries during the last three years;

(b) the details of the nation's stance at the WTO negotiation table for agricultural trade of other countries with India;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any studies to measure the country's capabilities in agricultural exports along with its future prospects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing/Pending Rail Projects in Bihar

†1241. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of various ongoing and pending rail projects in Araria district of Bihar along with the present status thereof;

(b) the details of the number of rail projects running behind the stipulated time-period ;

(c) the names of such approved/ongoing projects in the State which are likely to be completed or started during the year 2021-22; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government for expeditious completion of the said projects?

Frequency of Train

†1242. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people belonging to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other States living at Abu Road and Pindwara tehsils face lot of difficulties as train no. 19409/19410 Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur Express runs only twice a week; and

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to run the said train on daily basis in view of problems being faced by the commuters and heavy load of traffic and if so, the details thereof?

Stoppage at Karimganj Railway Station

1243. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about a long pending demand of the people of Karimganj for stoppage of Train No. 15625/15626 and 13173/13174 at Karimganj Railway Station instead of New Karimganj;

(b) if so, whether the Government is also aware that a large number of devotees from Karimganj and neighboring areas travel every week to and fro to Deoghar to perform rituals, but for quite some time they are finding it inconvenient due to the distance to New Karimganj Railway Station for their journey during night hours;

(c) if so, whether the Government is planning to consider this proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stock of Wheat

1244. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India's (FCI) stock of wheat has increased beyond the buffer requirement in the recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the stock of wheat with the FCI, month-wise for the last twelve months as well as storage and financing costs, reasons for such increase and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is a storage capacity utilisation nearing or beyond a 100% in a few warehouses and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to augment storage; and

(d) the details of total storage capacity available with FCI, capacity utilisation and sale of stock made via OMSS in the last twelve months, month-wise, State-wise including Bihar?

Rare Earths Mining

1245. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to privatise the rare earths mining sector either partially or fully;

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

(c) whether the Government intends to address the gap in indigenous processing units for rare earth minerals in the country and reduce the reliance on Chinese processors;

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

(e) whether the Government intends to frame any policies to support the development of an indigenous lab-to-product ecosystem to support India's strategic and commercial interests in the rare earth minerals sector; and

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

Produced and Procured Food Grains

†1246. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:
SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of food grain produced and procured in the country;

(b) the total storage capacity and the covered storage capacity with the Government in the country as on date, State-wise/UT-wise;

(c) whether the available storage capacity is being utilised to the optimum level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Railway Stations under PPP Model

1247. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated a programme to develop railway stations on PPP model; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the work on a few railway stations has already started; if so, the details thereof including the time for completion of each of such works;

(c) the additional railway stations in Maharashtra identified for modernization in the next phase through PPP model;

(d) the net benefits that would accrue to the Railways through modernization of railway stations under PPP model;

(e) whether some development charges would be levied on the passengers; and

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

IIUS

1248. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

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

(a) whether the Government has set up Engineering Clusters under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) in Maharashtra;

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

(c) the funds sanctioned/allocated/released and utilised so far for the said Clusters, including the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

Green Corridors

†1249. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI
PATEL:
SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for introducing green corridors has been formulated for ensuring safety of wild animals, particularly elephants while crossing the rail tracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Innovation in Mining Companies

1250. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI
SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of MINES
खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has supported any company to innovate mechanisms for the benefit of mining companies and the mine safety services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Tea Sector

1251. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

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

(a) the list of tea gardens and companies working under Tea sector in the country;

(b) the number of skilled and unskilled workers working in the tea production sector as on date;

(c) whether the tea companies are utilizing their CSR funds to provide direct benefits to the family members of workers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the social investments made by the tea companies under the CSR funds; and

(e) the details of CSR funds generated from the tea companies during the last five years?

Growth Rate of Core Sector

1252. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

(a) whether the growth rate of core sector in the country deflated to a lower than expected 3.1% in November 2021 from the revised 8.4% in October 2021;

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

(c) the extent to which the core sector would impact the index of industrial production;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to promote the core sector growth in the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

FDI

1253. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

(a) whether India has received record Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking concrete steps to attract FDI in future and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of the sectors that are utilising the FDI and the manner in which it is leveraging India's development?

Post Office Banks

1254. SHRI B.B.PATIL:
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Office Banks established so far across the country;

(b) the State-wise list of the people benefited therefrom;

(c) the number of new Post Office Banks planned to be set up in the coming Financial Year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide some other facilities by expanding facilities in these Post Office Banks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Petitions in High Court

1255. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state the current status of various petition(s) filed in High Courts around the country challenging the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code Rules, 2021?

Cotton Corporation of India

1256. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India had entered the market to purchase the cotton; and

(b) if so the details thereof since 2014 to till date, State-wise and if not reasons therefor?

Preservation of Ancient Textile Industry

†1257. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken for preservation and conservation of Ancient Textile Industry;

(b) the details of the special project, if any, for the conservation and promotion of Ancient Textile Industry;

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to promote the ancient art of cloth making

practiced at different places in Madhya Pradesh especially Maheshwari Saree in the Parliamentary Constituency of Khargone Barwani; and

(d) whether any special plan is being operated for the rehabilitation of craftsmen engaged in the Ancient Textile Industry and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Service Infrastructure

1258. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish the mobile service infrastructure in the uncovered villages of the aspirational districts through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time framework planned to achieve these targets?

Schemes of Niti Aayog

†1259. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme is under consideration to promote Gram Swaraj in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any special scheme is being implemented by the Government in the State of Madhya Pradesh for the development of rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names and details of the places where various schemes are being run by NITI Aayog in tribal dominated areas of Madhya Pradesh?

Separating Passenger Platforms and Rake Goods Sheds

1260. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the passenger platforms and full rake goods' sheds of Broad-Gauge lines being parallelly located at Kishanganj Railway Station;

(b) if so, whether the Railways is likely to undertake remedial measures with regard to unloading of cement from goods' rakes that causes dusty and smoggy atmosphere at the railway campus which in turn causes

health hazard to the people of Kishanganj and less visibility on nearby National Highway;

(c) the other measures taken by the Government to separate the passenger platforms and rake goods' sheds at Kishanganj railway station; and

(d) the timeframe fixed for this initiative?

Railway Projects in Balangir

1261. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations in the Balangir Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) the details of railway projects/works planned , ongoing and pending in Balangir ;

(c) whether the Government has any plans for development of these railway stations with modern infrastructure and if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government also has any plans to augment the rail network/connectivity and train services in the constituency; and

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

NFSA in Naxalite Areas

†1262. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people have been benefitted by the implementation of National Food Security Act in the country especially in backward areas including Naxal affected tribal dominated Gadchiroli-Chimur Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details along with the status thereof as on date especially in the aforesaid areas; and

(c) the details of the number of beneficiaries of Central Grants through the implementation of National Food Security Act during the last three years till date; year and State-wise?

Utilization of Coal Mines

1263. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the underutilization of existing coal mines in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action to enhance such utilisation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) which have been allocated coal blocks, year-wise from May 2014 to December 2021; and

(f) the details of cancellation of allotted mines to PSES during this period, if any?

Transportation of Coal

1264. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cost of transportation of coal across the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the power companies are suffering due to heavy costs of coal transportation; and

(c) the key interventions of the Government to reduce the cost of coal transportation in the country?

Reservation for EWS

1265. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for direct recruitment in civil posts and services in the Government since 1.02.2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government notification 36039/1/2019-Estt. (Res) dated 19.01.2019 on EWS recruitment stipulates that the family of the candidate cannot own a residential plot (other than in notified municipalities) of 200 square yards or more and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether residential plots situated adjacent to/ within the agricultural land shall be considered as part of the agricultural land;

(d) if so, whether the Government is aware that in several States including Kerala, the residential plots are part of agricultural land and no clear distinction between agricultural plot and residential plot has been made;

(e) if so, whether the Government is considering to issue a clarification on the aforesaid criteria, as many applicants are not able to get EWS certificates issued as a result thereof; and

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

Electrification of Railways

1266. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to electrify all railway lines by 2024;

(b) if so, the details of the length of railway tracks that have already been electrified and details of budget allocated for the project; and

(c) the details of new trains proposed to be introduced and the trains which have been introduced by the Government in the State of Kerala during the last three years?

Semi-conductor Mission

1267. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to create a semi-conductor mission for India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the time by which its manufacturing is anticipated;

(c) whether the Government is considering to work in coordination with QUAD Partners for streamlining supply-chain of semi-conductors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the role of India in aforesaid initiative?

Reforms in Telecom Sector

1268. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:
SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering more reforms in telecom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government is inviting recommendations from the industry on various issues, including improving quality of services, bridging digital gap and ensuring security of the telecom networks;

(d) whether it is also true that while the spread of telecom service had truly increased, the quality of services remained an issue;

(e) if so the steps proposed to improve the quality of telecom services;

(f) whether the investors in telecom sector are looking for second set of reforms;

(g) if so, the time by which the second set of reforms is going to be brought; and

(h) whether there is any plan by the Government to bring down the price of 5G spectrum and if so, the details including the status of 5G auction thereof?

Railway Projects in Punjab

1269. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of railway projects in Punjab, district/project-wise including those where survey has been conducted and approval has been accorded but work has not been started yet;

(b) the details of the total budgetary allocations made by the Government for these projects;

(c) the reasons, if any, for the delay in the completion of these railway projects in Punjab;

(d) whether the Government is taking any measures to complete all the pending railway projects in Punjab within a fixed time schedule; and

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

Financial Help to Handloom Workers

1270. KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any initiative to improve and develop handloom sector, where over 50,000 weavers have been affected due to Covid - 19 in entire North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, whether the Government is working on any measures for providing financial help to these handloom workers;

(c) whether the Government is providing any relaxation in GST on various materials used in the cottage industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Housing and Construction

1271. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that the housing and construction projects are staring at a slowdown for a few months wherein dealers and buyers reporting a shortage of long steel products such as rods, bars and wires;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the shortage of above mentioned products are due to lack of availability of iron ore; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures the Government is planning to adopt to address the issue?

Bio-Toilets

1272. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install bio toilets in every railway station in the country;

(b) if so, the number of stations that have been equipped with such bio toilets as on date;

(c) the timeline for completion of this proposed project; and

(d) the details of allocation of funds for this purpose?

Parking Plaza

†1273. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the parking plaza, which was started towards the west of Thane Railway Station, is going on at a slow pace;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which parking plaza building is likely to be completed;

(c) whether a draft has been prepared to replace 50 years old dilapidated buildings with a well-equipped building towards the west side of Thane railway station;

(d) if so, whether the funds have been allocated by the Government for such purpose; and

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

Logistic Sector

1274. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of logistics sector in the overall GDP during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has set any target for logistics sector to be achieved for the next three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce an integrated logistics plan to fast-track movement of

goods and cut transaction cost of businesses so that the said plan would integrate all sectors-rail, road, ship and air;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed timeline for its introduction; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the Indian logistics sector?

Internet Speed

1275. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks 122 out of 141 in the global mobile internet speed rankings as per the report of Ookla's Speedtest Global Index in October, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether efforts are being made by the Government to improve the internet speed and its quality in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Marketing of Spices

1276. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to market branded spices and value-added products in the domestic market through a separate channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure remunerative, stable prices for farmers and quality products at reasonable prices for consumers?

Cyber Lab

†1277. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish any cyber lab for online capacity building on Cyber Act, crime investigation and digital forensic;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be established;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make State cyber cells, police officers and other law enforcement agencies more efficient under the aforesaid programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof especially in the State of Gujarat?

Demand and Supply of Coal

†1278. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big gap in demand and supply of coal in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any work plan to deal with this situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Startups

1279. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Startups functioning across the country since 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2021 particularly in Assam, year-wise;

(b) the total value of the Startups including those in Assam;

(c) the total number of indirect employment generated by the Startups in Assam during the last three years, district-wise; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to popularise Startup ventures and support them in Assam?

Setting up of National Institute of Design in Odisha

†1280. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to set up a satellite centre of National Institute of Design (NID) in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Startups in Space tech

1281. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps/measures being taken by the Government to attract new startups in the field of Space-tech and other related industries;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any project to compete with the Chinese hypersonic programs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Payments Infrastructure

1282. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the extent of digital payments infrastructure usage in North Eastern Region (NER), State-wise;

(b) the details of ATM penetration in NER, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase connectivity and reduce server downtime/failed transactions in the NER?

Regional Trade Agreements

1283. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) which have been beneficial for India;

(b) whether there are any RTAs that have not been beneficial for the country;

(c) if so, the names of such RTAs and the manner in which these have not been beneficial to the country;

(d) whether India's RTAs have exit clause;

(e) if so, the list of RTAs that have exit clause and the list of those RTAs that do not have exit clause;

(f) whether Asia Pacific trade agreement has an exit clause; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Collection of Funds under DMF

1284. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds that were annually collected and utilized by Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh under District Mineral Foundation (DMF) for 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022;

(b) the details of projects funded by DMF funds for the year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 for Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh; along with the name and objective of the project, funds allocated and implementation status;

(c) whether it is true that some districts have constituted 'Project Management Units' by hiring professional agencies to improve the planning and management for DMF fund utilization; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MC4 Scheme

1285. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the highlights of the Monsoon Convection, Clouds and Climate Change (MC4) scheme;

(b) whether the MC4 scheme has been successful in improving the climate models with respect to climate change;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the MC4 scheme has received any funding from the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cases Recommended to CBI

†1286. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of cases recommended to CBI for investigation by Rajasthan Government during the last ten years, case-wise;

(b) the details and number of cases among the above said cases declined for investigation by CBI; and

(c) the current status of the above-mentioned cases along with the details of cases on which investigation have been started by CBI?

Amendments in IAS Cadre Rules

1287. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed amendments in the existing IAS Cadre Rules; if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any State Government has raised objections against the proposed changes in the cadre rules;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address their objections;

(d) whether the proposed amendments are likely to affect the federal structure of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Beneficiaries

1288. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of supply of food grains under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) during the pandemic period;

(b) whether there was an increase in number of beneficiaries due to the Pandemic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to provide the increased beneficiaries further continued support by considering them as BPL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Startup India Innovation Week

1289. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organized the first-ever Startup India Innovation Week and if so, the details thereof along with the events organized and its outcome and achievement thereof;

(b) the details of the programmes launched by the Government to promote startups across the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the present status of Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) Scheme and Startup India Seed Fund Scheme since their launch and whether these schemes have been successful in promoting Startup India initiative;

(d) the details of support provided to women-led startups in the country, State/UT-wise including Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote startup initiative in the country?

Inclusion of High Priority Sectors in PMKKKY

1290. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified more sectors for inclusion in the high-priority sectors list under the PM Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY);

(b) if so, the details and reasons for the sectors so identified ;

(c) if not, whether the Government is planning to include more sectors under the high-priority sector list;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the sector-wise (high priority and other) utilisation of funds under the PMKKKY in Andhra Pradesh?

Setting up of Textile Parks

†1291. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms for setting up a textile park in the country;

(b) the details of the land required to set up a textile park along with the total cost of construction, including the ratio of Union-State contribution therein;

(c) whether there is any plan to set up a textile park near the express way of National Highway 44 passing through Seoni district under Parliamentary constituency of Balaghat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

E-Commerce Rules

1292. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft e-commerce rules are likely to hamper day to day business activities as the rules are extremely prescriptive on minute aspects of doing business such as font size in the invoice, the number of persons to be appointed for grievance redressal and compliance, promotions and ads, use of brand name of the entity, user interface in displaying products over and above existing legal requirements thus ultimately providing no added value to customers or businesses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government to address these issues; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Private Players in Space

1293. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private players in space sector registered under MSMEs and startups, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has plans to develop policy and planning for the development of MSMEs and startups in space sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government plans to procure goods produced and services rendered by MSMEs and if so, the details thereof?

Loss Making Telecom Companies

†1294. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to bailout the loss making telecom companies from financial crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time period for which the companies has been exempted by the Government for paying Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR);

(c) the number of officials of BSNL who have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) during the recent years; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to allot 5G spectrum to BSNL and if so, the details thereof?

PLI Scheme

1295. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the PLI scheme helps in achieving the targets set under National Broadband Mission;

(b) the details of investments received in the sector since launch of PLI for telecom sector; and

(c) the details of applications so far cleared by the Government under PLI so far?

Field Survey Project

1296. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is apprised of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)s Lithium Project in Andhra Pradesh under the Field Survey Project 2021-22;

(b) if so, the details of GSI's findings and the progress made so far under the project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal Supply to Power Plants

1297. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tonnes of coal supplied by Coal India Limited till date to the power plants, State-wise since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the requests received from States/action taken till date;

(c) the details of the shifted linkage quantity to its subsidiaries;

(d) the details of the coal stock with States till date, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps being taken to ease shortage of coal prevailing across the country till date?

Procurement of Kharif Crops

†1298. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat, rice, sugarcane and other Kharif crops procured in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of farmers especially from backward regions benefitted therefrom, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure remunerative prices of crops especially to paddy farmers of backward regions in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Forecast System

1299. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the 'Upgradation of Forecast System' programme under Atmosphere and Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems and Services (ACROSS) scheme;

(b) whether this programme has resulted in increased accuracy of weather forecasts;

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

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the accuracy of India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts?

Absence of Railway Under Passes in Kerala

1300. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the people residing in Heros Nagar area are suffering due to the absence of Railway Under Passages (RUP) in that area near Vallikunnu Station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the insistence of the Railways that the expense to be incurred on the construction of the under passage has to be borne by the State Government or any local body;

(d) if so, whether the the Government is going to take necessary steps to undertake the responsibility of the work by the Railways itself and to sanction the long pending request of the people of the area for construction of an under passage; and

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

Railway Training Institute

1301. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Railway Training Institute exists in India and is at present functional;

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the time by when it will be made functional;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to build any additional Railway Training Institutes and whether any of these are located in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of efforts being made to identify beneficiaries, teaching faculty, infrastructural resources, raw material, etc. for the Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana?

Recruitment in RPF

1302. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the number of SC/ST personnel recruited in Railway Protection force (RPF) from the past figure and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Suburban Railway Project in Bengaluru

1303. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the implementation of the suburban railway project of Bengaluru since its approval in last years Budget;

(b) whether the Government has set up a mechanism to continuously monitor the progress of the project; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent delays in the implementation of the project; and

(d) whether the Government has come up with a revised deadline for the completion of the project, if so, the details thereof along with the present deadline for the various stages of completion?

Kisan Rail

1304. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kisan rails being operated from the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government is operating/plans to operate a Kisan rail from Vijayawada to transport mangoes to the consumption regions for the upcoming harvest season, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of new Kisan rail routes planned for the year 2022;

(d) whether the Railways is making losses by running Kisan rails even after receiving the subsidy amount from Ministry of Food Processing Industries and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the amount of produce transported by Kisan rails in 2021, category and State-wise?

Internet Shutdowns

1305. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government does not maintain records relating to telecom services/ internet shutdowns ordered by State Governments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government recognises that the non-maintenance of such data prevents the Government from ascertaining whether the shutdowns have been

made in accordance with the 2017 Suspension Rules and the order by the Supreme Court, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has made no efforts to maintain such data in spite of the rules having been framed in 2017, and with numerous internet suspensions having been imposed across the country, if so, the details thereof?

Failure of Forecast Equipments

†1306. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the losses caused due to climate change in the remote mountainous regions of the State of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the lack of forecasting equipments or the faults of the equipments have been found as the reasons for the same;

(c) if so, whether the Government has taken any concrete steps in this regard so that future incidents and catastrophes can be minimized; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Consumer Welfare Fund

1307. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has information on the progress in various States with regard to constitution of Consumer Welfare Corpus Fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States which have not implemented the said scheme?

Allocation of Funds to Startups

1308. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of startups funded during the last six years since 2015-16;

(b) the details of allocation of funds, year-wise, State-wise;

(c) the details of progress and current financial status of these startups; and

(d) the number of startups funded at the seed stage in the year 2021-22 and till December 2021?

Kishore Vaigyanic Protsahan Yojana

1309. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kishore Vaigyanic Protsahan Yojana (KVPY), a national programme of fellowship in basic science is being conducted in regional languages on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government is considering for conducting the same in all scheduled languages in the near future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Foodgrains Wasted in Haryana

†1310. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains in tonnes wasted during each year from 2015 to February 2022, State-wise including Haryana;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check wastage of foodgrains;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme in which farmers may store foodgrains in their homes and they may be paid Rs. 400-500 per quintal to avoid the said wastage and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to formulate any scheme to avoid huge wastage of foodgrains; and

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

E-Commerce Companies

1311. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently notices have been issued to some e-commerce companies for sale of non-Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) quality pressure cookers, helmets, etc., and for declaring incorrect information about products on their platforms like country of origin, expiry date, etc., thereby deceiving the common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such violations that has come to light during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is taking any measures to prevent such violation of rules by the e-commerce companies operating in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development Grant Fund

†1312. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Development Grant Fund released by the Government for Aspirational districts in the country, particularly for Chitrakoot, Fatehpur and Sonbhadra districts of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

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

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

5G Technology

1313. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the 5G technology network facility will be available for consumers;

(b) the current status of infrastructure for rolling out the 5G Technology in the country; and

(c) the details of the estimated amount being spend for creating such infrastructure?

Rotting of Foodgrains

†1314. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of food grains gets rotted every year in FCI godowns due to shortage of such godowns in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Purchase Policy

1315. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS
LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) is revising their policy regarding purchase of grains from farmers based on moisture and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the present norms and the revised norms of moisture is a harassment of farmers and they are losing money; and

(c) if so, whether the Government plans to protect the farmers on this issue and if so, the details thereof?

Volume of Passenger Traffic at Stations

1316. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains any data regarding the volume of passenger traffic that a railway station experiences on a daily, monthly and yearly basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise for the State of Uttar Pradesh for each railway station?

Sleeping Pod Services

1317. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has any proposal to provide sleeping pod services to passengers at subsidized rates in some railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the salient features thereof;

(c) the other steps, if any, taken by the Railways to provide quality accommodation/retiring rooms, railway enquiry-cum-information centres and other essential services to all kinds of travellers at affordable rates at major railway stations across the country including Nagercoil and Kanyakumari railway stations in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Nuclear-Energy Powered Electricity

1318. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase in the share of nuclear-energy powered electricity in the country since 2014;

(b) whether this share has largely remained stagnant during the last two decades and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government towards ensuring long-term energy security through utilization of nuclear energy?

Last Mile Delivery

†1319. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether last mile delivery and all-touching and all-inclusive development model has been prioritized in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the benefits of people oriented schemes of the Union Government are reaching all eligible beneficiaries through JAM (Jan-Dhan, Aadhar and Mobile) and DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer);

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

(e) whether Digital India has made the economy of the country transparent and created new opportunities for the youth; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Coal Royalty

1320. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA
BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of formula adopted to calculate royalty to be paid to States on coal along with the dates of its adoption and revision including the date when it was last revised;

(b) the details of royalty to be paid to Telangana during the last ten years, year-wise;

(c) whether any royalty is pending for payment to Telangana and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the time by which pending dues are going to be cleared?

Increase in Rates of Food in Trains

†1321. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways Board has increased the rates of tea and food along with special meals in trains, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the rate hike in Shatabdi/Rajdhani/Duronto and other Express trains and the profit likely to be earned by the Railways as a result of the said hike in prices?

Ongoing/Pending Rail Projects in Jharkhand

†1322. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of various ongoing/pending rail projects in Jharkhand;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects within the time frame fixed;

(c) the number of such rail projects in Jharkhand, the survey of which has been conducted and approval has been given but the work has not yet started;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for the completion of these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Traditional Handicraft

1323. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the development and promotion of traditional handicrafts industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formed any Schemes/programmes for the benefit of traditional handloom factories and their workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

FTA Agreement

1324. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the UK, EU, UAE and Australia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering extraordinary measures to safeguard the interest of local

traders/businesses like dairy sector during negotiations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of NG to BG Railway Line

1325. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken up conversion of Narrow Gauge (NG) to Broad Gauge (BG) railway line between Pulgaon-Arvi within Central Railway Zone in Maharashtra and if so, the progress of the said project;

(b) the details of allocation of funds for this project till now; and

(c) the time by which the aforesaid railway line is likely to be completed and the facilities that would accrue to the passengers?

Civil Services Examination Candidates

1326. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that almost 2/3rd of the candidates appearing for the personality test are not recommended and remain unemployed after undergoing all the stages of the Civil Services Examination;

(b) whether the Government is planning to introduce measures to provide alternate and commensurate opportunities to such candidates and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to take measures to make the Civil Services final score-cards acceptable for other Government recruitment processes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Absence of Proper Lighting at Stations

†1327. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that passengers face difficulties in identifying the station in darkness due to lack of proper lighting at railway stations located in rural areas;

(b) whether passengers also face difficulties due to the absence of an announcement system in the trains about the next station;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make arrangements for the advance announcement of name of the next station as well as written information in each coach through screening board on the lines of metro trains to address the said problem; and

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

Setting up of Nuclear Reactors in Jaitapur

1328. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal for installing six atomic reactors in Jaitapur from a French company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the provisions of Vienna Convention of Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (CNLD) is a binding contract for Jaitapur plant with the French company;

(d) if so, whether the Government is having any proposal to dilute the provisions of Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (CNLD) Act passed in 2010;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the ratifications of Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear damage will supersede the provisions of CNLD Act and if so, the details thereof?

Schemes to help Textile Industry

1329. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come up with any schemes to help the textile industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the beneficiary industries;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Special Economic Zones (SEZ) for textile manufacturers only;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electronic Manufacturing

1330. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is on the track to achieve the target of local electronic manufacturing of \$250-\$300 billion by 2026;

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

(c) if not, the details of the challenges being faced by the Government in achieving the target?

Railway Projects in West Bengal

1331. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new rail projects, sanctioned for West Bengal since 2014; zone and year-wise;

(b) the number of projects, out of the above, on which work is going on along with the amount spent thereon so far and the steps being taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects; project-wise; and

(c) the details of the operation of new trains announced during the last three years in West Bengal?

People Employed in Textile Industry

1332. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people employed in the Textile industry, State-wise;

(b) the details of the estimated employment to be generated through different schemes of the Government in future, State-wise; and

(c) the details of bottlenecks faced during the implementation of these schemes along with the measures taken to resolve them?

Easy Access to Finance

1333. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that easy access to finance at a reasonable interest rate and conducive compliance requirements will benefit the Steel industry;

(b) if so, the details of the steps that have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in mind that costs on logistics, fuel, electricity and financing are higher in India when compared to other steel economies;

(c) whether the Government is introducing remission of duties and taxes on exported products (RoDTEP) for steel exports that will create a level playing field against strong competitors from other countries; and

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

Textile Parks

1334. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Textile Parks in different States in the coming financial year;

(b) if so, whether the Government also proposes for establishment of a Textile Park for the World famous Sambalpuri Handloom in Bargarh, the hub-centre of production of Sambalpuri Sarees;

(c) if so, whether the Government is taking up the cause of Sambalpuri Handlooms with the stake holders for establishment of a World standard Textile Park in Bargarh for training, designing, promoting and marketing of Sambalpuri Handlooms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Collaborative Game Plan

1335. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed a collaborative strategy for the growth of the robust and sustainable steel industry in future;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware of the suspension of the countervailing duties (CVD) on imports of stainless steel flat products from China, and the repeal of CVD on imports of stainless steel flat products from Indonesia, has derailed the growth prospects of the Steel sector; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Chinese items through Other Countries

†1336. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that toys or other goods manufactured in China are being imported through other countries at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government believes that China is taking advantage of FTA signed with ASEAN countries and exporting its goods to India through ASEAN countries;

(d) if so, the details of the exports and imports of India with ASEAN countries during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for balance of payments with ASEAN countries including China?

Digital Village Scheme

1337. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had initiated the Digital Village Scheme in the year 2018;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features of the scheme along with the State-wise details of the villages benefited under the scheme;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized by the State of Maharashtra under the above said scheme till date, district-wise;

(d) the details of the number of villages and districts covered in the State of Maharashtra especially in Ramtek Nagpur district under the aforesaid scheme till now;

(e) the details of the targets set and achievements made under the abovesaid scheme; and

(f) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to add more villages under the scheme and if so, the time by which these villages are likely to be added?

Promoting Standard Gauge

1338. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote standard gauge in India and; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has deviated from broad gauge to standard gauge and; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has received any proposal from Kerala for standard gauge in K-Rail / Silver Line Project and; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has examined the feasibility of standard gauge on the basis of interconnectivity between the States and; if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce standard gauge in all the States and; if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has examined the K-Rail/Silver Line Project and; if so, the details thereof and decision taken thereon;

(g) whether the Government has recommended for foreign financial aid for K-Rail Project and ; if so, the details thereof; and

(h) whether the Railways has signed any agreement/ mutual understanding on handing over railway land/line to any State Government and; if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against the RVNL Officers

†1339. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints against the officers of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) regarding the diversion of railway funds to a private company Krishnapattanam Railway Company Limited (KRCL), incurring excess expenditure without receiving requisite payment from KRCL and other irregularities;

(b) if so, the details of outstanding amount (including interest) receivable by RVNL from KRCL and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether RVNL has given the contract to construct subways and bridges to M/S Navayuga Engineering Company Limited where the former CMD of RVNL has been working as CEO till June 2021 even after retirement; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the rules/guidelines regarding the above mentioned issue; and

(e) whether RVNL has followed the rules at the time of giving the said contract to Navayuga Engineering Company Limited; if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

†Laying New Railway Lines in Rajasthan

1340. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to lay new railway lines in the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether proposals of various States related to laying of new railway lines in the country are under consideration of the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to conduct the Gajsinghpur - Padampur - Beenjhayala - Goluwala - Hanumangarh - Rawatsar - Nohar railway line of Rajasthan which was announced in the year 1998; and

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

Universal Service Obligation Fund

1341. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) for improving the telecommunication in Ladakh during the last five financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the actual network radial limits and bandwidth speed of each of the mobile towers provided by the operators on ground in Ladakh through VSAT and fibre under USOF and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is according to the requirements fixed by the Government in the contract or not, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plans to upgrade 4G internet on the existing BSNL towers in Ladakh by utilising USOF, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government has any plans to sanction more mobile towers for the uncovered villages/ hamlets in Ladakh during the financial year 2022-2023; and

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

Promotion of Handicraft

†1342. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided to the weavers to promote handlooms and hand woven sarees and other items;

(b) whether any loan or other facilities have been provided to promote handicrafts by the Government in the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has made any provision of special discount on cotton yarn and other items for domestic handlooms and if so, the details thereof?

Revenue Generation by Railways

1343. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue generated/loss incurred by the Railways during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the Railways has assessed the key areas incurring losses and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been fixed by the Railways to increase its revenue and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to formulate various business models, including the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, to meet revenue gap and if so, the details thereof?

Water Logging in Underpasses in Akbarpur

† 1344. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the traffic disruption on the underpasses in Kanpur and Nagar and Kanpur Dehat district under Akbarpur (Uttar Pradesh) due to the water logging in these underpasses caused by the faulty construction of the implementing agencies hired by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DFCCIL has taken any disciplinary action against the said agencies; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken to check the water logging issue in the said underpasses as on date?

Public Research Institutions

1345. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to increase the number of Public Research Institutions;

(b) whether the Government funding for research is comparatively low at 0.9% of GDP, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to encourage research in private sector; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans to set up new research centres like Raman Research Institute, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Kumarbagh Steel Plant

† 1346. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Kumarbagh steel plant under West Champaran district in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated by the Government to increase the production capacity of abovesaid steel plant in 2021-22; and

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

Manufacturing Units

† 1347. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the manufacturing units under Railways in the country along with the goods manufactured by them;

(b) the details of financial performance of these units;

(c) the total amount of funds invested in each of the said manufacturing units as on date; and

(d) the amount of average annual profit earned by each of the said units during the last three years?

Ration Distribution in Telangana

1348. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of BPL families being supplied ration by the Union Government in Telangana;

(b) the total quantity of ration being supplied by the Government in Telangana;

(c) the month-wise quantity of various ration items supplied to ration card holders in Telangana from 1st March 2020 to 1st January 2022;

(d) whether the Government is aware that rice being supplied to BPL families in Telangana is of very poor quality and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to improve the quality of rice being supplied to BPL families in Telangana under the food distribution scheme; and

(f) the other items of ration other than rice being supplied to BPL families under the food distribution scheme in Telangana?

India Post Payments Bank in NER

1349. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of present functioning of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) under the Department of Posts in North Eastern Region (NER) particularly in Tripura;

(b) the details of the facilities currently being offered by the IPPB to the account holders;

(c) whether the IPPB holder can hold a maximum balance of Rs. 1 lakh per customer and can issue ATM/ Debit Cards, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has generated employment in the NER by setting up of IPPB, if so, the details thereof during the last financial year?

Digitising Supply System

1350. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to digitize the entire food supply system and their stock and computerize all the Fair Price Shops for distribution of rations to the public to avoid any kind of deliberate and intentional malpractice in such distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is being carried out on State-to-State basis or randomly picking up the project of digitization and computerization; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the Government plans to digitize and computerize the entire FDS and FPSs in the State of Odisha?

Dedicated Freight Villages

1351. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar is a part of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor(EDFC);

(b) if so, the total length of the freight corridor line that has been approved for the State along with the details of the quantum of funds sanctioned for the same;

(c) whether the Government also plans to set up dedicated freight villages in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to develop Bihar as a transport and logistics hub?

Self Reliance in Space Sector

1352. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to work towards making India self-reliant and a global leader in the space arena;

(b) the details of the number of research papers published by the Indian Space Scientist using the data collected from the Hubble Space Telescope;

(c) whether ISRO has any plans or is working to develop an Indian Space Telescope; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Seismograph in Alirajpur

† 1353. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a seismometer in Alirajpur district to measure the intensity of earthquake tremors being felt in 100 villages located on the bank of Narmada river in the district;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up;

(c) whether many houses have got damaged due to constant earthquake tremors reported in this area;

(d) if so, whether the Government is likely to provide compensation for damages caused to houses after making due evaluation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Semi High-Speed Rail Project

1354. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI ayog has scrutinized the project report or proposal concerning Semi High-Speed Rail project, Silver Line, between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasaragod in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Niti Ayog has granted concurrence to the project or expressed opinion about multilateral loans/bilateral funding or budgetary support of the Government to the project or extension of multilateral/bilateral debt for funding any cost overrun under the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Import of Steel

† 1355. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantity of domestic production and import of steel in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether domestic manufacturers have been adversely affected by the import of steel during this period;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the domestic steel industry and to promote the domestic steel production in the country along with the achievements made in this regard?

5G Technology

1356. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the report of the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that 5G technology could interfere with instruments that facilitate flying of airplanes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which the 5G spectrum auctions slated to be conducted in India;

(c) whether the Government has studied the potential risks to flight safety likely to be caused by the rollout of 5G services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the spectrum to be allocated for 5G services coincide with the altimeter spectrum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken to prevent safety issues?

Indian Apparel Exports

1357. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Duty disadvantage faced by Indian apparel Exporters to European Union, *vis-a-vis* Exporters from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Turkey and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the percentage of Duty disadvantage with above-mentioned countries;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to remove the Duty disadvantage faced by the Indian Apparel Exporters to European Union; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Singareni Coal Mines

1358. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of the total number of workers who died in Singareni Coal mines during each of the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the amount of money spent during the last ten years for safety equipment in the mines, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the investment made by the Government in the transportation of coal during the last ten years, year-wise?

Survey of New Railway Line Project

† 1359. SHRI PRINCE RAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for new railway line project of Karpurigram-Tajpur-Mahua-Bhagvanpur has been completed by the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government is likely to make provision for the said project in 2022-23 budget;

(c) if not, the time by which the Government is likely to start the said project;

(d) whether it is likely to provide ease of travelling of lakhs of people of Samastipur and Vaishali districts after the said line becomes operational;

(e) whether the said project is likely to reduce the distance between Patna and Samastipur including Mithilanchal by at least 100 km; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

FTAs with Major Export Destinations1360. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country needs to actively pursue Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with major export destinations like the European Union and the United States to push apparel shipments amid increasing competition from Bangladesh and Cambodia that enjoy tariff concessions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard along with the results yielded till date;

(c) whether India has traditionally enjoyed a comparative advantage in the textile sector, including

apparels, and these constitute a major chunk of export basket and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether over the past few years, near stagnation in textile exports, particularly in apparel exports, has been witnessed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Increase in Fare of Trains

1361. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of yearly increase in the fare of various Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains during the last five years, year-wise ;

(b) whether Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express on certain days cost equal to a flight ticket to the same destination and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether instead of making railways a cheaper mode of transportation as compared to airlines, the Government is planning to make it expensive and gradually reach a situation where passengers shift to air travel and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce the fare of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express train ticket?

Vigyan Jyoti Scheme

† 1362. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educational institutes being covered under Vigyan Jyoti Scheme in the rural areas;

(b) the State-wise details of tribal girls benefited under the said scheme;

(c) whether the Government proposes to expand 'Vigyan Jyoti Gyan Kendras' to cover other Government schools thereunder; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

5G Network

† 1363. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate infrastructure to operate the 5G network in view of the recent claims made by the Mobile Service Operators and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of infrastructure developed in Delhi, Rajasthan and Haryana in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend this facility to the Government run companies; and

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

New Train Between Delhi and Kerala

1364. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to introduce superfast Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the new superfast trains likely to be introduced between Delhi and major cities of Kerala and Karnataka?

Revival of Spinning Mills

† 1365. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to revive the Monaima and Meja spinning mills in Prayagraj that Mau Aima have remained closed since many years;

(b) if so, the time by which there are likely to be revived;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether such mills are likely to be included in the schemes that are being run for the welfare of weavers in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the time by which these are likely to be included; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Surge Pricing for Premium Services

1366. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has introduced surge pricing on some of its premium high speed train services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the experience gained since introduction of this pricing mechanism;

(c) whether this price mechanism would divert traffic from Railways to Airways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inequality Database

1367. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the world inequality database, the share of the top 10% in India's national income was about 56% and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)- National Indicator Framework, Progress Report 2019 and 2020 continue to rely on NSSO data from 2011 and 2012 and National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 data from 2015-16 for several indicators of wealth inequality on SDG 10;

(c) if so, when this data is likely to be updated and made available;

(d) whether the Government plans to regularly compile evidence on wealth and income in India; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amenities at Railway Stations

1368. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI ANNASHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modernise and enhance amenities at various railway stations in Karnataka, including KSR Bengaluru, Koppal, Baiyappanahalli, Yeshwantpur, Shimogga, Gulbarga, Mysuru, Belagavi, Ghataprabha, Kudachi and Shedbal railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the allocations, if any, made by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from the Government of Karnataka in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has developed any model station and is considering replicating the same model across other railway stations and if so, the details thereof along with the basic amenities included in the said model and the action taken in this regard?

Vacant Posts

1369. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:
MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in Railways as on date, the number of posts filled by the Government during the last three years and the number of jobs going to be created in the next one year by the Railways, Group and Post-wise;

(b) whether trained and experienced railway apprentices, who have completed their course prior to April 2017, are qualified for railway jobs as per Railway Rules; and

(c) if so, the proposal of the Government to absorb the trained certified railway apprentices in order to fill the existing vacancies?

Post Offices in Attingal

1370. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many Post Offices in Attingal Parliamentary constituency in Kerala are functioning in rented buildings since long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Post Offices having own land and are still working in rented buildings;

(d) whether the Government has received representation for constructing departmental buildings for these Post Offices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereto?

Facilities to Coal Mine Workers

1371. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
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PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
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SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of coal mine workers working in different State owned coal mines across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the number of facilities including safety facilities being provided to these workers across the country;

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

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints at present in some of the States in connection with violation of safety guidelines in their mines and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

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

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve their condition?

Distribution of Foodgrains

1372. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to focus on integrating end to end tech solutions right from procurement to delivery to achieve operational efficiency and leakage free, distribution of foodgrains;

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

(c) the details of wheat and paddy annually procured and distributed across the country during each of the last three years, State-wise, particularly in Odisha and Maharashtra;

(d) whether there has been a shortage of storage capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and huge quantity of wheat and paddy are getting damaged;

(e) if so, the extent to which integrated end to end tech solutions right from procurement to delivery is likely to help in reducing such damages; and

(f) the time by which the said system is likely to be operational in FCI?

Removal of ICF Bogies

† 1373. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the types of bogies that are currently being used in trains;

(b) whether the process to remove Integrated Coach Factory (ICF) bogies in trains has started;

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

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed to remove the said bogies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Conserving Marine Resources

1374. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is an urgent need to preserve and conserve marine resources in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to involve/engage local communities to preserve and conserve marine resources;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made financial provision for conservation of marine life; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Electronics Manufacturing

1375. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that global shortages and other supply constraints have severely hit hard the domestic electronics productions/manufacturing industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the remedial steps taken by the Government to boost electronics products manufacturing in the country, especially in the State of Maharashtra?

Engineering Clusters

† 1376. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up engineering clusters in the country under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; district-wise including Bihar;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned/allocated/ released and utilised so far for the said clusters; and

(d) the details of the progress made till now in this regard?

Surge in Plastic Waste

1377. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken serious cognizance of the surge in plastic waste in seas as a fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to mitigate this issue;

(c) whether the Government is conducting any research for development of effective techniques to manage marine plastic pollution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PM Mitra Scheme

1378. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the PM Mitra Scheme in States and UTs particularly in Tamil Nadu, in the current year; and

(b) the FDI expected from seven PM Mitra Parks which Government has proposed under PM Mitra?

Survey to connect Mangaldoi by rail

†1379. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to connect Mangaldoi constituency by rail network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kaptanganj-Thawe-Chhapra Railway Line

1380. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has undertaken the Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra, Siwan-Thawe-TBR, Thawe-Kaptanganj-SL-TFR excluding ERC and Siwan-Thawe-TFR rail line projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for delay, present status, money spent and time frame decided for completing these lines;

(c) the details of improvement of Thawe-Kaptanganj rail line;

(d) whether the Government has been working on Kaptanganj-Thawe-Chhapra Optic Fibre Cable Communication system of 200 km and Siwan-Thawe, Chhapra-Ahrnihar and Bhatni-Varanasi city-block proving with axle counters-48 block section and provision of 20-bedded RPF barracks, ticket checking officers rest room at Thawe and re-opening of Reservation Counter;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

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