

LOK SABHA

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

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

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Eligibility Criteria for the Post of Messenger

4141. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently 3700 Ph.D holders have applied for a messenger's post in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the minimum eligibility criteria laid down for the said post; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the vacancies in various Government Departments in a time-bound manner?

Corporal Punishment in Schools

4142. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases reported relating to corporal punishment in schools resulting in serious and grievous injuries and mental trauma resulting in suicides; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in relation to each serious case?

Free Medical Facilities in Tribal Areas

†4143. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided free medical facilities in tribal areas through mobile diagnostic units in the country under the Tribal Sub-Plan in Schedule-V areas; and

(b) if so, the details of facilities/services provided in Rajasthan?

Admission in M.Phil Course

4144. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional list/second list of written examination was declared for specific candidates for admission in M.Phil/Ph.D in Department of Education in University of Delhi in July 2016;

(b) whether some general category students who had appeared in the interview were denied admission as a consequences of that and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against persons involved in this; and

(d) whether the general category students whose names appeared in the first list and had appeared in the interview and were denied admission due to second list would be reconsidered for admission and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Entrepreneurs

4145. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the entrepreneurs opening and using new technology in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the maximum amount available per project

and the criteria fixed to avail the said incentive scheme; and

(c) the details of the entrepreneurs benefited from the scheme and total amount paid to them along with the year since when the scheme has been in force?

Private Industrial Parks

†4146. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give priority to setting up of private industrial parks to remove the problem of unemployment and development of industrial infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of investment of the gross domestic product in research and development activities to maintain the high growth rate in future; and

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

Agriculture Export Zones

†4147. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect the special agriculture export zones with various ports and airports in the country;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard till date; and

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

Forest Produce

4148. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fund earmarked for spending on marketing of agricultural produce or forest produce made by Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the amount of such fund utilised since 2014;

(c) whether the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) has started lending to individual;

(d) if so, the details of the beneficiaries under this scheme; and

(e) the number of such beneficiaries who are currently in employment?

Island Tourism

4149. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for development of island tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified any potential island tourism destinations in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to study the feasibility of development of island tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Employment Growth

4150. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in GDP growth *vis-à-vis* growth in employment in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is a perceptible increase in productivity of enterprises during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no proportional increase in employment to commensurate with productivity in the last three-four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of employment opportunities created/provided in the last four years, Year/State/Scheme-wise?

Cruise Tourism

†4151. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for cruise tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details and the names of the places having potential for cruise tourism and the manner in which these are likely to be developed;

(d) the extant status of cruise tourism in the country; and

(e) the quantum of employment likely to be generated by the implementation of cruise tourism action plan?

Conservation of Manuscripts of Leaders

4152. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) has catalogued and preserved manuscripts of leaders such as Syama Prasad Mookherjee, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and Keshav Baliram Hedgewar;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of collections, archival documents, files and metadata acquired and prepared by the NMML;

(c) whether NMML recently acquired manuscripts relating to the lives of Syama Prasad Mookherjee, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and Keshav Baliram Hedgewar during each of the last five years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of digitization including number of pages digitized pertaining to the manuscripts of Syama Prasad Mookherjee,

Vinayaka Damodar Savarkar and Keshav Baliram Hedgewar?

Training Centres

†4153. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) especially loss making units have been engaged to impart training to the youths in their training centres under the Kaushal Bharat Abhiyan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of youth in the country likely to be trained under this scheme;

(d) whether any target has been set in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve those targets?

Global Ranking of Universities

†4154. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the global ranking of the country among international universities during the

last three years and the current financial year;

(b) whether any organization determines the global ranking of university and if so, the modality of functioning thereof; and

(c) the norms for awarding/ranking in this regard?

Asia Ranking of Universities

4155. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian educational institutions doubled their presence in the latest edition of the QS Asia Rankings, but none made it to top twenty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has the third largest number of Universities and Institutes after mainland China and Japan in the Asia Rankings and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are 40 new Indian institutions taking the total number to 75; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Maharajganj

†4156. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up of

Kendriya Vidyalaya in District
Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon, so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give its approval for setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya in the said place;

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be opened; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Prices of Orthodox Tea

4157. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export ban to Iran has added to the woes this year when the industry could not export the orthodox variety of tea to the Gulf nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this has brought down the prices of orthodox tea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of ROs

4158. DR. ANBUMANI
RAMADOSS:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to double its petroleum Retail Outlets (ROs) from 63674 pumps to 130000 pumps and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said move is not against the United Nations framework on climate change/Paris Agreement and the commitments made by the country to reduce the emission of green house gases by reducing the usage of fossil fuels and in achieving renewable energy target by 2020 and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has through its National Auto Fuel Policy and Auto Fuel Vision and Policy 2025 announced/proposes to announce the closure of petrol pumps in the country replacing them with alternative fuels by 2025 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted a study about requirement of ROs in the country and if so, the details thereof along with any proposal to open ROs across the country following the study report, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government would agree that allotment of Retail Outlets surround allegations of corruption and nepotism by oil companies and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to ensure/introduce a transparent allocation process?

Maintenance of Places of Cultural Importance

†4159. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any plan for the maintenance of the places of cultural importance in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the places identified as places of cultural importance in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(d) whether these places are in dilapidated condition due to lack of proper maintenance and development;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Setting up of Trade Fair Complexes

4160. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new trade fair complexes in various States of the country particularly in North Eastern States including Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposed complexes are likely to be set up by the Government?

PMRPY

4161. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government targeted 10 million jobs by March 2019 under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of jobs provided under this scheme so far, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the said target within the stipulated time?

Sedimentary Basins

4162. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of sedimentary basins of oil still remaining under-explored in the country; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase exploration activity in these basins?

Bank Accounts of Tanker Drivers

4163. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked oil marketing companies to furnish exhaustible personal details including Aadhaar linked bank accounts of drivers of tankers contracted by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said move is aimed to improve their prospects in the job market through certification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Merger of Commodity Boards

4164. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning merger of the Commodity Boards into a single entity in order to improve production and exports of plantation crops and if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives of these Boards to enhance the quality and boost exports of plantation crops;

(b) whether exports of Coffee, Tea, Spices, Tobacco have recorded positive growth during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of grants received by these Boards for implementation of Schemes in the respective sectors during the last three years;

(d) whether there is any proposal for creating Cashew Board and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has approved to extend 7th CPC benefits to Pensioners of Coffee Board and other Commodity Boards *w.e.f.* 1/1/2016, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Discussion at AIEC

4165. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the discussions that took place at the 4th Australia India Education Council (AIEC) Meeting from 28th June-3rd July, 2018;

(b) the details of the MoUs that were signed between top educational institutions of the two countries;

(c) whether Australian providers are well-positioned to help India meet its education priorities, especially in terms of increasing research capacity of Indian institutions and research collaboration with industry;

(d) whether there are any specialist collaborative research institutes in India around key challenges facing both the countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there remains issues on mutual recognition of qualifications in India and Australia and if so, whether there has been any discussion between the two countries to resolve those and if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of Private Placement Agencies

4166. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various laws/guidelines enacted/laid down to regulate the functioning of private placement agencies in the country;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the States for regulation of private placement agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the extent of compliance reported by the States in this regard along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure strict compliance of the said laws/guidelines by the States;

(d) whether the Government has evaluated the effectiveness of these laws/guidelines in regulating/monitoring the activities for the private placement agencies;

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

(f) whether the Government proposes to review the existing laws/guidelines to check exploitation by the placement agencies effectively and if so, the details thereof?

Seats in M.Tech. Programme

4167. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof with locations selected;

(c) the criteria followed for selection;

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

(e) if so, the details thereof?

New Tourism Policy

4168. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revise the existing guidelines and is also on the process of finalizing a new National Tourism Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the New National Tourism policy is likely to be framed?

Job Fairs

4169. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry organizes job fairs in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the places/States wherein the job fairs have been held so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government plans to hold job fair in Karnataka; and

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

Chloride Corrosion of Idols

4170. DR. K. GOPAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the ASI team found that a significant percentage of the 1,100 idols screened so far in the Tiruvarur icon centre in Tamil Nadu, which housed at least 4,380 antiques, suffer from bronze cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the chloride corrosion of idols is incurable and sometimes contagious; and

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

Merger of Oil Companies

4171. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State-run oil and gas entities have not been able to compete with international and domestic private oil and gas majors;

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

(c) whether the Government plans to merge State-run oil and gas entities to create an integrated firm having the strength to compete with international and domestic private oil and gas majors and if so, the details and facts thereof;

(d) whether some State-run oil and gas entities prefer to remain separate even in case of merger and if so, the details of such companies along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether GAIL had said that their business model is distinct from others and it may remain a separate vertical even in case of a merger and if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Tribal in Gujarat

4172. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government for various development works related to Tribal Welfare during the last three years from the State Government of Gujarat and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for the proposals which are still pending;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Availing of Services by Non-Insured Person from ESIC Hospitals

4173. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/ Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has decided to allow non-IPs (Non-Insured Persons) to avail medical services from ESIC hospitals;

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

(c) the terms and conditions laid down for providing such services to the non-insured persons;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the acute shortage of specialist/super specialist doctors, Paramedical & Nursing cadre and various other categories in ESIC hospitals across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies in a time bound manner?

Establishment of NMDPC

4174. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up a National Medical Devices Promotion Council (NMDPC) to promote the manufacturing and export of medical devices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the NMDPC?

Number of IoE

4175. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Empowered Committee (EEC) has recommended to increase the number of Institutes of Eminence (IoE) to 30;

(b) if so, the new institutes that would be added to the existing list; and

(c) the criteria used to identify institutes of eminence at present?

Transport Subsidy Scheme

†4176. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides subsidy to different States under the Transport Subsidy Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise amount of money released to different States and the amount utilized by them under the scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide inland transport grant to the States which are not having any sea port particularly to Chhattisgarh keeping in view that the industrial activities in such States do not become competitive due to this reason; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Memorial on Morarji Desai

4177. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Ministry of Culture to pay Rs. 1 crore as compensation, which is being demanded by Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmedabad persistently towards land cost for acquiring Samadhi land- Abhay Ghat for building suitable memorial in the name of Ex-PM Late Shri Morarji Desai and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by the Government to acquire the Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust land, on which Abhay Ghat in the memory of Late Shri Morarji Desai has been constructed;

(c) whether the Government has paid the amount to Gaushala Trust for the cost of land on which the Abhay Ghat memorial has been built; and

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

Performance of RINL

4178. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team visited the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) to look into the modalities of listing of RINL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for RINL incurring losses during the last four years;

(d) the extent to which not providing captive mines to RINL is contributing to its losses; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to improve the profitability of RINL?

Assistance for New Industries

†4179. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial and non-financial assistance provided by the Ministry to the industrial institutions for establishing new industries in the Ranchi District of Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) the number of industrial institutions in the Ranchi District of Jharkhand which have been benefitted by it during the last two years; and

(c) the details of production of these industrial institutions during the last two years?

ONGC Overseas Investment

4180. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC is considering to list its overseas investment arm ONGC Videsh Limited on bourses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ONGC has received a demand from the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Apprenticeship Scheme for New Sector

4181. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under the apprenticeship scheme in the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of students who have been trained under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there has been a change in guidelines to open this scheme for new sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has sought support from stakeholders in the industry to impart apprenticeship under the scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry has entered any formal collaboration with an industrial partner for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether it is mandatory to hire each apprentice as an employee under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Steel for Railways Track

4182. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has expressed its inability to supply & meet the increasing demand of steel for renewal and doubling & tripling of the existing tracks by Indian Railways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether SAIL proposes to enhance the manufacturing capabilities by establishing new plants to cope up with increasing demand of railway/requirements of steel thereby giving opportunities for the unemployed hands and strengthen the Make in India campaign further with saving of the costs on imported steel requirement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Urdu Language

†4183. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that diploma awarded by the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language in the disciplines of Computer Application, Business Accounting and Multilingual DTP respectively are valid in a Government job and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to recognize these diplomas awarded to students for Government jobs;

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

(d) if not, the reasons for not recognizing these diploma certificates at par with O-level in order to secure the future of children?

Area Frame Survey

4184. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to undertake Area Frame Survey across all States/UTs by covering enterprises employing less than 10 workers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has asked the Labour Bureau to conduct a survey to estimate/ascertain the employment generated under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(c) whether the Government has ordered an enquiry to find out the causes of the recent fire accident in the Mumbai ESIC hospital and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has received report of the said inquiry and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Award for Secondary Steel Players

4185. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a prestigious award like Khel Ratna for secondary steel players to promote innovation in the sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the award will be given to the player for research and development work and patent development for steel output and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government intends to bring domestic secondary players at par with the primary steel players and if so, the details thereof?

HPCL Biofuels Plant

4186. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether HPCL through its subsidiary HPCL Biofuels Ltd. (HBL) operates plant at Sugauli and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said plant owes a huge amount as arrears to their customers and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to get the due amount paid to the customers;

(c) the details of production of sugar, ethanol and power along with the profits made by HBL during the last three years;

(d) whether malpractices like nepotism, black-marketing have been reported in issuance of challans by the plant and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the HBL has done any activities under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the development of area and its people and if so, the details thereof along with the projects/works done including the funds spent in this regard so far; and

(f) whether the plant is reportedly emitting huge quantity of smoke thereby causing pollution and posing public health hazard and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken by the Government thereon and the steps taken to review the functioning of the said plant?

Quality of Public Libraries

4187. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would consider the possibility of developing partnerships between major Indian public libraries and other public libraries across

the world through digital connections to increase the number of books available digitally;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals are underway to improve the quality of public libraries in the country; and

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

Foreign Universities

4188. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doctoral degree holders from the top five hundred foreign universities are now eligible for direct recruitment as assistant professor in Indian universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this would help students learn from global talent in India itself; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Programme in Memory of Sant Kabir

†4189. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out any action-plan for

development of cultural centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Government for development of such centres, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(d) whether the Government proposes to release grant in aid to State Governments to organise three day programme in memory of Sant Kabir; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Incredible India 2.0 Campaign

4190. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA: SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's spiritual and wellness traditions will form the highlights of Incredible India 2.0 Campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Incredible India 2.0 Campaign will focus on developing at least 10 cities where it will promote their spirituality quotient and also develop their medical and wellness potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quota for Disabled Persons

4191. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 fixed a minimum 3 per cent quota for disabled in top Universities and Institutions of higher education like Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) etc.;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 32 of India top Universities and Institutions have failed to accommodate disabled students and have only 1614 disabled out of their population of 3.33 lakh;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has issued any directions to all the Universities and Higher educational institutions to fill up the quota of disabled students;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to amend 1995 Act to relax norms to enable such students to get admissions in these institutions; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Norms for Employment of Contract Labour

4192. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the legal provisions/norms governing employment of contract labour in Central Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

(b) whether the cases of poor working condition and non-compliance of labour laws/norms for contract workers in various Central Government Departments/PSUs have come to the notice of the Government in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes amendments to the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act/Rules to bring parity between the contractual and permanent labours based on the premise of equal benefits for similar jobs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Performance of Steel PSUs

4193. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial performance of some of the public sector steel companies has not improved in the last few years and some of them are facing stiff competition from global players and also the threat of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of production, sales, exports, profits, etc. of the public sector steel companies during the last three years, company-wise;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to improve the performance and profits of PSUs steel companies; and

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

Allocation of Funds

4194. DR. P.K. BIJU:
SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of funds during the 12th Five Year Plan for the overall development of the people of Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) the details of funds have been earmarked for the development of Scheduled Tribes in Kerala; and

(c) the details of the schemes during the last four years that have been implemented till 31st October, 2018 for the development of the Scheduled Tribes in that State?

Quantitative Restrictions on Import of Pulses

4195. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Quantitative Restrictions (QRs) of 100,000 tonnes of peas initially imposed for a period of three months till June 30, 2018 had been extended twice, first till September 30, 2018 and subsequently till December 31, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is facing increased heat at WTO for continuing with its QRs on import of certain pulses to check falling prices in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken by the Government to counter such objections at the WTO; and

(d) whether such objections are likely to scuttle Government initiatives to support domestic production and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant Posts in Libraries

4196. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts in libraries under the administrative control of the Ministry are lying vacant and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill vacant posts in a time bound manner;

(b) whether there is an urgent need for formulating a National Library Policy for coordinated development of the libraries

in the country and if so, the details thereof and the other measures being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether due to shortage of funds and resources, these libraries are in a state of despair and if so, the details thereof along with Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of these libraries and if so, the details and the findings thereof?

Export of Fertilizers

4197. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of clandestine export of fertilizers to neighbouring countries;

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

(c) the mechanism being devised by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jharkhand

†4198. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to establish one more Kendriya

Vidyalaya in Latehar district of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any rules for running the Kendriya Vidyalayas in two shifts;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to run Kendriya Vidyalaya in Chatra district of Jharkhand in two shifts; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be started and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vision of Ministry of Tourism

4199. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Ministry of Tourism has envisaged vision for making India as one of the top ten tourism countries in the world in terms of tourist arrival and tourist receipts; and

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

Housing Facility to Beedi Workers

†4200. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide housing facility to the beedi workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three

years and the current year along with the number of beedi workers benefited there from, State/UT-wise?

Cost-sharing by Steel Companies

4201. SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the cost-sharing ratio between JP Cements Bokaro and Bhilai units during each of the last five years;

(b) the profit and loss statement of Bokaro and Bhilai Plants during the said period, year-wise; and

(c) the cost verses profit sharing basis between SAIL and Private Companies including JSW, JSW Ispat, Jindal Steel Power and Monnet Ispat and Energy?

Revised Per Child Cost under Right to Education

4202. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current per child cost education for under Section 12.1 (c) of the Right to Education Act in each State/UT;

(b) the time since when the Per Child Cost was devised for each State/UT;

(c) the procedure followed for its calculation and details of committees set up to revise the Per Child Cost;

(d) whether the per child cost revised for each State/UT frequently; and

(e) if so, the modalities devised by State/UT to calculate per child cost in case of tuition, uniform and book fee respectively?

Vacancies in ITIs

4203. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated number of students getting training in ITIs and the existing vacancies in various categories along with the plan to fill up the vacancies, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any fresh plan to upgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country and if so, the details thereof including integration of ITIs with Skill Development Programme; and

(c) the details of the amount spent on improvement of ITIs in the country during each of the last three years, UT/State-wise including Gujarat?

Exports from Labour Intensive Sectors

4204. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of exports from the labour-intensive sectors during each of the last three years, Sector-wise;

(b) the percentage of total export of India from the labour-intensive sectors during the said period;

(c) whether the exports from the labour intensive sectors have declined during the period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard, sector-wise;

(e) whether the Government has formulated any schemes to promote the exports from the labour intensive sectors and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to include agricultural products/produce under the said scheme?

Demand and Supply of Natural Gas

4205. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of natural gas in the country along with the quantum of gas and crude oil imported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the steps taken to find out new destination to import natural gas/ Re-gasification LNG and crude oil, country-wise including United States of America, Qatar and other Middle East countries;

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to reduce price of domestically produced natural gas/Re-gasification and imported LNG supply to all fertilizers/power units at uniform/pooled price rates across the country;

(d) whether the Government has fixed priority in allocation of gas including gas produced from D-6 and prices of gas to various sectors of economy particularly power/fertilizer and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME);

(e) if so, the details of gas produced by public/private sector companies including D-6 oil blocks and allocated to various priority/non-priority sectors along with its prices offered by the Government, sector/oilfield/State/UT-wise including southern States;

(f) the details of capacity/requirement of gas-based power generating stations, fertilizer plants and SME in the country and quantum of natural gas/RLNG available and supplied to power/fertilizer and SME sectors in various States along with the steps taken by the Government to adopt flexible approach in allocation of gas to power/fertilizers/SME sector as per their requirement, Sector/State/UT-wise; and

(g) whether the gas based SME/power/fertilizers industries are badly affected and are on the verge of closure due to short supply of gas in various States and if so, the details thereof along with any request from Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh for

ensuring sufficient supply of natural gas to the said sectors and follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard, State/ UT-wise?

Industrial Development Centres

†4206. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Development Centres (IDC) opened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds provided by the Government to these IDCs in the country during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the details of said centres likely to be opened in future?

Benefit of Welfare Schemes to Workers in Unorganised Sector

4207. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the unorganised workers particularly in hotel, private security and others are not getting any benefits of various Government welfare schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representation to bring such workers under the ambit of unorganised sector to make them eligible for the said benefits, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the workers of the unorganised sector are also reportedly not getting social security cover under Workers Compensation Act 1923, Employee State Insurance Act 1948, Maternity Benefit Act 1961, Gratuity Act 1972 and Employee Provident Fund Act 1952 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is making any arrangement to provide social security to the workers of unorganised sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Comparative Price of Petrol and Diesel

4208. SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether petrol and diesel prices in the country are costlier than Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken to bring down the price of petrol and diesel in the country?

Research and Higher Research and Higher Studies

4209. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote research and higher studies in social sciences;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of grants and funds released for advancement of the same?

SANKALP Scheme

4210. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Institutes set up in Tamil Nadu to Train the Trainers under the SANKALP scheme;

(b) the details of implementation of SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood promotion) scheme in the country State/ UT-wise since launch of the scheme; and

(c) the feedback on SANKALP scheme with reference to achievements of objectives?

Import Duty on Natural Rubber

†4211. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an upward trend has been noticed in the consumption of rubber especially due to increased demand from automobile sector recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether tyre manufacturing industry has requested the Government to reduce the import duty on natural rubber;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government to increase the production of natural and artificial rubber?

Infrastructure Education and Loan

†4212. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes related to infrastructure education and loans the benefit of which is being provided to Madhya Pradesh by the Government; and

(b) the details thereof especially for the last one year, District-wise?

Vacancy in Universities

4213. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts are lying vacant in the Universities of North-East and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which these vacant posts are likely to be filled up; and

(c) the number of teachers/employees working on temporary basis in these Universities?

Establishment of HECI

4214. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that establishment of Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) for higher education will ensure that HECI focuses single-mindedly on academics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether HECI would have the power to act against institutions in case of violation of norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it brings in provisions to 'mentor' deficient institutes rather than order closure is also a new approach to upping quality; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Funds Allocated for Keezhadi Excavation

4215. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allotted for the Keezhadi Excavation during each of the last three years along with the detailed information relating to results of Carbon Dating; and

(b) the further steps proposed to be taken by the Government in connection with the Keezhadi Excavation?

Foreign Institutions

4216. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down a clear path for the entry of foreign institutions into the country with various courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any effective framework to monitor the quality and performance of such international institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is of the opinion that, as India has a large young population, foreign institutions will have an incentive to enter the country and expecting benefit from the expertise and reputation of these institutions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Yatri Niwas

4217. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri-Niwas set up, especially in the backward and rural areas of the country as on date, location-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct Yatri-Niwas in various States during the current fiscal year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has revived the scheme for providing central financial assistance for construction of Yatri-Niwas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

CGF for Start-ups

4218. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER

REDDY:

SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up a Credit Guarantee Fund for encouraging start-up companies with a view to providing funding facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of companies which availed of the scheme so far; and

(c) the details of the incentives being provided to the start-up companies to overcome their initial hurdles?

Funds Sanctioned for Culture Development in Andhra Pradesh

4219. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR

REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes of culture being organized in each District in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Anantapur district during the last five years along with the funds sanctioned/spent so far in Telangana; and

(b) the future action plan for such cultural programmes in Andhra Pradesh?

Increase in MSP of Forest Items

4220. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government was contemplating on increasing the MSP for Forest items which is highly beneficial to the States in which elections are held in November, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had taken prior permission of the Election Commission (EC) to announce these benefits in poll-bound States where election code was already in force;

(c) the response of the EC to this matter;

(d) the reasons for this hurried announcement; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to increase the number of products under the scheme from 24 to 50 and if so, the details thereof?

India Venture Capital Summit

4221. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has hosted the annual start-up India Venture Capital Summit in Goa recently;

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

(c) the number of participants who have participated in the summit including international start-ups and global fund manager;

(d) the number of start-ups recognized by the DIPP during the current year *i.e.* 2018; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make India as most preferred start-up destination in the world?

Social Security and Facilities for Industrial Workers

4222. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labourers working in different industrial units in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of number of skilled and semi-skilled labourers out of the above and the kind of trade they are working in;

(c) whether the provision for housing, education of children, medical facility, drinking water and toilets are made by industries for the above labourers; and

(d) if so, the details of the industries which have provided the above facilities and the number of labourers benefitted there from, State/UT-wise?

Import and Sale of Sub-standard Goods

†4223. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of sub-standard goods and their sale have come to the notice of the Government in Indian market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to stop import and sale of such goods?

New Petrol Pumps

4224. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received request to open new petrol pumps on Eastern Express Highway (EEH), Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Maharashtra Government has reserved seven plots on EEH for petrol pumps and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with DIPP, Maharashtra Government, BMC and a private company to release these lands for petrol pumps;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the responses from them;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which these petrol pumps are likely to be installed in these plots?

Impact of NGT Decisions on Tourism Industry

4225. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to encourage tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise data of Tourists inflow of domestic/religious/foreign tourists during 2015 to 2018;

(c) whether the Government has any specific plan to encourage tourism in hilly areas especially in Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is true that due to certain directions/decisions by National Green Tribunal (NGT) the tourism industry especially in hilly areas has been effected; and

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

Post of Director

4226. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that senior corporate executives applying for the post of Director at an Indian Institute of Management should have a Ph.D degree;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether teaching experience and full professorship for people with 15 years of industry experience at higher level is not mandatory to have Ph.D; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Formulation of a New Labour Code

4227. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to formulate a new Labour Code by repealing the entire statute of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to alter or efface the comprehensive, much-acclaimed Constitution-Bench definition of "industry" in section 2(j) of the Industrial Disputes Act and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to abolish the system of referral of individual disputes to the conciliation officers and Boards of conciliation of Labour Courts or Industrial Tribunals and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to give primacy to the resolution of individual and industrial disputes through arbitration and if so, the details thereof?

Use of Drugs in Schools

4228. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three corporations have identified 1820 school kids between the age 7-10 years who consume tobacco, solutions, inhalers, gutkha and other drugs in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of children died due to using such drugs in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for protection of school children from drug abuse including steps taken to crack down on alleged sale of drugs among students in schools and college campus and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of illegal use of drugs in different Central Universities?

Misuse of Rented Vehicles by NIOS

4229. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Open School (NIOS) hires private vehicles for official duty for want of official vehicle under the Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof including details with regard to the Regional Office, NIOS, Gujarat;

(c) whether the Government/NIOS Board has received any complaints regarding misuse of such rented vehicles for personal use by higher offices of NIOS particularly in the Regional Office, NIOS, Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government/NIOS against such officers?

Training to Businessmen

†4230. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to provide training to businessmen under the training programme of the CII in collaboration with WhatsApp;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of places where the said training centres are likely to be set-up location-wise;

(c) the time by which such training programme is likely to be started; and

(d) the number and the extent to which the businessmen are likely to be benefited therefrom?

Accidents at Construction Sites

4231. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of construction workers in the country, State/UT-Gender-wise;

(b) whether there is any data on the number of accidents happened at construction sites during the last three years along with the major causes for the same, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of remedial measures taken at the sites where accidents have occurred;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that at times there is no safety gear provided to the labourers at construction sites and they work in life threatening conditions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps being taken to enforce tighter regulations at construction sites in this regard?

Public Procurement Policy

4232. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:

SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total annual procurement of goods and services by each Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) in the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) the quantity of calculated value of goods and services procured under Public Procurement Policy Order, 2012 during the said period in each PSE;

(c) the status of procurement under this policy from MSMEs owned by SC/ST and non-SC/STs during the said period by each PSE;

(d) whether the public procurement policy is not being complied with by many Government departments/PSEs; and

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

Policy on Internal Migration

4233. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to have a national policy towards internal migration in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has studied the pros and cons of the internal migration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Inclusion in the
List of STs**

4234. SHRI NIMMALA
KRISTAPPA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for Valmiki caste to convert into Schedule Tribe (ST) from Backward Class (BC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to revise guidelines (or) to issue new guidelines to convert Valmiki caste from BC to ST?

Free Education

4235. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes free education for children along with lodging/ boarding and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds provided by the Central Government for the said purpose during the last three years, State/ UT and year-wise;

(c) whether the allotted funds have been fully used by the State Governments, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the literacy rate amongst Scheduled Castes during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise ?

**Prevalance of Diseases Among
Child Labourers**

4236. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that 80 per cent of the working children in the age group of 5 to 14 years in the country come from rural ares and are employed in agricultre fields, home based employment, industries and factories and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of Child Labourers in the country are reportedly suffering/dying due to Asthama, TB and other respiratory ailments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Facilities for EPS Pensioners of 1995

†4237. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to pay at least Rs. 7500 as basic pension and dearness allowance and free health care facilities to the EPS pensioners of 1995 and their families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether the Government has received any representation with regard to collective demands of EPS pensioners of 1995;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Vacant Posts in Central Universities

†4238. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of teachers filled up in Central Universities during the last ten years along with the number of posts vacant at present;

(b) the number of appointments made in various Central Universities as per the Circular dated 5th March, 2018 in which department was considered as a unit and the details of appointments made for Other Backward Castes, Scheduled Classes, Scheduled Tribes, out of the above;

(c) whether the appointments made under the said circular have been revoked

after the interim stay on the said circular and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the clear cut policy of the Government in this regard for future; and

(e) whether the Government is in favour of the said circular and if so, the details thereof?

**LPG Connections in North Eastern
Region**

4239. SHRI KAMAKHYA
PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided in the North Eastern Region under PMUY during the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the details of funds sanctioned for the purpose during the said period, State-wise?

Recruitment of Physiotherapists

4240. DR. K. KAMARAJ:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of physiotherapists employed in the Ministry including allied offices and autonomous organizations like ESI hospital, etc.;

(b) the details of recruitment rules for physiotherapists in the said organizations;

(c) whether uniform recruitment rule and procedure is being adopted for the said recruitments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission with respect to physiotherapists and the pay scale given by the Ministry at the entry level presently?

Primitive Tribal Groups

4241. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified separate Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) among Scheduled Tribes in Odisha;

(b) if so, the names of tribes included in PTGs, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of facilities being extended to them along with the funds allocated, released and utilised in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has given reservation in Government jobs for PTGs; and

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

Import of Raw Bamboo Sticks

4242. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is importing raw bamboo sticks for Agarbatti units in South India from Vietnam and China at lower import duty; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not supporting such units in India and banning such imports which are hitting the local producers mostly the tribal and marginal farmers?

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Delhi

4243. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding the delay in the completion of proposed Kendriya Vidyalaya in North East Delhi Constituency;

(b) if so, the detailed reasons for such delay;

(c) if not, the time frame to complete it; and

(d) the details about the nodal officer, budget allocation and other modalities in this regard?

Technical Education

4244. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new system for the management of technical education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish more technical

education institutions under the direct control of the Government with better infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the management of the institutions other than the Government controlled institutions are not at par with the required standard and if so, the action taken thereon by the Government;

(d) whether the Government proposes to improve the curriculum development and if so, the details thereof along with the inputs on collaboration on engineering education;

(e) the details of the action taken by the Government for the involvement of high technology in emerging areas; and

(f) whether the Government is utilizing engineering institutions for innovation entrepreneurship and if so, the details thereof?

Sports under the Skill India Mission

4245. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for the development of sports under the Skill India Initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps in consonance with the recommendations of the National Skill Development Council on the skill gaps in the sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PNG Connections

†4246. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumers who have been provided the facility of cooking gas through PNG gas pipelines in Maharashtra especially in Mumbai city during the last three years and the current year as on date, year-wise;

(b) the number of wait listed consumers especially in Mumbai as on date; and

(c) the time by which all the consumers especially in Mumbai city are likely to be provided PNG connections?

Open and Distance Education

4247. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

SHRI BHARTRUHARI

MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting Open and Distance Education in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Conventional/ Deemed Universities having Open and Distance Learning Institutions in the country, as on date, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the major streams/disciplines of distance education being imparted by the said Universities in the country, as on date; and

(d) whether the Programmes/Courses run by the said Universities have the consent/ approval of the Distance Education Council and if so, the details thereof?

Cement Plant

†4248. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cement plant of a private sector cement company is located in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof including date since it is established along with the number of lease deeds granted to it under various names;

(b) the details of land area in terms of hectares for which lease has been granted for setting up the cement plant and area of the land leased for mining purpose along with its terms and conditions;

(c) whether the land acquired for the plant after the year 2013 has remained unutilised till date, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to take back the unutilised leased land from the said plant, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be taken back?

Fire Accident in ESIC Hospital in Mumbai

4249. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

SHRI L.R. SHIVARAM
GOWDA:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a massive fire swept through the Government-run ESIC Kamgar Hospital located in Marol, Mumbai recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of persons died and injured in the said fire accident;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the inquiry report is likely to be submitted to the Government;

(e) whether the hospital has been operating without No Objection Certificate for fire and if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(f) whether the Government has announced compensation for kin of victims who lost their life and the injured persons and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid such type of incidents in future?

Tribal University

†4250. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:
DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has rejected the proposal sent by Chhattisgarh Government to set-up a Central Tribal University at Bastar;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not approving the said proposal;

(c) whether a proposal/request to set-up a campus of Central Tribal University located in the adjoining area of Amarkantak particularly for the Tribals of Bastar has been forwarded by Chhattisgarh Government to the Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Teaching Staff

4251. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies at the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the Central Universities, university-wise and rank-wise;

(b) the number of *ad-hoc* teachers in the Central Universities, rank-wise and university-wise;

(c) whether the vacancies and lack of permanent teachers have deteriorated the standard of education and research in the universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government intends to continue the policy of appointing teachers on *ad-hoc* basis; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to appoint permanent teachers in the Central Universities?

Promotion of Retail Trade

†4252. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to simplify retail trade norms with a view to promoting retail trade in the country so as to improve its ranking in World Bank's global ease of doing business index;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Literacy Rate

4253. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indonesia and Thailand, much smaller economies with lesser resources, have literacy rates of

84 per cent and 94 per cent higher than India and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the country was set to achieve 80 per cent literacy rate by 2015;

(c) if so, the percentage of literacy rate achieved till December, 2018, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh (including Bundelkhand);

(d) whether there are many casual reasons for the flailing state of education in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon; and

(f) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Saakshar Bharat Programme

†4254. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Saakshar Bharat Programme in rural areas of 410 districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the district-wise works done by the Government in this regard along with the outcome thereof?

Regulation of Functions of MSMEs

†4255. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for creating/providing conducive conditions for the development and promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with regard to doing ease of business in the country and the extent of success achieved therefrom so far;

(b) whether the Government has enacted any model legislation for regulating the functions of the MSMEs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the States are following the said legislation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken the Government in this regard?

KG Basin

4256. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC and Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited held talks for acquiring a stake in its gas field of the Krishna Godavari Basin; and

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

Steps to Cut Down Import Bill

4257. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:
SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from NITI Aayog to blend methanol with petrol and advocating methanol as preferred cooking fuel in households as well as commercially to cut down oil import bill by 10 per cent and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be accepted;

(b) whether the Government would make available methanol-cum-cooking stoves on a mass scale to use methanol and minimise country's imports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in oil and gas sector constituting a low share of 2 per cent of the total FDI inflows so far; and

(d) whether the Government held discussion with global oil biggies very recently and if so, the details thereof along with efforts made by the Government to attract global investors in oil sector and assure them of better growth in the country despite of geo-political headwinds?

Promotion of Sanskrit

†4258. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit language in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a matter of concern that Sanskrit language is getting out of use now a days and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Sanskrit teachers are likely to be appointed on the lines of absorption of teachers of other languages in schools and colleges;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide any special package to improve the worsening condition of Sanskrit teachers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Anti-dumping Duty on Chinese Goods

4259. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping Allied Duties (DGAD) has found any non-WTO compliant subsidies on Chinese goods and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has recommended applying anti-dumping duty on the same goods and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has imposed anti-dumping duty on a Chinese

chemical used in making detergents to protect domestic players from cheap imports and if so, the details thereof along with the period of time this anti-dumping duty would be in force;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the findings of a Committee report stating that imports of Chinese steel have increased by 8 per cent;

(e) if so, whether the Government has implemented strict measures as recommended by the said Committee; and

(f) whether the Government is aware of the impact on jobs of cheap steel imported from the China and if so, the details thereof?

Granite Exports

4260. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total granite exports from Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and Chennai ports in 2017-2018 fiscal year;

(b) whether India exported \$ 1.6 billion worth of granite in 2017-2018 to China and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of impact of lower Chinese imports of granite from India due to the US-China trade war in 2018-19;

(d) whether the Government has come up with any alternative plans for new markets due to expected decline of Chinese demand for Indian granite and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the impact on Andhra Pradesh by the expected reduced granite exports to China?

EDP Training Institutes

4261. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new training institutes identified by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the country including Odisha to conduct Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) during the last two years;

(b) the amount earmarked for the publicity of these training institutes and the amount that has been allocated and released during the said period;

(c) the details of the strategy adopted by the Government for ensuring uniformity of training being delivered through various centres under the EDP;

(d) whether the Ministry reviewed the content of the EDP after the 12th Plan and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government proposes to review the same and if so, the details thereof?

Funds raised by HEFA

4262. SHRI FEROZE VARUN

GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the educational grants sanctioned/released by the Government to various educational institutions for higher education during each of the last three years and the current year, institution-wise;

(b) whether the Government to channelise a portion of education infra grants as loans *via* the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA);

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

(d) the details of the funds raised by the HEFA for this purpose including the sources; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check hike in fee in higher education?

Cases under NCMEI

4263. SHRI P.K.

KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of matters/cases/requests pending in National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) as on date;

(b) the time by which those are pending; and

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

Set up New IIS

†4264. SHRI CHANDRA

PRAKASH JOSHI:

SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval to set up Indian Institutes of Skills (IIS) through public private partnership at different locations in the country at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the manner in which these institutes are likely to be helpful in skill development of people along with the structure of their institutes;

(d) whether the Government has set any targets to provide training to people through these institutes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame for achieving these targets?

Employment for Divyangs

†4265. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to ensure employment for divyangs;

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

(c) the details of the areas in which employment is being offered to the divyangs in the country?

Export of Value Added Agricultural Products and Processed Food Items

4266. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of value added agricultural products/processed food items exported to various countries during each of the last three years and the 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 incentive provided to the exporters for the purpose during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has been liberal in granting permission for the import

of processed foods from other countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the impact thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken 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?

Basic Facilities in Tribal Areas

4267. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any special schemes to provide basic facilities like power, health, roads, water and education etc. in tribal areas;

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

(c) whether any funds have been granted towards development of these areas during the last three years and the current year; and

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

New Skill Development Schemes

4268. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved two new Skill Development Schemes last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and the objectives for starting these two schemes;

(c) the amount earmarked for these schemes; and

(d) the time by which these two schemes will be made operational?

Shortage of Funds for SSA

4269. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has cited a shortage of funds and cancelled funds for second set of uniform for students under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for 2019-20 academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of funds released by the Centre to the States under SSA in the year 2018-19; and

(d) the details of funds that has been utilised by the States so far in the year 2018-19?

**Awarding of Contract by CEO of
Petronet LNG**

4270. DR. PRASANNA KUMAR
PATASANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MD and CEO of Petronet LNG reportedly awarded a contract to perform a theatrical show 'Soul of India' and for making a documentary film through an Agent Company related to his daughter's firm for company's foundation day celebrations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said contracts were awarded without any tender and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any departmental enquiry/enquiry by CVO of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) has been conducted against the said MD and CEO for violating various provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, viz. Delegation of Authority, Code of Conduct, Contract and Procurement Manual etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of the departmental enquiry/enquiry by CVO of MoP&NG?

Ratification of ILO Convention 189

4271. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is yet to ratify the ILO convention 189 concerning decent work for domestic workers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any mechanism for regulating working conditions for domestic workers in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide old age pension, health insurance

and maternity benefits to domestic workers and also establish a domestic workers social security fund and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the names of the States who have included domestic workers in the schedule of the minimum wages act ;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up a central advisory committee consisting of persons representing domestic workers' and their unions/associations and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to regulate the recruitment and placement agencies to avoid any harassment?

Production Cost of Natural Gas

†4272. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production cost of natural gas is higher than its retail prices and the current gas pricing method has been criticised by producers/upstream companies as being too low to attract investments in the sector and if so, the details thereof along with the present cost of production and the basis on which the retail price of natural gas is fixed by the Government;

(b) whether there has been a huge decline in the domestic production of natural gas in the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, company/oil and gas fields-wise;

(c) whether the Government has done any assessment of the impact of decline in production and availability of natural gas on the economy as a whole and power sector in particular and if so, the details and the findings thereof along with the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken to meet requirements of domestic gas production in the country;

(d) whether natural gas production of ONGC from KG-DWN-98/2 is likely to start by December 2019 and peak gas production rate is projected at 16 million cubic meters per day and oil output is pegged at 80000 barrels a day and if so, the details thereof along with quantum of increase in production of natural gas and crude oil per day registered during the said period;

(e) whether ONGC has allocated 1.7 billion work package of crucial underwater kits in KG-DWN-98/2 off the East coast and if so, the details thereof along with its potential to reduce country's import dependence for oil and gas by 10 per cent; and

(f) whether ONGC's domestic production during the current year has gone down 1 per cent as compared to last year resulting in the country's dependence on imports and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to push up production two and half times by 2030?

Issues at WTO

4273. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) have come together in an attempt to break impasse over resolving disputes as the United States has blocked the appointment of new members to hear cases in the Dispute Settlement Body;

(b) if so, the details of cases from India which are under the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO; and

(c) the details of efforts/steps made by the Government to get those issues resolved?

Shifting of Powers

4274. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shifting of financial powers from University Grants Commission (UGC) to the Ministry would lead to reduced funding and salary grants, leaving institutions to raise money through corporate sponsorships, consultancies etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this would lead to exclusion of students of socially and economically backward families; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Part Time Course under Skill Development

†4275. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce any part time course by organising skill development centres with the help of local Administration in various Districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is likely to consider organizing such camps; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for Protection of Women

4276. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines/directions issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) in compliance to the directions issued by the Government regarding prohibition of harassment of women at work places and its general publicity amongst its women workforce;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools do not have Internal Complaints Committee;

(c) if so, the number of ROs and Schools where such committee is yet to be formed and the steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that wherever it has been formed the same is not being given wide publicity amongst the workforce and are virtually defunct; and

(e) if so, the details of the complaints received in this regard during the last one year and measures being taken to make these committees proactive?

Advanced Training Institute

4277. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal of Model Industrial Training Institute/upgraded Advanced Training Institute at Barang, Cuttack and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has already sanctioned 5 acres of land to this project and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Model Institute is likely to become functional?

Technology Development Centre

4278. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of work on Tool Room/Technology Development Centre to be set up at Rohtak and Saha, Ambala in Haryana including the stage of construction of building infrastructure;

(b) the number of new Tool Rooms/Technology Development Centres that have

been approved/proposed in Haryana during the last three years;

(c) whether the work is going on as per the schedule or there is some delay in completion of the work and if so, the details thereof including correspondence with Government of Haryana, if any, made in this regard; and

(d) the amount of investment made by the Government in setting up each of these centres and the number of people likely to be benefited from one such centre every year and the time by these Tool Rooms are likely to be made operational?

Development of MSME Clusters

4279. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP

RUDY:

SHRI NALIN KUMAR

KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any measure to introduce cluster development mechanism to align the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) growth with the job creation agenda, if so, the details thereof along with the number of clusters developed under the MSME cluster development programme during each of the last four years;

(b) the turnover, production and the number of jobs created therefrom within each of these clusters during the said period;

(c) whether the clusters under this programme export their products and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any schemes for unorganised clusters of MSMEs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recognition of Domestic Workers under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948

4280. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to fix minimum wages for domestic workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that Indian homes has witnessed a 120 per cent increase in domestic workers during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government recognises/proposes to recognize domestic workers under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Annual Survey of Education Report (ASER)

4281. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to access the causes of such low learning levels in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the steps being taken/considered to be taken to reverse the trend; and

(c) whether the Government plans to harness digital means to increase the learning outcome in the Government primary schools in rural parts of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Comercialization of Education

†4282. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the steps taken to check the increasing trend of commercialization of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date on which the review was done last time?

Revival of Indian Folk Arts and Music

†4283. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that several prevailing Indian Folk Arts and Music are on the verge of extinction in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify such Folk Arts and Music and if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government to revive these Folk Arts and Music; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of Paintings and Caves

†4284. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the paintings and caves of pre-historic importance and religious places in the country are reportedly in dilapidated condition due to lack of adequate maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals received for the conservation of such religious places, paintings and caves in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon, proposal-wise?

Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana

4285. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of traditional habitats of the tribal communities in different States of India;

(b) the measures taken by the Union Government and State Governments to safeguard the lives of the tribal communities in the country;

(c) the details of the tribal communities still living in dilapidated houses not having toilet facilities and the number of dropouts from schools at the primary level itself in different States;

(d) the details of the States that have fully utilised the special Central assistances for the Tribal communities; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

DBTL

4286. SHRI KODIKUNNIL

SURESH:

SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH

JAUNAPURIA:

SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA

RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government reportedly proposes to change the existing norms of Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG subsidy Scheme and is intending to revert back to earlier system of supplying subsidized refills to domestic LPG consumers in place of the current scheme of transfer of cash subsidy into the bank account of LPG consumers under the PAHAL Scheme; and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the DBTL subsidy scheme has been helpful/successful in curbing fraudulent LPG distribution system and if so, the details thereof along with the number of fraudulent connections identified and cancelled and the amount funds saved as a result thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Odisha;

(c) whether the Government is aware that several officers do not take action on the complaints relating to supply of LPG and try to protect LPG agency resulting in increase in corruption in supply of LPG in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has fixed annual income for the families to whom no subsidy to LPG is to be provided and if so, the details thereof along with the criteria/norms fixed in this regard?

Government Jobs to Tribal People

†4287. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

SHRIMATI RANJEET

RANJAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the target set to make at least secondary school education mandatory for the women belonging to the Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the details with regard to the Government jobs given to the tribal people in all the departments as on date;

(c) the number of posts lying vacant in all the departments as on date for the tribals; and

(d) the details of the posts lying vacant then the scheme of the Government to fill up these posts?

Industrially Backward Districts

†4288. DR. BHAGIRATH

PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to develop industrial area in backward districts of the country;

(b) the details of effects realised after setting up of these industrial enterprises on the employment and trade in such districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the details of benefits realised by development of industrial centres at Malanpur in Bhind District, Maneri in Mandala District, Pitampur in Dhar District, Mandideep in Raysen District in terms of trade and employment?

Reservation for STs

†4289. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR

HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified such tribes which do not have the characteristics of a Scheduled Tribe as per Section 1 of Article 342 of the Constitution but these castes are enjoying the benefit of reservation and other benefits while some of the castes have not availed the reservation as yet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Evaluation of SSA

4290. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.

SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) since its inception;

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

(c) whether SSA has failed to achieve targets during the last four years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the SSA?

Data on Bonded Labour

†4291. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not having any information in regard to the presence of bonded labourers in the country as well as extent of action taken under the Child Labour laws and the outcome of such action thereof;

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

(c) the strategy being adopted by the Government for the welfare of the Bonded labourers in absence of the above data?

Skill Development along with Education

4292. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any plans to impart training for skill development along with education in all the colleges of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch any such programme and if so, the details thereof?

Gandhi Literature

†4293. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include the books related to Gandhi literature in the universities library throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely financial expenditure in this regard?

School under RUSA

†4294. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of setting up a schools in Bihar is under consideration of the Government under the Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA);

(b) if so, the location-wise number of schools proposed to be set up in Bihar including Gopalganj district;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the State-wise details of the number of new schools established from year 2017 till date?

Inclusion of Nalanda in PRASAD Scheme

†4295. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to include Nalanda of Bihar under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme in view of its importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the benefits likely to accrue to Nalanda therefrom; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Campus of Foreign Universities

4296. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow Foreign Universities to set up their campus in the country;

(b) if so, whether the NITI Aayog has sought the opinion of the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Rescue of Child Labourers from NBCC Site in Delhi

†4297. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the child labourers were rescued from the site where the work was being done by NBCC in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of child labourers rescued by the Government, during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in this case against NBCC and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against the guilty; and

(d) whether the Government is taking any specific measures to eradicate child labour in this country and if so, the details thereof?

Post Placement drop out in Skill Training

4298. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking adequate measures to enhance industry's

participation in skill training so as to reduce the post placement dropout rate of trainees and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to involve prospective employers in formulating a competency-based, industry-ready curriculum in order to make training programmes more relevant and inclusive and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has encouraged mandatory practical training as a part of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) so as to ensure that trainees have some work experience;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce practical training in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Central University of Koraput

4299. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sanctioned *vis-à-vis* actual strength of teaching and other posts in Central University (CU) of Koraput, Odisha;

(b) the reasons for not filling up vacant posts, if any;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts; and

(d) the time by which these vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

Single Teacher Schools

†4300. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than one lakh Government primary and secondary schools in the country having only one teacher and if so, the details of such schools, State/UT-wise;

(b) the scheme being formulated by the Government supplement the efforts being made by the States particularly in respect of such schools; and

(c) whether any special scheme is likely to be implemented to ensure proper student teacher ratio in such schools and if so, the details thereof?

Losses Suffered by Grape Farmers and Exporters

†4301. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the losses suffered by the grape farmers and exporters during 2010;

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

(c) whether the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority has submitted any estimate to the Government in August,

2018 regarding compensation for the losses suffered by grape farmers and exporters in 2010;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/efforts made by the Government to compensate the losses suffered by the grape farmers and exporters till date?

Indices between ST and Other Social Groups

4302. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still a considerable gap in human development indices between Scheduled Tribes and other social groups;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to bridge the gap;

(c) whether the Ministry supplements the State Tribal Sub Plan as an additive for undertaking various tribal development initiatives and for raising the level of administration in Scheduled Areas with an aim to boost the economic and social status of tribal people; and

(d) if so, details thereof in reference to Maharashtra?

Sports for Girls Students

†4303. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a separate scheme for promoting sports for girl students in view of their increasing participation and good results thereof in sports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Technology Centres

4304. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the support and outreach initiative policy of the Government on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) whether the Government is planning to set up new additional technology centers to support MSMEs to give access to advance manufacturing technologies, skilling manpower and providing technical and business advisory support, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any data with regard to beneficiaries of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme and Credit Schemes Fund trust for MSME and if so the details thereof State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) especially for the SC/ ST and MSMEs in North Eastern Region and if so, the details thereof?

Education for Differently Abled Children

4305. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after implementation of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act the differently abled students in schools across the country still facing serious infrastructure and pedagogy problems and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the schools have failed to provide differently abled friendly educational material and majority of teachers are also not trained to understand the special needs of differently abled students;

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue in light of the study of NCERT;

(d) the details of Government run schools for differently abled children along with the funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised for such schools during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal for establishment of more such schools and any special schemes for higher education for differently abled persons in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Agreement with Mozambique

4306. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the type of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 28-11-2014 between India and Mozambique for co-operation in the field of oil and gas sector;

(b) whether the Government has started work at Raxaul-Amlekhganji product pipeline consortium project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the said project; and

(d) whether any MoU has been signed with regard to the above said project and if so, the details thereof?

Digitisation of Services

4307. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to digitalize the services to accelerate the claims settlement of EPFO beneficiaries in Provident Fund, Pension & Insurance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recently introduced online facility of "Claim Receipt Entry" at 117 District Offices of EPFO by integrating them digitally has met its intended objective of cutting down long

distance travels of members for claim submission and support facilities like notifications by email and SMS services for checking progress of claims processing and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has tied up/proposes to tie up with the private sector for ensuring integration of seamless data collection and execution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Leakage of Papers

†4308. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancellation of various examination due to question paper leak puts pressure on the whole system and causes mental harassment and financial burden on candidates which adversely affects their preparation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to consider the alternative of holding the examination in time by cancelling only that set of question paper which has got leaked instead of cancelling whole examination all together under National Testing Agency (NTA); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Discrepancies in Funds Allocated to ITIs

4309. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) fund allocated for the establishment, betterment of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether release of fund to the State Government is delayed;

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

(d) whether any discrepancies have been found in the procurement of equipments/machines in the said ITIs; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken against the persons/institutes found guilty of violating the rules?

New IIT and IIM

†4310. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion for setting up of new Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in the country;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for setting up new IIT and IIM in the State; and

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

Restoration of Monuments

4311. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has been responsible to conserve, protect and develop, restoration of old, ancient monuments in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the details of monuments in Odisha where ASI is involved in the restoration work during the last ten years;

(b) the details of the restoration work targeted, continuing, target date of completion of such work, completed so far, along with expenditure incurred for the said purpose monument-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of the monitoring of restoration work taken up by the ASI and its evaluation thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the restoration activities of the ASI?

Setting up of Industries

4312. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is encourages State Government for setting up of industries through various policy measures and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from various State Governments for setting up of industries in the country and if so, the

details and the status thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has cleared the said proposals of various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the industries set up in the country with the support of Union Government during the said period, State-wise?

Entrance Tests

4313. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the graduate and post graduate courses for which Delhi University conducts computer based entrance test;

(b) whether Delhi University plans entrance test for all college admissions;

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

(d) whether class twelfth marks would also be taken account while deciding college admission and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the agency that would conduct the entrance test for all college admission; and

(f) the time by which the Delhi University plans to introduce entrance exam based admission for all its undergraduate courses?

Model Salt Farms

4314. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed model salt farms in some parts of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided to such farms;

(b) the details of proposals, received from various State Governments for setting up of such model farms in their States, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to grant 50 percent assistance to State Governments for the development of salt industry and welfare activities for agarias and if so, the details thereof along with the

funds allocated therefor during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote export of salt in the country along with funds/facilities provided/being provided by the Government to the exporters of salt in the country?

Export of Herbs and Herbal Products

4315. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether India's share in the total global export of herbs and herbal products is very low and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

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

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

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

Promotion of Leather Industries

4316. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of share of India in World trade of leather and leather products along with the total quantity and value of leather and leather products exported during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is implementing schemes for setting up of leather parks to promote leather industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with their existing location, State/UT-wise;

(d) the total outlay under the scheme during the 12th Five Year Plan along with the funds utilized therein so far; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of leather and leather products from the country?

Ban on Indian Agricultural Products

4317. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries have imposed a ban on the import of various agricultural products/produce from India including fisheries and other marine products, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, product and country-wise;

(c) the details of the losses incurred by Indian farmers as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government has initiated dialogue with the respective countries to lift ban on Indian agricultural products/produce including fisheries products; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the other corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Mobile Applications for KVS Teachers

4318. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI I.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has issued any orders/circulars for instructing teachers to download certain mobile applications (Apps) on their personal phones for updating data etc. for the use of KVs and if so, the complete details thereof; and

(b) whether the KVS is contemplating to enable KV teachers to make use of IT solutions like smart phones/tablets in their teaching work and improving their efficiency and if so, the details thereof?

Recommendations of Committee on FRA, 2006

†4319. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the National Committee on Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been duly reviewed and auctioned and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the expected deadline for taking action on the same;

(b) whether the Government has noted issues and massive exploitation and

discrepancies in implementation of the act and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether high rates of rejection of community forest resource rights and non-communication of reasons for rejection of claims were noted, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this direction?

Promotion of MSMEs

†4320. SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:
SHRI BHANU PRATAP
SINGH VERMA:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the districts in various States including Uttar Pradesh which are backward in respect of Small Scale Industries;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the said districts especially in predominantly Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Caste;

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

(e) the details of the target set and the amount of funds sanctioned by the Government in this regard for the next three years?

Board Exams

4321. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the intellectual curiosity and flexibility are marginalised by the requirements of Board exams and students are ill equipped to handle the tests of real life;

(b) if so, whether most of the educationists and experts believe that the Board exam system in the country is leaving students increasingly less prepared to compete international market place which is a failure of the long term academic, economic and political consequences for the country;

(c) if so, whether the Government has made any study in this regard to find out the reasons for failing students during the Board exams;

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

(e) the corrective initiatives taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Development of Tourism in North East

4322. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

SHRI KAMAKHYA
PRASAD TASA:
SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of tourism potential of the North Eastern region for development of tourism therein and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the tourism sites proposed to be developed for attracting tourists both domestic and international and the response of the respective State Governments in this regard;

(b) whether Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been sought from the respective State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the development of tourism in the North Eastern States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to any Tourism Institute or for any tourism programmes during the current year in Assam and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to organize fairs, festivals and exhibitions in the North-Eastern States during the next financial year to promote tourism and if so, the details thereof, along with the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise including Assam?

Implementation of PMUY

4323. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRI BODHSINGH
BHAGAT:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) will ensure universal coverage of LPG in the country and help in women empowerment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey of the connections distributed under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with any proposal to expand the scope of eligible beneficiaries under PMUY and the number of LPG connections proposed to be provided in the amended scope, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of beneficiaries community-wise in terms of percentage and

the community which has benefited the least in terms of percentage;

(d) the details of the LPG connections issued to APL families since implementation of the scheme, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the number of LPG connections distributed in rural and urban areas of Udaipur in Rajasthan, Balaghat and Seoni districts of Madhya Pradesh under PMUY along with norms/criteria to get free of cost LPG connections under PMUY and the details of funds provided to the beneficiaries under the scheme in the country?

Out of School Children

4324. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that freshly released Census 2011 data has revealed that 8.4 crore children don't go to school at all and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the provisions of Right to Education Act (RTE) describes the modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children between

6 and 14 in the country to make education a fundamental right of every child and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is fact that about 20 per cent children of the age group covered under the Right to Education Act;

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

(e) whether it is fact that children don't go to school because they are forced to work; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the children of the above age group covered under the Right to Education Act should go to the school?

National Tribal Carnival

4325. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organise National Tribal Carnival in the near future and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the other steps taken by the Government for showcasing and promotion of various facets of tribal culture on a large scale across the country?

Adarsh Smarak Scheme

4326. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has implemented the "Adarsh Smarak Scheme" in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade all the monuments managed by ASI to the standards of the Adarsh Smarak in a phased manner and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(c) the number of requests received from States/UTs for inclusion of certain monuments under the said scheme, State/UT-wise along with the present status of such requests; and

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

Promotion of Cottage Industries

†4327. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entrepreneurs related to cottage industries are being trained in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) whether any action has been taken to modernize the cottage industry in the

country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir;

(c) the details of products including food products processed by the cottage industries in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether cottage industries in villages are gradually disappearing due to liberalization and if so, the details thereof and the criteria set for defining and reckoning cottage industries in villages; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide market to cottage industries and to save them from liberal market forces along with the outcome thereof?

Non-payment of Salaries to the Labourers

†4328. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of companies whose property had been seized on account of non-payment of salaries to the labourers during the last three year, State-wise;

(b) the provisions under which action has been taken against the companies which have not given the salaries to the labourers on time; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that salaries are given to labourers on time and the efforts made to ensure its strict compliance?

DSF Oil and Gas Fields

4329. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is expecting a revenue of Rs. 45000 crore as royalty, taxes and profit from 25 DSF oil and gas fields and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is expecting a revenue of Rs. 9000 crore from fields bid out in DSF I with first oil expected in 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has deferred the auction of 25 oil and gas fields by one month that hold resources worth an estimated Rs. 1 lakh crore because resources would translate into higher revenue for the Government by way of increased royalty paid on production, taxes and profit on petroleum and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether ONGC will focus on big fields or focus on small and marginal fields to minimise their expenditure and if so, the details thereof along with any consultations held with ONGC in this regard;

(e) the details of new gas reserve identified by public/private sector oil

companies along with total quantity of gas reserves identified upto March, 2018;

(f) whether the commercial production of the gas has not been started from these reserves so far and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/company/block-wise; and

(g) whether there is any proposal to shift the country to a gas based economy and if so, the details thereof along with States that have objected to explore gas in their States as it adversely affects fertility of land?

Gems and Jewellery Industry

4330. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:
SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gems and jewellery industry contributes significantly to the economy of the country being one of the major employment generating sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether gems and jewellery industry was facing several challenges in the last few years and if so, the action taken by the Government during the last three years to improve the situation of this industry;

(c) whether the gems and jewellery export are likely to grow by up to 5 per cent during this financial year and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is true that it had declined by 5 per cent to USD 40.97 billion in financial year 2018 from USD 43.16 billion in financial year 2017 and if so, the details thereof?

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan

†4331. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds are provided to educationally backward States in the country for construction of libraries, laboratories, toilets, sports grounds and classrooms under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and if so, the amount of fund allocated during the current year's budget, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds provided to Government schools of the country for maintenance of toilets are inadequate and if so, the details thereof?

Small Industrial Training Institutes

4332. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made efforts to establish small Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in order to promote technical education in the different regions of the country and specifically in the North Eastern Region of the country;

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

(c) the details about the ITIs established along with the expenditure

occurred for establishing during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the total number of students enrolled and trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in the last four years, State/Union Territory-wise?

Training of Professionals

4333. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned any initiative to increase the number of professionals working in the steel industry in order to boost per capita consumption of steel in the country;

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

(c) the details of the Government establishments in the country which are dedicated to professionally train individuals in metallurgy;

(d) whether the Government has taken any initiative for increasing/creating awareness of professional advantages of working in the steel sector; and

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

Pension and Savings Schemes

4334. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any Pension and Savings Schemes for unorganized sectors in the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries registered under the said scheme, Scheme/State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set any target under the said schemes and if so, the details thereof, Scheme-wise;

(d) whether the Government is making any contributions to the said Pension and Saving Schemes for unorganized sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Staff under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†4335. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teaching and non-teaching staff on contract basis in schools working under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) whether several States have engaged technical/non-technical teachers on contract basis and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in some States certain employees are still working on contract basis for more than ten years and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to make them permanent in future and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers 2016 Maharashtra

4336. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers, 2016 is being implemented in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the Scheme and its impact on the State of Maharashtra;

(c) the number of bonded labourers rehabilitated in Maharashtra since the inception of the scheme, year wise; and

(d) the year-wise amount of funds allocated for implementing the said Scheme in Maharashtra, year-wise since its inception?

Use of GeM by Startups

4337. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government's e-commerce platform GeM and DIPP are developing a proof of concept corner for startups;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this will enable startups to list their services on GeM and access to the Government marketplace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Land of Petrol Pump Dealers

†4338. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pump dealers in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the cases of taking two plots of lands from the dealers by the petroleum companies on account of providing one petrol pump have come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the provision made to deal with such cases;

(d) whether there is any provision to return the unutilized land to the dealer by the company and if so, the details thereof along with the number of dealers to whom the land has been returned so far, State/UT-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Bundelkhand as Tourist Hub

†4339. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any new action-plan to develop Bundelkhand as tourist hub;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop this area enriched with natural and historical perspective as tourism hub after formulating such action plan and if so, the details thereof?

Pending Proposals regarding Archives and Museums

†4340. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects/proposals regarding Archives and Museums are pending with the Government;

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

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for early approval of these proposals; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

CGS for MSMEs

4341. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA: SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of collateral free loans that have been provided to SMEs by member lending institutions under the Credit Guarantee schemes during each of the last five years;

(b) the number of NBFCs which have provided loans to MSMEs under the said scheme;

(c) whether the avenues for equity financing are provided by the Government to MSMEs;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the share of MSME debt in the total NPAs in the banking sector;

(e) the total amount in credit given to SMEs under Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) and the number of MSMEs registered with the Government State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the act of not registering affect the chances of an MSME in availing institutional credit, if so, the details thereof?

Budget Allocation

4342. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA: KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget allocation of the Ministry has gone up from Rs. 5329.32 crore in the year 2017-18 to Rs. 5957.18 crore in 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of States which have fully utilised the funds and of those which have not;

(c) the steps taken to develop the skills of the ST youth for a variety of jobs as well as self-employment and to improve their socio-economic condition; and

(d) the steps taken to improve income and livelihood of tribals in the country?

Research Parks

4343. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Research Parks and
incubation centres that have been
established as a part of Impacting Research
Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT)
I and II; and

(b) the details of projects that have
been recommended with regards to
challenges that have been identified under
the domain of 'Security and Defence'?

Heritage and Culture of PVTGs

4344. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken
any initiative for Comprehensive-cum-
Development (CCD) for preserving
traditional architecture, traditional medical
practices and cuisine and maintaining the
heritage and culture of PVTGs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Gold Imports

4345. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gold imports increased
around 53 per cent during the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total volume of gold imported
into India during the last three years,
country-wise; and

(d) the reasons for increase in gold
imports?

Setting up of CARE

4346. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants
Commission (UGC) has decided to set up
a Consortium of Academic and Research
Ethics (CARE) to approve a new official
list of academic publications;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UGC has also decided
to constitute a committee to review the
existing guidelines on the use of such
journals in PhD approvals and recommend
a new system to promote quality in
research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Employment to Educated Youth/
Young Students in Rajasthan**

†4347. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
provided employment to educated youth/
young students in Rajasthan; and

Office of SRC

4349. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the office of South
Regional Committee (SRC) of the National
Council for Technical Education (NCTE)
has been shifted from Bangalore to Delhi
recently;

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

(c) Whether the Government has
received any representation regarding the
relocation of the SRC office to Bangalore;
and

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

**Minimum Wage of Tea Plantation
Workers**

4350. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes
to undertake any measures to increase the
minimum wage of tea plantation workers
in Assam, considering the displeasure
amongst the community with the Rs. 30
increment that was announced earlier this
year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the arrears of
increment will be paid to the tea plantation
workers?

(b) if so, the details thereof along
with the details of the employment
provided to such students/youth
during the last three years in the State
particularly in Udaipur Parliamentary
Constituency?

Export of Organic Products

4348. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI ASHOK

SHANKARRAO

CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
notified a policy for facilitating the export
of organic products with specific safety
standards, traceability norms, soil
certification guidelines, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with
the details of the agencies in the country
who have the authority to certify organic
products for export;

(c) the quantum of export of certified
organic products from India during each
of the last three years and the current
year;

(d) the quantum of foreign exchange
earned in this regard during the said period;
and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the
Government to increase the export of
organic food and promotion in the global
market?

Regional Office of NAAC

†4351. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Chhattisgarh regarding setting up of regional office of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC);

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

(c) whether the State Government has given its approval to provide land free of cost for setting up the said office; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this pending proposal is likely to be sanctioned?

Setting up of Super Speciality Hospitals

4352. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/ESIC has set up/proposes to set up super speciality hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned/ issued in this regard during the last three years and the current year along with the current status of construction of these super speciality hospitals, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the poor condition of ESI hospitals

situated in backward and tribal areas of the country particularly in Gujarat and Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof and the schemes formulated/ steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of such ESI hospitals; and

(d) the budgetary provision made for the implementation of the said schemes during the current financial year?

Measurers for Employment Generation

4353. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures apart from Skill Development towards employment generation for unskilled or low-skilled workers, especially in the urban areas, to absorb and reallocate the country's surplus labour into jobs that are best suited for them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

National Policy on Domestic Workers

4354. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered and unregistered domestic workers including women in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate a national policy or

introduce any legislation specially to protect domestic workers in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said policy is likely to be formulated and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has also any proposal to provide social security to such workers;

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

(f) the various measures taken by the Government to ensure the rights of such domestic workers and to check their exploitation?

Mandates for Eco-Tourists Sites

4355. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for the eco-tourists sites located, developed & operating in the forest areas of the States to get clearance under Forests Conservation Act (FCA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of such eco-tourism sites developed in forest areas, State-wise along with the list of the sites yet to get clearance?

Complaints regarding Non-Payment of Minimum Wages

†4356. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints regarding non payment of minimum wages received by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details and the number of cases in which action has been taken against the guilty contractors, company owners and institutions during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Impact of Rupee Devaluation

†4357. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether industries have suffered losses due to devaluation of rupee against dollars and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to take any steps to save industries from such losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Anniversary of Champaran Satyagrah

4358. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to commemorate the centenary anniversary of Champaran Satyagrah;

(b) if so, the details thereof including programmes/projects being undertaken in this regard and funds sanctioned for each programme/project;

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the Bihar Government for financial assistance for projects including development of Gandhi Circuit;

(d) if so, the details thereof including physical and financial progress made in this regard so far;

(e) whether the Government has any plan for infrastructure development of prominent places related to Champaran Satyagrah; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Identification of Products of Tribals

4359. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the identification of tribal products was undertaken across 27 states and if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government can list the products identified in Kerala with the name of the tribal group;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any of such products identified in Kerala has been selected for

production in this year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Industrial Parks

†4360. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given sanction for establishment of industrial parks in Maharashtra;

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

(c) the aims and the objectives of these parks and the time by which these parks are likely to be made functional; and

(d) the number of employment opportunity expected to be generated therefrom?

Administrative Reforms in the Ministry

4361. SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any new and specific policy initiatives during the last four years to achieve the overall objectives of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) and if so, the details thereof along with the details of initiatives taken and the overall impact of these initiatives; and

(b) whether the Government has introduced any major administrative reforms specifically to achieve the objectives of the MoP&NG in its functioning during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with its impact?

National Achievement Survey 2017

4362. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) recently released National Achievement Survey, 2017;

(b) if so, the number of districts and students covered under this survey, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is low learning levels in higher class as 40 per cent of students can not answer the questions in Maths, Sciences and Social Science;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the staff crunch, crowded class rooms and inadequate funds are responsible for low learning in higher classes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the trend of learning levels in urban areas along with the steps taken or being taken by the Government in consultation with States in this regard?

Helicopter Service for Tourist Spots

4363. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce chopper service from Delhi to Agra, Mathura and Jaipur in order to boost tourism infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether it is also proposed to extend the chopper service to other destinations in the country; and

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

Interest Subsidy for Exporters

4364. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether interest subsidy on post and pre-shipment export credit has been increased and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of subsidy given under the scheme for promotion of labour intensive sectors which promote employment;

(c) whether the non-cooperative attitude of state-owned bankers is hurting exports and PSU banks officials are not accessible to exporters and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this has tightened the hands of these exporters to take orders and if so, the details thereof?

Increase/Decline in Basmati Rice Export

4365. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase or decline in the export of basmati rice from the country during the last three years;

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

(c) whether there have been instances of dumping of agricultural products in the country from various countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such incidents and make the country self-reliant in terms of agricultural products?

Target of Ashoka Tours and Travels

4366. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ashoka Tours & Travels (ATT) division has set a target of achieving Rs. 125 Crore in the years 2016-17 & 2017-18, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ATT has been successful in achieving the said target;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Institute of Eminence Status

4367. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced that 19 more institutes have been recommended for the Institute of Eminence status by an expert panel;

(b) if so, the details thereof with list of proposed institutes;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission curiously held back approval for the same;

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

(e) whether the Government is suspecting any malpractices while preparing the list; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Gas based Power Plants

4368. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not supplying adequate quantity of domestic gas to gas-based power plants which has left these power plants stranded;

(b) the reasons for reduced production of gas by the Reliance-owned portion of the KG Basin; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Online Travel Aggregators

4369. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Online Travel Aggregators (OTAs) will now have to secure accreditation from the Government for conducting any operations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to set up a grievances redressal mechanism for any complaints against the operations of such OTAs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Status to Institute

4370. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced that Jio Institute has been shortlisted to be among the six educational institutions that would get the status of "Institution of Eminence" (IoE); and

(b) if so, the criteria adopted in awarding such status to Jio Institute?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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