

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)

Total Number of Questions — 230

<p>Disinvestment of Steel Plant</p> <p>†921. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:</p> <p>Will the Minister of STEEL</p> <p>इस्पात मंत्री</p> <p>be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has requested the Ministry to reconsider the disinvestment proposal of underconstruction steel plant at Nagarnar (Bastar) by the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC);</p> <p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p> <p>(c) whether the proposal for disinvestment will not act as a Jolt to the people of Naxal affected Bastar region;</p> <p>(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;</p> <p>(e) whether the Government would reconsider or likely to reconsider this proposal with the participation of common people in construction of the said public sector undertaking plant; and</p> <p>(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?</p>	<p>Jobs under Make in India Programme</p> <p>922. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:</p> <p>Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY</p> <p>वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री</p> <p>be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the total expenditure incurred in advertisements, publicity and brand ambassadors of Make in India Programme during the period 2014-2018;</p> <p>(b) the investments per year received under the Make in India Scheme during the said period; and</p> <p>(c) the number of jobs generated annually under the said Scheme during the said period?</p> <p>Programmes run in Chhattisgarh Tribal Areas</p> <p>†923. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO: SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:</p> <p>Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS</p>
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† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the Government of Chhattisgarh for approval of the Union Government/ pending with the Union Government;

(b) Whether any special Scheme regarding development of Tribal areas has been formulated or is being formulated by the Ministry/Government; and

(c) if so, the UT/ State-wise details in this regard including Chhattisgarh?

Establishment of Mega Employment Zones

924. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to establish mega employment zones in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the features of the said employment zones;

(c) whether these zones are proposed to be set up in all the States of the country;

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

(e) the time by which these zones will be fully functional and operational and the number of employment opportunities likely to be created therefrom?

Budget Allocated for World Heritage Sites

†925. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of World Heritage Sites in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the State/UT-wise details of budget allocated and expenditure incurred on their maintenance and development and during the last three years along with the action plan chalked out for proper and better maintenance of those sites and the progress made therein;

(c) the total number of requests received by the Government for inclusive as World Heritage sites along with the number of requests approved/pending therefrom; and

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

Uniform Syllabus

926. SHRI GEORGE BAKER: SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA: SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from any State including West Bengal and Maharashtra regarding one nation and one syllabus across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to make compulsory use of NCERT books across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

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(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Development of MSMEs

†927. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

(a) whether the Government has made/proposes to make any assessment for development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(b) the percentage of the MSMEs making use of the latest technology in the country at present;

(c) whether the MSMEs are unable to make use of the latest technology due to lack of funds, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard including the financial assistance proposed to be provided to the MSMEs for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Formulate New Labour Policy

928. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently convened a meeting of various trade unions with regard to formulating a new labour policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the participation by various trade unions;

(c) whether the Government intends to convene more meetings of various stakeholders in this regard; and

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

Migrant Workers

929. SHRI BHAGWANTH
KHUBA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that literacy levels in rural India suffer from migration families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that UNESCO report says 80% of seasonal migrant children in few cities lacked access to education and 40% were likely to end up in work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action plan of the Government in this regard?

BS-VI Emission Norms

930. 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 going to introduce sale of BS-VI norms vehicles from April 1, 2020 to curb pollution across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has ruled that BS-IV vehicles would not be allowed to ply after April 1, 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has turned down the plea of the Government and Automobile Industry for a six month window to sell their existing stock of vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to help Automobile industry in this regard which is already reeling under great losses?

Supply of Khadi Products by KVIC

931. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual turnover of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has increased from Rs. 37000 crore during 2015-16 to Rs. 51997 crore during 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the KVIC has received any orders from any State Governments for supply of khadi products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

EPFO Subscribers

932. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of EPFO subscribers across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government is planning/proposing to link their unique account number with Aadhaar, bank and mobile numbers;

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

(d) the time by which it is likely to be done along with the steps taken in this regard?

Financial Assistance for Archives, Libraries and Museums in Kerala

933. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided for archives, Government libraries and museums in the State of Kerala during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether any special assistance has been provided under the National Mission on Libraries for setting up of libraries in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has provided 79 crores for establishment/development of museums in various States of the country for the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any additional funds have been sought from the Government for enhanced allocation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-implementation of Tourism Infrastructural Projects

†934. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

(a) whether the Government has warned those State Governments that have not implemented tourism related infrastructural projects for many reasons;

(b) if so, the project-wise and State-wise details thereof along with the conditions therein and the details of such projects and the reasons for their delay;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereon;

(d) the project-wise funds allocated and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Replacing UGC with HECI

935. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is replacing University Grants Commission

with a new Higher Education Commission of India (HECI);

(b) if so, the reasons for this new initiative;

(c) by introducing this new commission, Government is trying to keep the fund granting authority with itself;

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

(e) whether the Government has received objections from various sections of people, if so, the details thereof?

Quality of Education

936. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inspection by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is likely to focus on academic excellence and progress of students over time, innovations and quality of pedagogy, capacity of teachers and teacher training, inclusive precise in school, quality for co-scholastic activities and the curricular load is as per norms and whether there is adequate emphasis on sports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the pendency of the application for affiliation is also likely to be dealt with seriously and the applications are likely to henceforth be disposed of in the same year and the entire process be online; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Museums Built under Museum Grant Scheme

937. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

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

(a) the details along with the number of new museums built by State Governments and other bodies in the country under the Museum Grant Scheme during the last four years, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of institutions that received Museum Grant Scheme for maintaining the existing museums during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Placement of Graduate Students

938. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management, technical and engineering institutions of the country have failed to provide minimum placement of 60 percent to their graduate students;

(b) if so, the stream-wise students passed since 2014 to till date and placement records in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the proposal of the Government to provide 100 percent placement to the graduates therefor?

Removal of Restriction on Various Tourists Places

939. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has allowed foreign tourists to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands without any restrictions recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this will boost foreign tourist arrivals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government also proposes to remove travel restrictions from border areas in Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Skill Programme in Kerala

940. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Skill Programmes being implemented in Kerala during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the details of accredited and affiliated training centres in Kerala, district-wise along with the performance of each of such accredited and affiliated centres?

MoU with Korea

941. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Korea for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism has been signed;

(b) if so, the details and targets/objectives of the said MoU;

(c) the benefit that India will accrue out of these MoUs; and

(d) the details of when the MoU will be implemented along with present status thereof?

Performance of MSME Sector

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

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

(a) the contribution of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country's GDP, employment and value of

exports during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether exports of MSMEs sector has posted negative growth due to decline in exports during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has initiated a plan of action to extend requisite support to MSMEs to make their export more competitive and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the Government has achieved success in this regard so far?

New Petroleum Policy

943. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hold consultation with industry/investors before formulating any new policy regarding development of oil/gas and other petroleum products and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the new oil/petroleum policy;

(b) whether the Government proposes to deregulate the price of natural gas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country's per day barrel consumption is 4.5 MT and refining

capacity is 5 million barrels per day and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the demand of petroleum products including petrol/diesel has increased at a compounded annual growth rate of 5.5 per cent from 2013 to 2017 despite increase in the electric vehicles and the country is adding 380000 barrels per day in global oil demand and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Government to meet the demand?

Rabindranath Cultural Centre

944. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to build cultural centres at various parts of the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to start Rabindranath Cultural Centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the work on it is likely to be started?

Proper Utilisation of Grants

945. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance under the Scheme of Building Grants, including Studio Theatre to support voluntary cultural organisations and Government-aided cultural organisations has been granted/is being granted by the Government in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance granted thereunder during the last three years and the current year, organisation-wise;

(c) whether the Government conducts/proposes to conduct any inspection monitoring so as to ensure proper utilisation of grants issued under the scheme; and

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

NSDC and NSDF

946. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed adequate number of employees for carrying out the works in the Ministry, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the detailed list of employees appointed so far and the total annual expenditure incurred under various heads including salaries and travel allowances;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to increase the total number of persons to be imparted skill training in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total amount earmarked, allocated and spent so far during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise?

Internship System

947. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) is planning to strengthen the internship system by linking it with providing employment after completion of internship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is true that AICTE has decided to completely change the guidelines of internship system to incorporate this change and if so, the details thereof?

Frequent Changes in Syllabus

948. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is of the opinion that frequent changes in syllabus of primary education by the Central Government causes negative effect on the graph of student's learning and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to bring any measures for making frequent

changes in syllabus and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of changes made in syllabus by NCERT during the last five years?

Anti-dumping Duty on Steel

949. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently imposed any anti-dumping duties on certain varieties of steel imported from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the move is expected to protect the domestic players?

State Commission for ST

950. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States which have a State Commission for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the details of the States that have any legislation or Rules of Procedure governing the functioning of the ST Commission such as composition of the Commission, qualifications of members, powers, etc;

(c) the details of the States that do not have any legislation or rules governing the ST from where does the ST derive its powers; and

(d) the details of the remedy available to the members of the ST community in States which do not have any ST Commission?

Decline in the Number of Medical Tourists

†951. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the number of medical tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and whether the Government proposes to ascertain the reasons for this decline;

(c) whether medical tourism has huge potential in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost medical tourism in the country?

Domestic LPG Connections

952. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic LPG connections issued under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala-Yojana to Telangana since implementation of the scheme, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has put a condition on connection release capacity to only 1.5 lakh per month to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposes to be taken by the Government to increase connection release capacity to 3 lakh per month;

(d) whether the Government/OMCs are reportedly not sharing their data base of gas connections with the State Governments which helps in avoiding duplication; and

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

Foreign Steel Companies

†953. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of foreign companies which have shown interest in Indian Steel Companies;

(b) whether the Government is aware of deal between Essar Steel and Arcelor Mittal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the entry of foreign steel companies is likely to bring positive change in the domestic Steel market; and

(d) if so, the detail thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Swachhata Ranking of Institutions

954. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of higher educational institutions both in-campus and off-campus applied for this year Swachhata Ranking exercise, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government may consider rewarding the Swachhata Ranking Institutions; and

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

Teaching Faculty in DU

955. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details about the sanctioned and actual strength of teaching faculty in Delhi University;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time limit to fulfil the long pending teaching faculty positions in the colleges of Delhi University with detailed plan outlay?

Scholarship Schemes for North-East Students

956. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Ishan Vikas and Ishan Uday Scholarship Schemes for students of North Eastern region;

(b) the details of funds allocated and the number of students benefited under the said schemes till date; and

(c) the target of beneficiaries under said schemes during the current year?

Special Economic Zones

957. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:
SHRI DHARAMBIR:
SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved and established in the country, State and UT-wise along with those which are currently operational and non-operational;

(b) whether it is true that a large number of SEZs which have been approved are not operational and if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to make these SEZs operational;

(c) whether the Government has given more time to the developers of SEZs to complete their projects and if so, the details thereof along with the details of penalty imposed on such developers for not completing the project in the prescribed time period;

(d) whether the Government has received any report to boost up the SEZs into more investment oriented as an employment economic enclaves thereto and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether SEZs have facilitated exports in the manufacturing sector and if so, the details thereof along with the impact of SEZs on employment generation?

Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji

958. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken decision to celebrate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji;

(b) if so, the detailed plan to celebrate it domestically and worldwide through international execution and development of sikh pilgrimage therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to commemorate with SARVA DHARMA SAMABHAVA and spreading of Indian secularism therein and if so, the details thereof?

Incredible India Tourist Facilitator Certification (IITFC) Programme

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

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of trained tourist guides in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has rolled out the Incredible India Tourist Facilitator Certification (IITFC) programme recently;

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

(d) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch a refresher course for those already in the field seeking an advanced level course to enhance their skill set and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be launched; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase job creation to create more jobs in tourism sector?

Visva Bharati University

960. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the status of High Court cases and the applicants service instituted by dismissed employee of the Visva Bharati;

(b) whether any dismissed employee of Central University has been reappointed by any institution of the Central University and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any Maximum limit of expenditure relating to an enquiry against employee of Central University of Visva Bharati in case of exceeding the limit of expenditure;

(d) if so, whether there is any procedure for penal action against the authority/employee; and

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

Recruitment of Artists

†961. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various posts created for artistes in the Ministry;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the number of posts for artistes in the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation and Development of Jhumri Telaiya

†962. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist sites selected for upgradation by the Government during the financial year 2018-2019, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade Jhumri Telaiya tourist site in Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tribal Research Institutes

963. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been adopting a focused approach towards the cultural conservation of various tribes of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for promoting the Tribal Research Institutes in all the States/UTs?

Crude Steel Production

964. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude steel produced and consumed in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to assess the pattern of demand for steel in future;

(c) if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(d) the financial performance of domestic steel industry during the last two years and reasons for depressed condition of domestic steel industry; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to address the issues affecting steel companies/industry in the country?

Setting up of Tourism Universities

†965. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism universities to boost tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the norms prescribed by the Government to set-up such universities;

(c) the details of the places identified for this purpose and the expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard; and

(d) the time by which these universities are likely to be set-up?

Female Literacy

†966. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the female literacy rate at present in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Jharkhand ranking;

(b) the reasons for low female literacy rate in all the States, particularly Maharashtra and Jharkhand; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase female literacy rates in all the States including Maharashtra and Jharkhand?

Slowdown in the Growth of Employment

967. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the one year series of enrolment numbers released so far, the Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) revised down numbers for two of 12 months in the latest set of data released recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the enrolment number for September, 2017 was revised down by 11.9 percent to 4.25 lakh which is about 26 percent lower than the first number released for September and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the numbers for September-July were revised up by 4.2 percent to 64.27 lakh from its earlier estimate of 61.81 lakh released last month and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is true that for August, the enrolment numbers slowed down from previous month's number of 9.76 lakh, taking the cumulative net enrolment for September-August to 73.21 lakh and if so, the details thereof?

Migration of Tribals

968. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tribals are quitting farming fast and one of every two tribal households relies on manual labour for survival and 55 per cent of tribal population now resides outside their traditional habitats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether displacement and enforced migration has led to an increasing number

of Scheduled Tribes working as contract labourers in the construction industry and as domestic workers in major cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to mitigate migration of poor tribals away from habitats and if so, the details thereof?

Environmental Education Courses

969. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up environmental educational centres expand the environmental engineering courses across the Government/Aided Institutions to promote environmental education in higher educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Single Window System for SEZs

†970. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States have neither enforced the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Act nor formulated any SEZ policy;

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

(c) whether the Government has not emphasized the introduction of a single window system by the States for SEZs;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the State of Rajasthan; and

(e) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Operation Digital Board

†971. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee constituted for the implementation of Operation Digital Board, announced by the Government some time back has identified some hurdles including the problem of Wi-fi connectivity;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to resolve this problem; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not implementing the scheme yet?

Development of Ghora-Katora in Nalanda

†972. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to initiate development work at Ghora-Katora and Pavapuri in Nalanda by providing additional economic package

with a view to attract more international tourists;

(b) whether possibilities of more revenue generation and employment generation at local level will increase by the proper development of Ghora-Katora and Pavapuri as tourist places;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill Development in Jharkhand

†973. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Skill development schemes are being run in the Eastern and Western Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the targeted population, time period and the period cost the above said schemes in these districts;

(d) whether problems are being faced by the Government in implementing the above said schemes in these districts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which these problems are likely to be resolved by the Government?

Guidelines for Adventure Tourism

974. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether our country has an incredible opportunity for adventure tourism since 70 percent of the Himalayas are in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to promote and boost achievements tourism in the country;

(c) whether guidelines for adventure tourism have been put in place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National pilgrim Centres

975. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing National Pilgrim Tourism Centres in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to declare more pilgrim centres as National Pilgrim Centre;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any State Government has proposed/requested for such an inclusion; and

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

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

†976. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Shortage of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in Assam where there are many tribal areas and the names of Districts of the State where EMRSs exist;

(b) whether there are proposals for setting up of EMRS in the State and if so, the details of the districts where there schools are proposed to be set up and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the UT/States in the country where EMRS have been set up and the details of the expenditure in setting up and running these schools?

Salt Department Land

977. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from Government of Maharashtra for handing over some pieces of salt department lands at Mumbai to Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for public purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of process of handing over the requisite lands; and

(c) the time by which the land would be handed over to State Government/MCGM for public purposes?

Assistance to Coffee Growers

978. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee growers have sought interest waiver on loans for heavy loss they incurred after floods damaged their plantations in Karnataka and Kerala;

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

(c) whether the coffee board has assessed/estimated the loss and damage to Coffee States, coffee crop and infrastructure due to floods and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has constituted a joint task force to address the concerns of flood-hit coffee growers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that 3.43 lakh coffee growers in Karnataka are facing pending loans cumulatively amounting up to Rs. 6,000 crore, and if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government to address the issues of coffee growers in the country?

Land for SEZs

†979. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has acquired land for development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, the details of rate at which the said land has been acquired, SEZ-wise;

(c) the details of additional facilities apart from compensation provided to farmers by the Government after acquisition of land for SEZs; and

(d) the mechanism put in place to ensure the said facilities accrued to farmers?

Zones for Rural Industries

†980. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zones created to promote rural industries in the country;

(b) the names of the States included in these zones;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include some other States also in these zones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cloud Computing Scheme for MSMEs

981. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for Cloud Computing as a cost effective and viable alternative in comparison to in-house IT infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched any portal for giving information about the pending payment of MSEs with

individual CPSEs / Central Ministries, State Governments, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Koushal Vikas Yojana

982. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Pradhan Mantri Koushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) made to achieve its aim to skill 1 crore youth by 2020;

(b) the details of the entrepreneurial ventures has the Skill India Mission supported through Mudra loans;

(c) the percentage of youth skilled under the PMKVY has been placed at jobs that require relevant skills; and

(d) the manner in which the programme helped encourage entrepreneurship amongst the youth in the North Eastern Region?

Conservation of Ancient Folk Culture

†983. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the work done by the Government for the conservation of ancient folk-culture in Maharashtra along with the details of schemes under which the said work is being done;

(b) the names of places to which these folk cultures are related;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned/ allocated for said folk cultures during the last three years; and

(d) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government for proper and better conservation of the said folk cultures?

Irregularities at FSNL

984. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are alleged charges of corruption in recruitment and tendering process against the Managing Director (MD) of Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the charges leveled against him during the last two years and the current year;

(c) whether the said MD has terminated the services of several officials whistleblowers of FSNL on the basis of inquiry into fake charges against them;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the details of the officers discharged from services during the said period; and

(e) whether the Government has taken/ purposes to take any action against the said MD and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Agro-based Cottage Industries

985. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being implemented by the Government for promoting and setting up of agro-based cottage industries in the country;

(b) the details of job opportunities created by the agro-based cottage industries in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of agro-based small and cottage industries being operated by the Government along with the contribution made by the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more agro-based cottage industries in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose and the time by which such industries are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to set up more agro-based cottage industries in the country?

Staff and Infrastructure in IIT

986. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of details of availability of teaching staff, infrastructure facilities and teaching staff in each of the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) as on date, IIT-wise separately; and

(b) the extra efforts taken by the Government to maintain the standards of

education and infrastructure in these new IITs at par with the order established ones?

Colleges under RUSA Schemes

†987. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Scheme during the last years for which the Government has granted the permission for opening;

(b) the State-wise details of the colleges opened under RUSA Scheme;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to open new colleges in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scholarship for Higher Education

988. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students obtained scholarship for higher education during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the number of scholarships and beneficiaries have come down during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective measures taken by the Government to address the complaints of inordinate delay in

processing and irregular delivery of scholarships?

e-Education

989. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH: SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote education through e-education methods and open schools/universities and correspondence courses as ensuring the access of education to all the people and reduce high drop out rate in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of fund spent by the Government on various programmes and schemes for imparting education through e-education during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(d) the details of beneficiaries who have been imparted training under various programmes and schemes for providing e-education, State/ UT-wise along with the status of progress of such schemes; and

(e) whether the Government propose to start e-education in all the Universities/ schools in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant Posts in IIM

990. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sanctioned and vacant posts in Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong;

(b) the details of the sanctioned and pending projects in IIM Shillong;

(c) the reasons for delay in filling the vacancies and in completion of pending projects; and

(d) the details of the funds and grants given to IIM Shillong during the last three years?

Agricultural Workforce

991. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise data on absolute size of agricultural workforce and workforce employed in construction sector in the country since 2014;

(b) the number of non-agricultural wage workers who have access to regular employment with some social security benefits and a written contract, State/UT-wise and year-wise since 2014 along with the details of steps taken to increase the number;

(c) with reference to the answer given in the Unstarred Question No. 530 answered on 14.7.2014, the details of the work, reports, funds consumed by the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted to draft the National Employment Policy and details of the result of the Employment Policy drafted thereafter; and

(d) the details of laws enacted, measures implemented /undertaken by the

Government to protect the rights of inter-state migrant labourers since 2014?

MSP for Minor Forest Produce

992. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to impact a major hike in the range of 40 per cent to 60 per cent in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for minor forest produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the revised rate of existing items after hike in MSP;

(c) whether the Government is also considering to include new items to be covered under MSP;

(d) whether the Government also enabling a strong procurement and storage facilities for tribal produce; and

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

Welfare of Labourers

†993. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various cesses being levied by the Government for the welfare of the labourers;

(b) whether the Government has contemplated/is contemplating/formulating any incentive policy for the industries which are acting in compliance with the labour laws particularly in regard to women and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make more effective policy based efforts to make cess more useful for the labourers of the manufacturing sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Audit of NSDC

994. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any audit of the National Skill Development Corporation has been conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Funds

995. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and spent on the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of teachers in the country including Bihar;

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

(d) whether it is also true that the interest of students is diminishing towards education due to appointment of para-teachers under the SSA and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of teachers?

Private Players in Skill Development Institute

996. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up Skill Development Institutes on Government land in partnership with private players across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the institutes are expected help boot the global competitiveness of key industry sectors by providing high quality Skill Training, applied research education and a direct and meaningful connection with the industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Teachers in Non-academic Work

997. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the National University of Educational Planning and Administration has mentioned that teachers in urban areas in India spend 17 of 224 days of work doing non-academic work and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has issued a directive to its affiliate schools not to engage teachers on activities other than those of teaching, professional enhancement, conduct of examination and evaluation etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government against schools which engage their teachers in such ministerial activities as the playing of transport and running of canteens etc. and if so the details thereof?

Industries Benefited from SEZs

998. SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ascertained the number of rural and agro-industries being benefited from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) including the State of Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) whether such industries in the SEZs have been able to generate adequate amount of revenue for the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the percentage of total revenue generated by the SEZs from such industries;

(e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education

†999. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Gujarat identified by the University Grants Commission(UGC) which are educationally backward and where total enrolment ratio in higher education is below the national average;

(b) the names of the districts identified on the basis of the census 2011; and

(c) the efforts taken/being taken by the Government to raise the level of higher education in these districts?

Use of Hazardous Chemicals

†1000. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of Hazardous Chemicals in small scale industries has been reported, across the country;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for better and strict implementation of safety standards in the said industries?

Development of Ramayana Circuit

†1001. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Ramayana Circuit for the promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has included Jagdalpur of Chhattisgarh in Ramayana circuit which has Ram Van Gaman Path, Ratanpur-Shivrinarayan-Sirpur-Aarang-Phingeshwar-Sitara (Saptrishi Mandal), Jagdalpur-Sukma-Ramoram in it;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to include Rajmergarh-Kabir Chabutra, Kurdargarh, Kotmisunar, Kukodayal Reserve, Baranbapara, Kodardam-Raipur in eco-tourism circuit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Child Labourers

†1002. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children working as child labourers in the country, State/UT-wise and the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to check this practice;

(b) the details of child labourers rescued and rehabilitated during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of persons arrested and punished for forcing the children in child labour from the year 2014 to 2017 in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any corrective policy for the rehabilitation and livelihood children rescued from child labour; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken/being taken by the Government for complete eradication of child labour in the country?

Excess Payment by Traders for Imported Goods

1003. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the traders have to pay excess amount on account of continuous devaluation of Indian Rupee in comparison to dollar for imported goods resulting in adverse effect on industry and trade;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the excess amount which has to be paid for imported goods on

account of devaluation of Indian Rupee during the last three years; and

(d) whether the Indian consumers have had to pay excess amount for goods resulting in inflation and if so, the details thereof?

Regional and Sub-regional Offices of EPFO

1004. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms stipulated/laid down for establishing Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Regional & Sub-Regional Offices in terms of the number of members and establishment registered;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish more Regional & Sub-Regional offices of the EPFO across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the list of the places identified/selected in this regard, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

Project Mausam

1005. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Project 'Mausam' along with its present status;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the project, since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of States/countries involved in the project at present;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time-frame for the said; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made so far and its response with the other countries?

Laghu Melas

†1006. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any initiative is being taken by the Government to conduct a survey of the places of ancient, religious, and historical importance to conserve and encourage Laghu Melas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any action plan is being chalked out by the Government in this regard; and

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

Welfare Board for Salt Workers

1007. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government intend to establish separate Special Welfare Board for salt workers as they are working in extremely tough climatic conditions and are facing severe health related problems;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government in coordination with State Government for welfare of salt workers?

Labour Laws

†1008. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the existing labour laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

MBBS Admission to ESI Medical College

1009. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of MBBS admissions to ESI Medical Colleges in the country under ESI employees quota; and,

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of admissions sanctioned in Kerala State for the children of ESI employees who applied under the said quota during the last academic year;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the MBBS results and associated details in ESI Medical colleges in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the data of results in ESI medical colleges during the last two years?

Vacancies in Universities

1010. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of teaching posts vacant in various Central and State Universities in the country, State-wise including Kerala;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure qualified teachers in the Universities;

(c) whether the Government has made any relaxations or changes in the required eligibility for teaching posts in Colleges and Universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to allow those who have completed Ph.D. from foreign Universities to teach in colleges in India and if so, the details thereof?

Research in Physical Education

1011. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lakshmibai National College for Physical Education (LNCPE) in Thiruvananthapuram has served as a centre for excellence in research in physical education, as well as in the training of National and International athletes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the upgrading the LNCPE into a Sports University will enable it to establish international collaboration in physical education, sports technology and high-performance training for all sports and games;

(c) whether the Government has received a representation as to why LNCPE should be upgraded to a Sports University;

(d) if so, whether the Government is willing to take steps to upgrade the LNCPE into a Sports University; and

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

National Policy for Labour

1012. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring a National Policy for Agricultural Labourers in the country;

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

(c) the manner in which the policy is proposed to be implemented?

Industrial Parks

1013. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers opening more industrial parks for rubber based units under Make in India programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government will consider the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken by the Government to help the farmers struggling due to prices fall of natural rubber?

Social Science Research

1014. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has worked out the framework of the Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE) initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has plans to give special encouragement to Social Science Research as a part of the 'research promotion' component of the initiative;

(d) if so, whether the Government finds it feasible as a part of this initiative, to promote undergraduate research through setting up of undergraduate research monitoring committees for all Centrally Funded Institutions offering professional and general courses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of Historical Sites

†1015. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the place-wise details of total Archaeological sites in Bihar at present;

(b) the names of Archaeological sites which are under Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) for its conservation and maintenance;

(c) the details of funds spent on conserved Archaeological sites during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to give responsibility of conservation and maintenance of a few more Archaeological sites situated in Bihar to ASI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Universities for Women in India

1016. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Women's Colleges/Universities functioning in the country in State/UT-wise teaching Arts, Science, Commerce and Medical Colleges;

(b) whether the Government is planning to open more colleges/ Universities for women including hostels in view of the shortage of these Colleges/ Universities for women including hostels in view of the shortage of these Colleges/ Universities for them;

(c) whether the Government is also planning to construct buildings for women University/Colleges/Hostels with the participation of Public-Private Partnership(PPP) mode; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DBTK for Kerosene

†1017. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start any scheme of Direct Benefit Transfer for Kerosene (DBTK) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review or enhance the commission of the wholesale dealers of Kerosene;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is mandatory or optional for the State Government to enhance the commission of wholesale dealers as per the circular of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

Funds Released for Development of Tourism

1018. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by the Government for the development of tourism in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated to the State of Maharashtra for the development of tourism during the said period along with the details of amount utilized therefrom, year-wise?

Performance of Export Oriented Industries

†1019. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made to boost exports from India in the last three years;

(b) whether the performance of export-oriented industries and the demand in these industries have rapidly grown after the devaluation of rupee; and

(c) if so, the value of export expected to reach by the end of this year?

Khadi Outlets

1020. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has decided to inaugurate more renovated Khadi outlets across the country to increase the sale of Khadi Products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of artisans likely to be benefitted therefrom, State-wise?

Revenue Earned from Statue of Unity

1021. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated revenue so far generated/likely to be generated by virtue of visitor footfall to the newly inaugurated Statue of Unity within two years of its inauguration;

(b) whether any special charter vehicles/other arrangements are being made available for the tourists to reach the Statue, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some Adivasi families were displaced or had to be relocated for the construction of the Statue and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate and compensate such families?

Proposals Received for Development of Culture

†1022. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Jharkhand for development of culture during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of such proposals;

(c) the details of proposals not approved, sanctioned by the Government as on date along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the work-wise details of funds sanctioned/allocated for development of culture in Jharkhand during the last three years?

Child Labour

†1023. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and details of Non-Governmental Organizations working to abolish Child Labour in the State of Jammu-Kashmir;

(b) the year-wise details of funds given to and spent by the said Non-Governmental organizations during each of last three years and current year;

(c) whether the Government is implementing any Scheme in this regard which is funded/being funded by the International Labour Organization and the United States of America; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the objective of the above mentioned scheme along with the year-wise details of funds received in form of grant for this purpose and spent therefrom during the said period?

Development of Tourism in Lakshadweep Islands

1024. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified islands in Lakshadweep to

develop them as tourist destinations under the aegis of Island Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps undertaken to regulate the movement of tourists to protect fragile, ecological and environmental characteristics of the Lakshadweep islands as well as protecting the privacy of inhabitant communities;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct a new airport to provide an alternative landing facility for the tourists in collaboration with the Indian Air Force and has identified lagoons where sea planes could be operated, if so the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to set up Lakshadweep Tourism Development Corporation comprising professionals to develop the islands into tourist destinations and if so, the details thereof?

Minimum Pension

1025. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ceiling has been fixed for the minimum pension to the persons working in private sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the existing pension scheme for the private sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Dearness Allowance is applicable to such pensioners; and

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

Skill Development of Women

1026. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for skill development of women to increase their employability in the country has achieved the desired results in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cases of irregularities/corruption in implementation of the said schemes in the country have come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said schemes/programmes and to increase their coverage in the country?

Natural Rubber

1027. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the recent price crash of natural rubber and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that rubber farmers are in deep trouble and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the prices of natural rubber in international and domestic markets and if so, the details thereof during the last five years, year-wise and country-wise along with the steps taken by the Government to enhance the price of natural rubber and also the steps taken to enhance its use in the country;

(d) whether the Government is planning to introduce minimum fare price or minimum import price for natural rubber and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the recommendations, if any, received from the Rubber Board in this regard; and

(e) whether any International Conference held in Kerala has urged the Government to promote the production and use of natural rubber and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Tribal Research Institutes

1028. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to conduct a review of operational conditions of the existing Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) across India, if so, the details thereof along with the number of TRIs operational in the country;

(b) whether the condition of the TRIs needs to be improved, if so, the details of the TRIs and the action being taken by the Government to improve the conditions of the TRIs;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to make model TRIs, if so, the details thereof along with the list of TRIs which are going to model ones; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of TRIs in the country and if so, the details thereof, UT/State-wise including Jharkhand?

National Skill Development Mission

1029. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India currently faces a severe shortage of well-trained, skilled workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the implementation of the National Skill Development Mission; and

(d) the details of students trained under the Ministry's vocational training programmes during the last four years, State/UT-wise?

Renovation and Adoption of Monuments by Corporates

†1030. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO

GAWALI PATIL:

SHRIMATI P.K.

SREEMATHI TEACHER:

SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER

REDDY:

SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched an Adopt a Heritage Site Scheme/Project under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and has invited Corporate Houses/Companies to undertake full responsibility for renovation, conservation and development of important heritage sites of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the monuments/heritage sites identified and adopted by companies so far, monument-wise, company-wise and State-wise including Rajasthan, Kerala and Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether any sign boards have been put up/proposed to be put up at these places to indicate the total funds utilized and the expertise acquired for renovation of such sites and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide basic amenities to attract tourists at various heritage sites and tourist places in the country; and

(e) the details of changes in revenue generation to the Archaeological Survey of India since into this project scheme?

Bilateral Trade between India and Pakistan

1031. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trade between India and Pakistan during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to various estimates, the annual bilateral trade between the two countries has the potential to surpass \$20 billion, if both the countries cooperate and remove barriers and restrictions because currently, most of the trade happens indirectly through Dubai, Singapore, Port of Bandar Abbas (Iran); and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to improve the trade to Pakistan?

Maternity Leave Incentive Scheme

1032. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on an incentive scheme wherein 7 weeks' wages would be reimbursed to employers who hire female workers in private sector with wages up to Rs. 15,000 and provide the maternity benefit of 26 weeks paid leave and funded from Labour Welfare Cess and if so, the details and the status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to reimburse employers in the private sector 50 percent wages of the last 14 weeks of maternity leave;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives and criteria laid down for the employers to provide compensation/paid maternity leave and the total financial allocation made for this purpose;

(d) whether implementation of amended Maternity Benefit Act, 2017 is

not good in private sector and women employees are not getting paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for both commissioning and adopting mother's and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government is considering any proposal to include women working in the unorganized sector to enable them to avail the benefits under the Act, and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government is anticipating decline in rate of labour force participation of female population due to discriminatory hiring practices by the employers in order to prevent maternity benefits available under the said Act and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) whether the Government has increased/proposes to increase minimum wages for all sectors, Agricultural, Non-Agricultural and Construction etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Prices of Petroleum Products

†1033. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Brent/ international Crude oil fell by 23 per cent from its peak in October to November, 2018 and there has been huge decline in the Indian basket of crude prices during the last two months along with strengthening of rupee have resulted in huge decline in our import bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not reducing the prices of petrol, diesel and petroleum products in proportion to reduction of prices of international crude oil from October to November, 2018 product/month-wise along with impacts of lowering of crude oil prices on the import bill/country during the current year;

(c) whether the price of petroleum products have been increasing day by day amongst protests/Bharat band by several organisations and reached to record level despite reduction in prices of crude oil in the international market and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the cascading effects of such increase on essential commodities and common people along with measures taken/ being taken by the Government including change of existing pricing mechanism of petroleum products to reduce the prices of petroleum products and bring them under control;

(e) whether the Government/State Governments propose to reduce taxes/excise duty and subsidy provided on petrol and diesel to ensure that essential commodities are available to common people at cheaper prices in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of times customs and excise duty increased during the last four years;

(f) whether the Government is selling petrol/diesel to other countries and if so, the details thereof along with the prices at which the products are being sold, country-wise; and

(g) the details of the amount paid to the Government by Oil Marketing Companies as tax and profit during the last five years, company/year-wise?

Development of Tourism in Kerala

1034. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put in place a road map to develop tourism infrastructure and promote new tourism locations in Kerala and other parts of the country;

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

(c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allot any additional fund to Kerala after recent floods and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken to improve connectivity and other facilities at the existing and proposed new tourist

destinations in Kerala and rest of the country?

Performance of NSIC

†1035. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) organises special programmes for imparting training in skill development and entrepreneurship in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with businesses in which the corporation has provided training during the last three years and the current years, State/UT and business-wise;

(c) whether the NSIC has established business parks in various regions of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the targets set and the achievements made regarding such business parks, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to establish such parks in Jharkhand and Bihar during the current year; and

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

Foreign and Indian Students

1036. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has maintained any data regarding the number of Foreign students admitted in Indian Institutions during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any details regarding the number of Indian students studying abroad from 2014 to till date and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the courses they opted for, State/country-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote Indian Institutions to attract foreign students;

(d) the details of cases of assault/violence filed by Indian students studying abroad from 2014 till now, country-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the government to ensure safety of foreign students in India?

Development of Tourism

1037. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to expedite the allocation of funds

for the development of Tourism and Hospitality industries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose through the Tourism Finance Corporation of India (TFCI);

(c) whether the Government has any new initiatives to provide adequate funds for the development of Tourist and Pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount disbursed by the Government to Tamil Nadu in this regard till date, place-wise?

CBSE Recognition/Affiliation Rules for Schools

†1038. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP

RUDY:

SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has recently revised rules related to awarding recognition to schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has considered/proposes to take any concrete step to take any stringent law to check the arbitrariness of private schools and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the new provisions of CBSE affiliation mandate schools to make full disclosure of fee structure and prohibit them from levying any hidden charges and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the CBSE intends to close some private schools across the country by sending them a show cause notice for withdrawal of affiliation and imposed some fine and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the total number of schools and number of students enrolled there in the country and total number of private unaided schools in the country, State/UT-wise?

Industrial Productivity

1039. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the productivity of industries in the country during the last five years;

(b) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce quality standards for auto, food processing, gadgets, textiles, electrical machinery, etc. to make our country a manufacturing hub for quality products and make these quality standards a part of 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this is likely to help to make identified products 'zero defect and zero effect' ?

Allocation of Gas

†1040. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that various gas based power plants and other plants are lying closed due to non-supply of gas from IGL in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the industrial development has been adversely affected due to non-supply of gas by IGL in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government and public representatives had requested the Government to lay IGL Gas pipeline in the industrial areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is likely to accept the request of the State Government and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the IGL gas pipeline will be laid in the industrial areas;

(e) whether more than 3000 Mega Watt gas based capacity remain idle/closed in the State of Gujarat due to inadequate availability of gas at affordable rate and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the State Government has requested either to allocate Administered Price Mechanism Gas or provide subsidy on available gas in the market and to facilitate the power purchase agreement with Public Sector Undertaking and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra

†1041. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) operating in the country presently including State of Jharkhand;

(b) the details of the number of youth got employment through PMKK during the current and last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of PMKK centres in the State of Jharkhand;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

FDI Inflow

†1042. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) received as announced in various foreign tours/visits of Prime Minister of India during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the said FDI inflow is as per the expectations, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any hope of receiving the outstanding FDI in the country regarding the said announcements, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Bonded Labour

1043. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Bonded Labourers identified so far in the country, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) the statistics of bonded labourers across States so identified;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to counter the problem of Bonded Labour; and

(d) the total funds allocated by the Government to rehabilitate persons engaged in Bonded Labour?

Art and Culture of Tribal Communities

1044. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote art and culture of different tribal communities of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken during the last three years in this regard;

(c) the financial allocation made for this purpose; and

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to promote the products made by the tribal communities and if so, the details thereof?

Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor

1045. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had allotted funds/grants to Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) if allotted less amount of funds the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for allotting high amount of funds to Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor as compared to other industrial Corridors;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank has consented for providing loan to Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of loan agreed to release and the time by which the said fund is likely to be released for taking up the execution work of the Industrial Corridor?

Funds to State Government Hostels

†1046. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have properly utilized the sanctioned funds provided by the Union Government for the academic purpose of students belonging to Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years till date;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding non-payment of hostel and other charges of the Scheduled Tribe students taking education;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ST List of Kerala

1047. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the Schedule of Scheduled Tribes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it comes to the notice of the Government that the certain deserving categories are not included in the schedule, if so, the details of the study conducted by the Government to find out the deserving classes of tribes in various States;

Tribal University

1049. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of establishment of Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the site has been identified for the University and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been allocated by the Government for the establishment of the Tribal University in the State and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and

(d) whether the Tribal University start operations in its own campus and if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government has received recommendation from State Government of Kerala to include Vedan Gothram in Kerala State in the Schedule of Scheduled Tribes, if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide the status of Scheduled Tribes to the Vedan Gothram in Kerala State, if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the present stage of file regarding the recommendation of the Government of Kerala to include Vedan Gothram as a tribe community in the schedule of Scheduled Tribes?

Ranking of Educational Institutes

†1048. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the special efforts put in during the last 5 years to improve the International ranking of the Indian Educational Institutes;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote the signing of agreements with foreign educational institutes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote research in private and public sectors in close association with Universities; and

(e) the status of India in getting International level research work published in the Indian Universities?

Foreign Companies in e-Commerce

1050. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-commerce sector in India is poised for exponential growth in the country in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether of late the Ministry has given clearance to any international e-commerce company to invest in India in online retail market and if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) whether the advent of foreign investors would affect the Indian origin e-tail companies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry contemplates any measures to protect Indian interests and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the foreign investors, like Walmart, who have invested in companies like Flipkart, are forcing the Indian CEOs out of their leadership positions and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Make in India Programme

1051. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:
DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:
SHRI GANESH SINGH:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the 'Make in India' programme in 2014 for promoting India as an important investment destination, if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with the targets set and achievements made therein so far;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revamp the Make in India programme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of foreign and domestic companies participated in the said programme, if so, the details thereof including the total investment received under the said programme in the country so far, company and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has signed any memorandum of understanding with foreign companies under the said programme, if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, company-wise;

(e) whether the RBI Regional Office-wise FDI equity inflow reported in the country, if so, the details of the last three years; and

(f) the State-wise total investment received so far in the country under the above programme along with the list of beneficiaries?

Jobs Lost after Demonetisation

1052. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:
SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs created in the country annually since 2014, sector-wise;

(b) the details of the increase or decrease in number of jobs created annually in the country in the last four years and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of jobs lost after demonetisation and levying of GST since 2016 till now, sector-wise and the Steps

taken by the Government to enhance job availability in the country;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the report of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) wherein it has been stated that 1.5 million jobs were lost during January to April 2017, post demonetisation;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the measures taken by the Government to create jobs lost due to demonetisation and levying of GST; and

(f) the measures taken to increase the labour participation rate which fell to a 44.3% during the said period, post-demonetisation?

Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Cess

1053. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to utilise the funds out of the Labour to their Welfare Cess to pay the employers who provide the maternity benefit of 26 weeks paid leave to female workers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess (BOCW) Act provides for collection of Cess for construction workers by States/Union territories, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States/UTs are required that the welfare schemes funded from Cess fund should be exclusively for building and other construction workers only, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether diversion of cess fund for welfare of other category of workers is permissible under the BOCW Act;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for proposed utilisation of Labour Welfare Cess Fund to provide the maternity benefit to other field workers;

(f) the details and role of the welfare board for the welfare of building construction workers in the country; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government for the welfare and development of workers including construction workers in the country?

Export of Goat Leather

†1054. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the finished goat leather exported so far since the year 2013-14, country-wise and quantity-wise;

(b) the export value of the said export and the revenue earned therefor; and

(c) the details of increase in demand of finished goat leather in foreign countries since the year 2013 and till date?

Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas

†1055. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas opened in the country during the last four years, year-wise and State/UT-wise, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand;

(b) the number of students likely to be benefited thereby; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes populated areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise/location-wise?

Schools in Tribal Areas

1056. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of Government schools opened in tribal areas in the country; and

(b) the details of the people having basic elementary education in tribal areas?

LPG Connections under PMUY

1057. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise number of free LPG gas connection provided to every BPL/poor household under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) since its inception along with targets fixed and achieved in the country including connection released in Ranchi district of Jharkhand along with funds allocated/utilised in the country so far, year-wise;

(b) the State/UT-wise number of LPG connections provided in far flung/difficult/hilly/remote areas of the country including Tumkur district of Karnataka and Junagarh district of Gujarat as per the criteria fixed for the purpose;

(c) the State/UT-wise PMUY beneficiaries who have purchased a refill more than twice in a single financial year from 2016 to 2018;

(d) whether the Government has followed the necessary security measures to provide LPG connections to

economically backward families and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefit to other poor people apart from the BPL card holders in the country, if so, the details thereof along with name of districts and number of people which have not been covered so far under PMUY, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, West Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Gujarat; and

(f) the number of complaints/cases of irregularities/misuse of scheme in providing gas connection to BPL families under PMUY received by the Government/OMCs till date along with the remedial action taken/being taken to resolve the cases/complaints, State/UT/case-wise?

Development of SEZs

†1058. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy;

(b) the details of the SEZs identified and established under this policy in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat particularly in the far flung areas;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for development of SEZs under this policy during the last three years and the current year along with the percentage of share fixed for Union and the States therein;

(d) the details of the targets set and achievements made under the policy so far; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make it WTO compatible?

Shale Gas Exploration

1059. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to explore and extract shale gas in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of shale gas and oil policy of the Government;

(b) whether the Government is proposing to undertake hydraulic fracturing/fracking to extract shale gas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hydraulic fracturing for shale gas poses a threat to the environment and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the negative environmental effects of hydraulic fracturing;

(d) the details of identified shale-gas or shale-oil reserve blocks in the country;

(e) the details of shale-gas/shale-oil exploration activities currently under progress in the country and the outcome thereto as on date; and

(f) whether shale gas explorations has failed many times and if so, the reasons identified along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Challenge of Employment

†1060. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to award professional degree along with the graduation degree in the Universities to tackle the challenges of employment/counter the problem of unemployment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this action plan is proposed to be implemented in States and Central Universities as well and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the Universities in Bihar State in which it is likely to be implemented?

CGFT Scheme

†1061. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started a credit guarantee funds trust in collaboration with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for the benefit of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs);

(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof along with the amount sanctioned and utilized and number of people benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of such other loan guarantee schemes and programmes available with the bank for MSEs; and

(d) whether collateral guarantee is mandatory to get the benefit of such schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Number of Employment Exchange

†1062. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment exchanges working in all the States/UTs in the country, particularly in Bihar and Jharkhand at present;

(b) the extant status of upgradation and modernisation of employment exchanges in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated/released and utilized for employment exchange in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the progress of modernization in this regard is as per the target in all the States including Bihar and Jharkhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Urban Employment

†1063. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Urban Employment has increased up to 8.2 percent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been successful in controlling the rate of unemployment from the year 2014 till date;

(d) if so, the industry-wise/region-wise/year-wise details thereof from the year 2014 to till date; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of employment opportunities during the said period and the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Under-measurement/Adulteration of Petrol

†1064. SHRI DHARAMBIR:
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/OMCs have noticed that Government/company owned petrol pump dealers in the country including in Bhiwani district of Haryana, Delhi and Chandigarh are reportedly measuring less diesel by manipulating the machines and charge more amount to fill the petrol tank as compared to private petrol pumps in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to stop such manipulation by the Government/company owned petrol pumps owners;

(c) the State/UT-wise samples of petrol/diesel collected to check adulteration and cases of under-measurement by petrol pumps owners reported in the country including Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year and the number of such samples found adulterated out of the total samples and the action taken by the Government against the defaulter companies/persons/dealers involved therein, OMCs/State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to conduct regular drives/surprise checks and evolve a mechanism at national level to curb such malpractices, State/UT/OMCs-wise?

World Bank Ranking on EoDB

1065. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is at 77th position in the recent World Bank Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) ranking;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether the Government has launched ease of doing business grand challenge;
 (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 (e) the steps taken by the government to improve the ease of doing business in the country?

Promotion of Rural Artisans

1066. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
 SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
 SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
 SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to promote the work of rural artisans in the country;
 (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised to promote the work of rural artisans during each of the last three years, State-wise including Karnataka; and
 (c) the number of artisans benefited from the schemes during the said period, State-Wise?

Make in India/Startup Schemes

1067. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of applications received under the Make in India and Startup schemes, State and product-wise till now;

- (b) the details of the applications approved indicating the fields and State;
 (c) the total cost involved and the manpower engaged in these schemes; and
 (d) whether the Government has released or arranged loans for the entrepreneurs under these schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Bhasha Sangam Programme

1068. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:
 SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has written to all States and Union Territories recommending that five sentences from different languages be read out by senior students during the morning assembly in schools under its 'Bhasha Sangam' programme;
 (b) if so, the details and the broader objectives of the said program;
 (c) whether the proposal has been received and accepted by the States;
 (d) whether the Government would be considering to make learning a different Indian language other than the mother tongue mandatory or elective part of the syllabus and if so, the details thereof; and
 (e) whether the said programme was aimed at students to learn about the culture and traditions of other States and if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of Cruise Tourism in Ganga

1069. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce cruise tourism on Ganga and other river beds and if so, the details thereof;
 (b) whether it is a fact that there is a huge/significant potential of river tourism in the country specially on Ganga river from Varanasi to Kolkata covering pilgrimage and tourism spots and if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) the details of river-circuits identified by the Government along with their promotion proposals?

Tribal Festival Aadi Mahotsav

1070. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
 SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
 SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
 SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
 SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH
 SHANKARRAO:
 DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
 SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has organized Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival;
 (b) if so, the details thereof along with aims and objectives thereto;

- (c) the main theme of the event;
 (d) the number of tribal artisans and artists from different States participated in the festival;
 (e) the financial benefits that the tribal artist got out of this festival; and
 (f) whether the Government has organized similar event in the past and if so, the details thereof along with achievement achieved in organizing such festival?

Ratio of Unemployment

1071. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ratio of unemployment has gone up during last two years;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the details of avenues proposed to be created to address the situation?

Utilisation of Budget Allocation

1072. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:
 SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
 पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of budget utilized from the budget allocation of Rs. 2,150 crore allocated to the Ministry of Tourism during the current financial year;
 (b) the details of head-wise segregation of the allocation of the money for various purposes; and

(c) the purpose and manner in which the remaining budget allocation proposed to be utilized?

Assistance to MSMEs

†1073. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up a committee on funds to provide funds/financial assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which it has impact in each State during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to simplify the legal formalities for establishing the MSMEs in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes/package implemented for financial assistance to establish MSMEs in the country; and

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

Bifurcation of Chennai Circle of ASI

1074. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any concrete efforts to bifurcate the Chennai Circle into two parts for the better administration and care of large number of centrally protected monuments in Chennai Circle;

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

(c) whether the Government has allocated adequate funds for the Restoration, Conservation and Preservation of archaeological monuments in Chennai Circle; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds allocated during the last 4 years, Monument-wise?

Inclusion of Yobin, Tutsa, Nocte, Tangsa and Wanchoo in ST List

1075. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to include tribes namely Yobin, Tutsa, Nocte, Tangsa and Wanchoo in the Union List of Scheduled Tribes as per the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of MSME Units

1076. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new industrial units have been setup in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country from March 2015 to March 2018;

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

(c) whether the said units have been provided with necessary capital investment and funds for their operations as per their demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with gap in demand and supply for capital investment and funds for the purpose during the said period, year-wise?

Identification of new Tourist Spots

1077. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to identify new tourist spots in the country during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the names of new tourist spots added during the said period;

(c) the number of tourist spots in the country as on date, State-wise along with the number of new places being developed by the Government to boost tourism;

(d) the details regarding the number of foreign and domestic visitors and the revenue earned from these tourist spots

during the said period, State/UT/Year-wise; and

(e) the possibility of increase in tourists and revenue from these newly developed tourist spots?

Seats for Ph.D.

†1078. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not being able to increase the number of seats for research or Ph.D. at the national level in proportion to the growing educated people in the country due to which the talented students are forced to go to foreign countries to acquire higher education;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the number of research/Ph.D. seats in proportion to their rising demand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Centres of Excellence

1079. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centres of Excellence are working in tandem with the Civil Society Organisations for providing extension services to the tribal communities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) list of centres of excellence recognized by the Government, State-wise; and

(c) the details of research/extension work carried out by the centres of excellence in Andhra Pradesh in the last four years?

Foreign Faculty Recruitment

1080. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to waive all prior security clearance requirements for foreign faculty recruitment across higher educational institutes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for increasing Global Ranking of Indian Institutions/Universities?

Gas Pipeline Network

1081. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:
SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the GAIL has allowed third party access to its natural gas pipeline network and if so, the details thereof along with its terms and conditions;

(b) the details of the existing network of gas pipeline including industrial pipelines

and its capacity to transport gas/LPG across the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to expand gas grid network/ industrial pipelines across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT/ company-wise;

(d) the details of investment made by public/private sector companies along with the status of ongoing projects including the steps taken to expedite the execution of these projects, State/UT/project-wise; and

(e) whether the gas based industries have been badly affected due to non-availability of gas/lack of pipelines network across the country and if so, the details thereof and the action plan prepared for the purpose?

Migration of Labourers

†1082. SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of migration of labourers/workers in and out of States in search of livelihood/ employment;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check such migration as well as for providing benefits of various social security schemes for the welfare of such labourers?

Shortage of Professors in HEI

1083. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the total shortfall of professors in higher education institutions during the last four years;

(b) the number of faculty shortages in Central universities; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to address the shortfall?

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

†1084. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing Boarding schools under Kasturba Gandhi Girls Schools Scheme for the girl students from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Castes (SC/ST/OBC), Minority Communities and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the educationally backward blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of students provided such educational facilities during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Higher Education

1085. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a new scheme for connecting Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with the rural development processes under the Unnat Bharat Programme;

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

(c) the status of the said scheme and the time frame for its implementation;

(d) the details of higher educational institutes which have adopted villages for development, state-wise/institution-wise; and

(e) state-wise/Institution-wise details of engaged faculty and students of Higher Educational Institutions in understanding rural realities?

Employment Generation

1086. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the target set and the number of people who have got jobs under the Government flagship employment generation scheme the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) till date;

(b) the current status of PMRPY scheme in the country along with its aims and objectives and the achievements made thereunder so far;

(c) the number of industries/employers incentivized for promotion of employment generation in the country under the said Yojana since inception along with the number of beneficiaries therefrom, industry, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the ground impact of the said Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether under PMRPY the Government will pay in full the employer's contribution towards the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Pension Scheme, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds provided by the Government and utilised by the States to implement the said Yojana since inception, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance/create job opportunities in the country along with the achievements thereof?

MDMS in Uttar Pradesh

†1087. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total number of schools in which this scheme is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the quality of the food provided every day to each student and the amount spent thereon as on date;

(d) the total number of cooks appointed in Uttar Pradesh for the purpose of implementing the said scheme; and

(e) the details of the total areas benefited by this scheme in Uttar Pradesh?

Education for All

†1088. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open new centrally sponsored education centres to provide better education to the students in far flung rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Other Traditional Forest Dwellers

1089. SHRI MALYADRI
SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reasons for low level of recognitions of rights of the Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) as compared to the Scheduled Tribes and hence the reasons of explicit discrimination between them;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the better inclusion of

Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) and settlement of their claims; and

(c) the details of the reasons of rejection not disclosed to the claimants so as to allow them to appeal further?

Scholarship Schemes

†1090. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any new scholarship scheme for the promotion of higher education in coming years;

(b) if so, whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has submitted the said proposal to the Ministry;

(c) if so, the names of the categories of students to be covered under the scheme; and

(d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Engineering/Polytechnic Colleges

1091. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Engineering Colleges and polytechnic colleges opened during each of the last three years in the country, State-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to start teaching sessions at Godda (Jharkhand) engineering college and polytechnic college and Deoghar (Jharkhand) polytechnic college; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1092. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true as reported that after 18 years of its implementation, the Karnataka Government is contemplating to shut down the Central Government sponsored Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) due to shortage of funds;

(b) if so, the details of funds released to Karnataka Government for SSA during the past three years; and

(c) whether it is true that the Central Government is also in the process of merging two of its projects, the SSA and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, with a new scheme Samagra Shiksha and if so, the details thereof?

Oil Extraction in Nagaland

1093. SHRI TOKHEHO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil is being extracted along the Nagaland/Assam State boundary and if so, the details thereof along with quantum of oil extracted so far;

(b) the year in which State Government of Nagaland allowed ONGC to conduct survey and investigate oil in Nagaland and whether extraction permission was also given in Nagaland; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of oil extracted so far?

Lack of Amenities in Schools

†1094. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Right to Education Forum, the provisions of law have been completely implemented only in 9.08 per cent schools, 10 percent schools have only one teacher, half of the schools lack safe drinking water and separate toilets for girls and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that after introduction of the Right to Education Act more than two lakh Government schools have been closed during the last few years due to decrease in the number of students;

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

(d) whether the Government is searching ways for privatization of public school system;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the concrete steps taken by the Government for complete implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009 especially in Maharashtra?

Growth of Manufacturing Sector

1095. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government is aware that growth of manufacturing sector has witnessed unprecedented decline;

(b) if so, the details of growth in manufacturing sector, including leather, garments/textiles, steel, etc. during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has assessed the impact of this decline on Indian industries; and

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

Steel Consumption

†1096. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Government to boost Per Capita Steel consumption in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to announce incentive policies for PSUs to procure domestic steel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the discussions held with the Ministries/PSUs concerned to boost Steel consumption in the country?

Industrial Park Rating System

1097. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has released the report on Industrial Park Rating System prepared by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of parks included for their assessment along with the aims and objectives thereof;

(c) the parameters/criteria fixed by the DIPP for the purpose;

(d) whether the DIPP had also launched the Industrial Information System (IIS) across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereof?

Impact of Zika Virus on Tourism Sector

1098. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards outbreak of the Zika Virus in some parts of the tourist places in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some countries have issued advisory to their Nationals, not to travel/postpone trips to the area, part of India's popular tourist places and if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact on Indian tourism by such a move;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the likely loss of foreign exchange revenue therefrom; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to stop the spread of such virus in tourist places of the country?

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1099. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is progressing with Swadesh Darshan scheme for boosting tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of sanctioned tourism projects and circuits under the scheme, State-wise along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon till date;

(d) whether the Government proposes to develop more projects/tourism circuits under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the list of sanctioned and completed projects under the scheme, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, North-Eastern Region especially Nagaland, Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

Labour Laws

1100. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second National Commission on Labour has recommended for a broad grouping of the existing Labour Laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding steps being contemplated/taken by the Government to simplify, amalgamate and rationalize the relevant provisions of the existing central labour laws; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring the fragmented social security schemes under a single umbrella, if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment

1101. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing high level of unemployment day by day during the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken to reduce the unemployment and increase employment;

(b) the number of jobs provided in Government/Private Sectors during the last three years and the current year along with the efforts made by the Government to collect data in this regard, State/UT-wise, sector-wise;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted for jobs created for 2014 till date, if so, the details and the findings thereof along with any task force set by the Government on declining employment in the country;

(d) whether the job creation is not done at the desired level in the country, despite several efforts in this direction and if so, the details thereof along with the details of jobs created in various sectors of the economy during the last three years;

(e) the details of further steps taken/being taken by the Government to create more number of jobs for the youth in the country; and

(f) whether the Government is of the opinion that 'Make in India' campaign was successful to create enough job opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial Assistance to Artists

1102. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIA:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide financial assistance to the artists for pension and medical facility;

(b) if so, the details of funds sanctioned during the last four years along with the number of artists who have been provided financial assistance under this scheme during the last four years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any financial help like scholarship and honorarium is also being provided to the artists for propagating, spreading and building their local culture in different parts of the country during the last four years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details and number of applications regarding payment of honorarium to the artists pending with the

Government along with the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to clear such applications at the earliest; and

(e) whether the Government would consider increasing the amount of funds being given to the artists and if so, the details thereof?

Accidents at Steel Plants

1103. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI G. HARI:
SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent explosion at Bhilai Steel Plant Authority of India which resulted in 13 deaths and injuries to a large number of persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any high level inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for security and safety at Steel plants and to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

Integrated Logistics Plan

1104. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the cost of logistics for India is about 14 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and on the other hand, it is only 7-8 percent in developed countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce an integrated logistics plan to fast-track movement of goods and cut transactions cost of businesses and the said plan would integrate all sectors-rail, road, ship and air;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed timeline for its introduction and if not, the other measures proposed by the Government to help alleviate the concerns regarding slow movement of goods and high transaction cost;

(d) whether there were disruptions happening in the global supply chain due to the rising trade tensions between countries such as the United States and China creating huge opportunities for Indian logistics players; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to harness the opportunities?

Setting up of Petrol Pumps/LPG Agencies

1105. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:
SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure/norms/criteria laid down for allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies along with any reservation has been made for minorities and other communities including defence personnel along with the action taken against those persons who violate these norms;

(b) the details of petrol pumps/CNG Station/LPG Agencies opened at present by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) under various schemes and to Reserved Categories including the Company Owned Company Operated (COCO), OMCs/ State/UT/COCO category-wise including Tamil Nadu and Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open new petrol pumps/gas agencies in the country including western region of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the Government has set up a five member expert committee to recommend on easing the fuel retailing licensing rules/investment norms and proposes to double fuel retail outlets in

the next five years and involve more private players in this field and if so, the details thereof along with the findings of the said committee and the employment is likely to be generated therefrom during the said period;

(e) whether the Government has introduced a simplified online application form and relaxed eligibility norms with no requirement of land or a bank balance at the time of application and if so, the details thereof along with norms/criteria prescribed by the Government therefor; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to digitalise all existing retail outlets by 31 December, 2018 and if so, the facts thereof?

Demand and Supply of Petroleum Products

1106. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of Petroleum and Natural Gas Sector is a critical challenge, if so, the details thereof along with the present status of availability and the potential of oil and gas reserves in the country;

(b) the percentage of demand of crude oil, natural gas and Petroleum products in the country being met through the existing oil and natural gas reserves along with demand and supply of various petroleum products during the last three years and the current year, product-wise;

(c) the quantum of crude oil and natural gas imported in addition to domestic production to meet the requirement of the country during the said period, country-wise;

(d) whether the price of imported Petroleum products are lower than that of domestic Petroleum products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such difference/gap during the said period?

Prices of Petrol/Diesel

1107. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of inappropriate decisions taken by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) with respect to fixing prices of petrol and diesel in the country since deregulation of their prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT/ OMC-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken on such complaints;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the impact of such inappropriate decisions on the profits of the said companies and on the common people, if so, the details and the outcomes/findings thereof;

(d) the role of the Government to keep a check on the wrong fixation of prices of petrol and diesel by OMCs in the country; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Crime against Women Tourists

1108. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crime against women tourists including foreign women tourists has increased in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with number of cases registered against the perpetrators of such crimes and persons arrested/convicted across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the impact of such crime on tourism and inflow of foreign currency into the country during the said period;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the number of women tourists that visited India during the said period, Country-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of women tourists including foreign women tourists in the country?

SEZ Policy Review Committee Report

1109. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted Baba Kalyani led Committee to evaluate the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Policy of India and suggest measures to make the policy WTO compatible and if so, the details and the composition thereof along with its other objectives;

(b) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has warned that change in focus may derail the very purpose of SEZs and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has examined the views/ recommendations of the Committee/ experts and has taken any action on the basis of the views/ recommendations made by them;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to ensure that the very purpose of SEZs is fulfilled for which they

have been established and if not, the reasons therefor indicating the timeline for implementing the recommendations; and

(f) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for maximizing utilization of vacant land in SEZs?

Discovered Small Oil Fields

1110. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has offered/allocated 149 discovered small and marginal idle/unexplored oil fields of ONGC and Oil India Limited (OIL) for auction/ stake sale to private/foreign companies in the first/second round of DSF policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of companies participated in the said auction in the first and second round and the quantum of oil and gas reserve identified by the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), company-wise;

(c) the total amount spent on discovery of the said oil fields by ONGC and OIL along with any proposal with the Government to allow said firms to seek revenue sharing partnership for its fields;

(d) whether DGH had identified 44 fields of ONGC which would help for

bidder to increase the output over the baselines production for an initial period of 10 years and fixed parameters in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government is reasoning that the areas where the fields discovered by ONGC were given to the state-owned firm on nomination basis and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) Whether the Government has announced new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) and changed the revenue sharing model and marketing freedom for oil and gas produced from these fields with the private/foreign players and if so, the details thereof along with salient features of the new policy announced by the Government?

Private Players in NCVT

1111. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to assign any private player to administrate the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) which is now under the direct control of Directorate of Government Training;

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

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts to find a solution with regards

to the certification issues, training and administration related issues; and

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

Decline in Exports

1112. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's exports have touched an all time low and if so, the details thereof, sector-wise and the reasons therefor along with the sector-wise details of exports made to various countries during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether it is true that exports of over half of the 30 sectors closely monitored by the Government were in the negative zone for the last several months and this negative growth is primarily due to high base effect last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that India's exports have been hovering around \$300 billion a year since 2011-12 without substantial growth and one of the main challenges for exports is finance and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has convened or proposed a meeting with the

States Governments and Industry representatives to discuss the ways and means to boost the country's exports and if so, the details thereof along with the incentives, if any, proposed to various sectors and the targets for exports fixed for the next three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has also any plan to prepare a new strategy to make country's exports a major source of economic growth and if so, the measures proposed to be taken to boost the exports along with the details of contribution of exports to country's GDP during the last three years?

Un-employment

†1113. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:
COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of unemployed persons including the number of educated and un-educated unemployed persons in the country and those belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) is increasing in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to formulate national employment policy in the country;

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

(d) whether the Government conducts any survey regarding unemployment and

employment in every State of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the targets fixed and efforts made by the Government for employment generation during the last three years and the current year along with the achievements therefrom?

Establishment of New Steel Plants

†1114. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total steel plants established both in public and private sector in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish new steel plants under the National Steel Policy, 2017 in the country, if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be made operational, plant-wise;

(c) whether any proposal for setting up of integrated steel plants in the country is pending with the Government, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the progress made so far in the direction of establishing a steel plant by Mecon Limited and National Mineral Development Corporation in Jharkhand?

Industrially Backward States

†1115. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any review of industrialization in industrially backward States/regions in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the States where pace of Industrialization was found to be slow, and those where it was fast review during the last three years;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken for industrialization of industrially backward States/regions in the country?

India's Foreign Trade

1116. DR. PRITAM
GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has trade deficit with 10 Regional Economic Co-operation Partnership (RECP) member countries and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether trade gap with China has increased to USD 63.12 billion in 2017-18, against USD 51.11 billion in the previous financial year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether concerns have been raised by industry, exporters and trade experts on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) being implemented by India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint two independent agencies for preparing a template to negotiate FTAs and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India's export in SAARC region itself is sub-optimal despite huge potential exists to boost exports in this region and if so, the response of the Government in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to reduce the trade deficit with member countries of RECP and also the steps to increase trade with neighbouring countries?

Promotion of Khadi

†1117. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to turn khadi into an international brand, if so, the details thereof including the schemes being implemented presently to promote khadi;

(b) whether rural enterprises play an important role in country's industrial development, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of khadi artisans in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(d) the objectives and targets and the current implementation status of the khadi workshed scheme in the country; and

(e) the details of beneficiaries of the said scheme alongwith the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote khadi in the country, State/UT-wise?

Minimum Wages

1118. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and area-wise details of the minimum wages being paid to the labourers in both organized and unorganized sector especially in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government has fixed the minimum wages for the workers working in factories and companies and as daily wagers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to save all the workers of different categories from exploitation;

(d) whether there is any proposal with the Government for universal minimum wages for all industries and workers, including those getting monthly pay higher than Rs 18,000 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has also notified Wage Code Bill to set a minimum wage across all sectors in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of MSEFC

1119. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) facilitation Councils established in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of delayed payment cases filed with the said councils till date along with the number of cases that have been disposed of so far, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government for speedy disposal of delayed payment cases by the council?

LPG Subsidy

1120. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government possesses the details of the domestic subsidised LPG connections surrendered in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of surrendered LPG connections, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revise, rationalise or withdraw the subsidy rates of domestic LPG consumers/connections in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with number of times prices of LPG were hiked during the last three years and the measures to provide LPG at a reasonable price to the consumers;

(d) whether the Government has noticed that the absence of guaranteeing a free second refill under PMUY has created much financial burden on the poor beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken to provide free of cost LPG to poor in the country;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to supply gas cylinders at doorsteps of rural consumers/ gas connections to all families and if so, the details thereof along with the percentage increase in the number of LPG consumers in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding difficulties being faced by domestic LPG consumers due to hike in the price of natural gas and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Inflow of Tourists

1121. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited India during each of the last three years and the current year and the foreign currency earned by it;

(b) whether the number of foreign tourists in India has declined due to the terrorist activities and global recession ;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the State-wise details of the places in the country where the foreign tourists have visited most?

PMUY

†1122. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is ensuring smoke free lives for every Indian family through Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and if so, the number of gas connections provided so far in each State under the PMUY which aims to safeguard the health of women and children, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether PMUY is proving to be unsuccessful in most of the States as most people could not refill the gas cylinders after they were empty because they could not arrange for the amount required for refilling a cylinder;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with subsidy provided to consumers under PMUY for regular consumption and the response of the Government to provide subsequent refilling of cylinders;

(d) whether the PMUY is fairing badly in most of the States due to the high cost of gas and the requirement of rustic/rural people being much lesser than the 14.2 kg cylinders;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with price of subsidised and non-subsidised cylinders since inception of PMUY and the response/action taken by the Government to reduce price of domestic gas; and

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

Weight of School Bags

1123. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked all the States to restrict the weight of school bags and issued guidelines especially for I and II class children regarding homework and subjects to be taught, if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that the physical and mental development of young children is affected by carrying heavy school bags and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any empirical study was made in the country before making the said decision, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the reasons for which schools are not allowed to prescribe any other subject except language, mathematics and Environmental studies for II and III classes;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to issue tablets for the use of children in lieu of books and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that private schools are not following guidelines issued by the Union Government to States from time to time and are adding more weight of school books to children and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in consultation with States to ensure the compliance of guidelines in letter and spirit so issued?

Scholarship for Students

†1124. SHRIMATI RITI
PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Scholarship provided to the students in all the States including Jammu & Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) the details of the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir students along with the number of students benefitted by the said scheme till date; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to monitor and improve the said scheme?

Decline in FDI

†1125. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of FDI made in the country include during each of the last four years;

(b) whether the inflow of FDI to the country is witnessing a steady decline;

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

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost FDI in the country?

PNG Network

1126. SHRI ANANDRAO
ADSUL:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the reach of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network to one crore households in the next five years and if so, the details thereof along with the names of cities identified for PNG network;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop a gas based economy by setting

up PNG/LNG stations at large scale in the country including Uttar Pradesh, Delhi/ NCR and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up a target to connect 70 per cent population with the City Gas Distribution (CGD)/PNG network in three years and if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it has been achieved so far;

(d) the names of the cities and percentage of coverage in each city/town which have already been connected with CGD network along with PNG facility as compared to LPG in the country particularly in Jharkhand and Bihar and the time by which all major cities are likely to be connected with PNG network, State/ UT-wise including Bundelkhand region;

(e) the details of production of natural gas available in the country along with the steps taken by the Government to boost PNG consumption and production in rural/ urban areas of the country during the last three years and the current year including incentives being provided to distribution companies to attract more consumers and to expand their network in the country; and

(f) whether CGD network has been declared a 'Public Utility' under the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to boost the consumption by expanding CGD network in the country?

Trade Dispute between India and the US

1127. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the outstanding trade disputes between India and the United States (US);

(b) whether the US has dragged India into the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Dispute Settlement Mechanism over export subsidies;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue and the extent to which this is likely to affect the subsidies to Indian companies and the GST refund to exporters;

(d) whether it is true that the Dispute Settlement body of the WTO has set up a panel to look into the complaints against certain export-subsidy measures by India;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of contentious issues which results in non-resolution of disputes between India and the US, issue-wise; and

(f) the details of the likely impact on India in case the decision goes in favour of the US?

CNG Filling Station

1128. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH
CHAUDHARY:
SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) service in the entire country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of places/cities where CNG filling stations have been set up in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide CNG filling stations in all the 650 district centres of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the criteria/norms laid down for allotment of CNG fuel stations in the country;

(e) the details of mechanism being adopted for fixing the prices of CNG in various States; and

(f) whether the Government has constituted any committee to fix the prices of CNG and has conducted any mass contact programme to motivate people to use CNG and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Marine Products Exports

1129. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the development of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Marine products exports promotion in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated to various States/UTs in last four years, year-wise;

(c) the total quantity and value of marine products exported from the country

during the last three years and the current year, item-wise and country-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to support Tamil Nadu in increasing the exports of marine products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Paryatan Parva

1130. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organized the 'Paryatan Parva' in Delhi recently;

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

(c) the number of participants along with major activities and events organized during the Paryatan Parva;

(d) the amount incurred on organizing the Paryatan Parva;

(e) the achievement made as a result of organizing the Paryatan Parva; and

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

Trade between India and Australia

1131. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the release of India Economic Survey by Australia recently which aims to make India most strategic partner in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said paper recommends India to be third largest partner of Australia by 2035 and Australia's export to \$45 billion and investment in India is likely to touch \$100 billion; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made by India in response to Australia's strategic partnership with India?

Insurance Scheme for Coir Workers

1132. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Coir Workers Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for providing financial compensation to deceased/disabled coir worker and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any MoU has been signed between Coir Board and Insurance company in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of Coir workers likely to be benefited under this scheme?

Professional Institutes

†1133. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities like Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Indian Institutes of Management (IIM), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT), National Institutes of Technology (NIT) established or operational for providing Higher Education in the country, the number of students studying in the said institutes;

(b) the budgetary allocation made and utilised by these institutes during the last three years, institute-wise;

(c) the details of the action plan made with regard to Principals, Professors, Assistant Professors therein;

(d) the details of the programmes chalked out for the training of the professors, the details of policy to promote research and innovation initiatives along with the details of action plan regarding National Training Agency; and

(e) the details of action plan formulated for reforms in Higher Education under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan?

Kendriya Vidyalayas for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

†1134. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the districts which merit special attention due to large population of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and if so, the details thereof, State/Location-wise;

(b) whether 50 per cent seats are likely to be reserved for SC and ST population in these schools and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard along with the time by which such Kendriya Vidyalayas are likely to be opened?

Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana

1135. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to expand the Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including its objectives and salient features; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized by the States including Odisha for implementation of the scheme during the last four years?

Outsourcing of Employment

1136. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outsourcing of employment in the country by different companies including Government and semi-Government departments, banks and public sector undertakings has reduced to 50 per cent in last three years period as compared to 2013-14 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IT firms of the country continue to register a slowdown trend of getting contract in the first quarter of 2018; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the plan/proposal with long term strategy of the Government for generating and/or making productive employment market therein?

Skill Development Training in Kerala

1137. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who received Skill Development Training in Kerala and total funds sanctioned/utilised under various schemes of training and programmes in Kerala;

(b) the total number of trained skilled persons already recruited in the public/private sector in Kerala, district-wise and person-wise information including the name of the recruiters; and

(c) out of the total number of skilled unemployed in Kerala, the details of the percentage of employment of locals in different Central Government Undertakings/private sector, district-wise?

Revenue Generated by OMCs

1138. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year/PSU-wise revenue and dividends generated and paid by IOCL, BPCL, HPCL etc. through the sale of petrol, diesel and LPG in India and abroad during the last three years; and

(b) the barrel-wise price of various petroleum products in international market and respective selling price barrel-wise in Indian market during the said period?

Export of Pulses

1139. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA: SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has removed the prohibition on export of all types of pulses;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure availability of pulses at affordable prices in the country while according permission for pulses' exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which these steps are helpful?

Blending of Ethanol

1140. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY: SHRI K. PARASURAMAN: SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that blending of ethanol with petrol is reportedly causing a big damage to the vehicle Engine which is leading to break down of Engine in the end and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the details of the proportion of the ethanol and petrol mixing;

(c) whether the Government has any plan of making any revision in mixing ethanol and petrol in view of the possible damage to the engine and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has adopted technology to produce Ethanol from Cellulose and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has considered the partnership with the foreign companies for conducting collaborative Research and Development to boost ethanol production in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the innovative steps taken by the Government to increase the other sources of supply of ethanol apart from sugarcane?

Government set Benchmark of Minimum Wages

1141. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Wage Code Bill, 2017;

(b) whether the Bill enables the Government to set benchmark of minimum wages for different regions in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States will not be able to dilute the minimum wages below the benchmark set by the Centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which legislation in expected to be made?

Directives to Universities to Stop Appointments

1142. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) has recently issued directives to all Central Universities, State Universities and Deemed Universities receiving grant-in-aid from the Government or UGC to stop appointment of academic staff;

(b) if so, the details of the directives and the reasons for issuing such directives at a time when institutions of higher learning are screaming for academic staff;

(c) whether the implementation of reservation policy can be linked to stopping recruiting academic staff; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Investments in MSMEs

1143. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to announce policies and incentives to attract further investments in Micro, Small

and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) specially to deal with the proposed Defence Corridor in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to link the MSMEs with the academic institutions of both the Indian and Foreign institutions for conducting collaborative Research and Development in the proposed project?

Visva Bharti

1144. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG audit of the Visva Bharti University has raised any point for non-compliance with the regulation relating to financial matters during the said period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps/action taken by the Government against authority of Visva Bharti and also to resolve the various issues of the University amicably?

Scheme for Circus Artists

1145. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI KUNDARIYA

MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of circus groups and people who are dependent on circus profession as their livelihood in the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of schemes and programmes of the Government to promote

and support circus groups in the country; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal for promoting the welfare of circus groups and circus masters/experts and if so, the details thereof?

Claim under RGUMY

†1146. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide the total amount of outstanding claims of Rajasthan *i.e.* Rs. 18.74 lakh under Rajiv Gandhi Udyami Mitra Yojana;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Labour Market

1147. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the availability of detailed, reliable and comprehensive information on the labour market is critical to meet the employment challenge through well-targeted policies and programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that there is a need to ensure such data available in the country to understand the ground realities of the labour market and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take steps to provide the said information as a part of National Employment Policy; and

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

Delivery of Cylinders

†1148. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of substantial delays in delivery of cylinders after booking across the country including Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any remedial steps in this regard in a time-bound manner; and

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

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Funds

1149. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that educational activities undertaken by State Government

prior to launching of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the States including Gujarat, which conducted primary education properly and made heavy investment therein prior to the coming into force of the SSA, suffer heavily *vis-a-vis* those States which created most of the infrastructure after the launch of SSA and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations from State of Gujarat for providing funds in an equitable manner under SSA and also to provide special central assistance to over one lakh Primary School teachers appointed prior to coming into force of SSA; and

(d) if so, the Government's response thereto?

Foreign Contribution to NSDF

1150. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated to the National Skill Development Fund (NSDF), Year and State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of the Foreign Contributions to the NSDF since Foreign Contributions were exempted from the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act?

NEW DELHI;
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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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987	Part (a); line 1: <u>insert</u> "under " <u>before</u> "Rashtriya"
1149	Part (a); line 4: <u>insert</u> "in 2001 is ineligible for Central funding and if so, the details thereof;" <u>after</u> "(SSA)"

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General