

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Wednesday, March 16, 2022/Phalguna 25, 1943 (Saka)

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

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

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### Coal Shortage in Tea Gardens

2301. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the effects of the recent coal shortage on tea gardens in the North Eastern Region and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise data on the number of tea producing units in the North Eastern Region and the number of such units which primarily depend on coal;

(c) whether the Government has taken or intends to take any measures to reduce dependence on coal in tea producing units in the North East and shift to renewable forms of energy; and

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

(a) whether the Government has constituted any committee to assess the number of vacancies present across various Central Government Departments;

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

(c) whether the Government has any preliminary data on number of sanctioned and estimated vacancies present across various Central Government Departments and if so, the details of vacancies, department-wise;

(d) the details of backlog posts which are yet to be filled during the last eleven years and the current year;

(e) whether the Government is planning to release any job notifications other than UPSC and Staff Selection Commission between 2022-2023 and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details and status of ongoing job notifications of Central Government; and

(g) whether the Government has any preliminary data of vacancies present in the States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### Budgetary Data for Food Distribution

2302. KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the food distribution system, including quantity of food distributed, the number of beneficiaries reached and the percentage of population left out of the distribution, year-wise from 2014 till date; and

(b) the budgetary data for food security and distribution from 2014 till date, year-wise?

### Poverty Line

†2304. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN

MOHANBHAI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing official 'poverty line' fixed by the Government to estimate the population living below poverty line in the country along with the current status of all the States of the country in this respect, State/UT-wise including Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to update the existing official 'poverty line', if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

### Vacancies in Central Government Departments

2303. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(c) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any plan to remove poverty and unemployment and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken/being taken by the Government for the upliftment of people/families living below poverty line in the country and current status thereof, State/UT-wise including Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu?

### Gambling in Online Games

2305. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many youngsters are committing suicide, after losing money, due to gambling in online games;

(b) if so, whether the Government would bring a model legislation to ban online games in the country, especially when some States have already taken the initiative;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether steps would also be taken by the Government to ban advertisements promoting online games in TV and social media;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the efforts made to discourage youths from becoming addicted to online games resulting in loss of money and productivity?

### Rural Development Projects/Schemes

†2306. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rural development projects and other schemes being run by the Government in various districts/aspirational districts of the country including districts of Haryana, at present, district and State-wise;

(b) the targets set for the development of aspirational districts identified by the Government for the financial year 2021-22 and the number and details of districts in respect of which the target has not been achieved;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement its schemes under Sustainable Development Goals and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is preparing any action plan for capacity building at the level of Panchayati Raj Institutions in aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof?

### Schemes for Progress of Industries

†2307. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:  
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of schemes being implemented by the Government for progress of industries incurring heavy loss since corona period;

(b) the names of schemes being implemented by the Government for industrial development of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals from State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Broadband Facility in Rural Areas

2308. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of the rural population is deprived of broadband/internet facility if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of villages provided with internet connectivity under the BharatNet project so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has not been successful in achieving the target fixed for providing internet/broadband connectivity to villages and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the broadband project design for rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

### Stoppage of Dadar Express

†2309. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stoppage of Dadar Express(11057) from Chhtrapati Shivaji terminus to Amritsar has suddenly been stopped at Gharaunda station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to re-operate Himalayan Queen Express (Delhi-Chandigarh, 14095) (Chandigarh-Delhi 14096) that was stopped due to Corona;

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

(e) the status of works completed on Karnal-Yamunagar of New Delhi-Ambala rail line?

**CBI Raids**

2310. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all CBI raids conducted since 2019 that have happened in a State after announcement of Assembly election there or ahead of Lok Sabha election and after Code of Conduct came into effect, State-wise?

**E-Commerce Platform**

2311. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the growth of the livelihood of Weavers and Artisans;

(b) whether the Government has planned to link Weavers and Artisans with E-Commerce platforms for the growth of livelihoods in the Handlooms and Handicrafts sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Helping Handloom Weavers**

2312. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA

KRISHNA RAJU:

SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sustained Government support has over the years helped handloom weavers and traditional artisans in the States to survive downturns and competition from powerlooms and modern manufacturers and in creating brands such as Co-optex, a weaver's cooperative etc in all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this support of the Government also helped the weavers and artisans to showcase their textiles and craft to a larger audience;

(d) if so, the details including the funds sanctioned/spent therefor, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government managed to procure and safeguard the livelihood of the weavers in many States even during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

**Electrification of Indian Railways**

2313. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE

PATIL:

SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the timeline by which the electrification work of Indian Railways is likely to be completed;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and planned to be disbursed for the electrification of the Indian Railways in the next five years, State/Union Territory wise;

(c) the tentative timeline and schedule by which trains in all States/Union Territories specially Maharashtra, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh are likely to be fully operated on electricity;

(d) whether sector contractors are being taken into consideration for the train operations to begin; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Amendment in SEZ Act**

2314. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH

DEO:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to amend the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Act to enable the States to become partners in 'Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it will cover all large existing and new industrial enclaves to optimally utilise available infrastructure and enhance competitiveness of exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposed to undertake reforms in Customs Administration of SEZs and it shall henceforth be fully IT driven and function on the Customs National Portal;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other reforms being taken by the Government regarding SEZs in the country?

**Urban Haats**

2315. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing National Handicraft Development Programme to provide assistance for setting up Urban Haats in big towns with a view to provide direct marketing facilities to artisans/weavers;

(b) if so, the number of Urban Haats operational in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(c) the details of sales and profits derived therefrom annually and if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Government of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for setting up of Urban Haats and if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and

(e) whether Urban Haats have been successful in achieving their objective and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard?

**Online Games of Skill**

2316. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the distinction between online games of skill and online games of chance, in the light of the judgements of Supreme Court and High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of such judgements and have recognised the need for creating such distinction in online gambling and gaming laws enacted by various States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government intends to create a national level regulatory framework for online games of skill; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and action taken/to be taken by the Government?

**Steel Scrappers**

2317. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:  
SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives undertaken by the Government under the Steel Scrap Recycling Policy;

(b) whether the Government is considering any incentives to promote recycling of steel scrap materials at domestic as well as commercial level;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) the details of the number of registered and un-registered setups working in the field of steel recycling and scrapping, State-wise and year-wise;

(e) whether the Government has determined any steps to integrate the unregistered and small scale steel scrappers in the mainstream;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government has taken any steps to maintain the quality of scrap steel; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

**SEZs**

2318. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the amount of land lying unutilised in the SEZs in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to further incentivise corporations to set up business in SEZs post Covid-19 induced digital advancements and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether steps have been taken by the Government to propose a new legislation to regulate SEZs in the country and if so, the detailed timeline of the same?

**Energy Out of Nuclear Energy**

- †2319. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of energy produced out of the nuclear energy by the country;

(b) the extent to which nuclear energy is costlier in comparison to energy obtained from other sources;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the use of energy obtained from nuclear sources in daily use; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### High Ranking Official Quota

†2320. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any manual has been prepared for Headquarter/High ranking official quota by the Railways and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the guidelines issued regarding approval of letter of request sent by the Members of Parliament in respect of headquarter/High ranking official quota?

#### Distribution of Ration

2321. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the share of contribution of the State and the Union Governments in the ration distributed through Public Distribution System (PDS) in West Bengal from 2020 to till date;

(b) the details of the ration under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) allotted by the Union Government to West Bengal from May 2020 till date;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries under PMGKY ration in West Bengal especially in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur;

(d) whether the Union Government has conducted or proposes to conduct audit of the PDS in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong; and

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

#### Objective of BharatNet

†2322. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main objective of BharatNet project;

(b) whether all the Gram Panchayats in the country are likely to be connected under this project; and

(c) the name of the villages in Gujarat where the said project has been implemented so far along with the time

by which the people in the rural areas of Parliamentary Constituencies of Amreli and Banaskantha are likely to benefit from fast speed broadband?

#### Betul-Amrawati-Railway Project

†2323. SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Betul-Amrawati rail project is pending for approval with the Government and if so, the time by which its survey is likely to be completed;

(b) whether any special rail project is likely to be implemented for Betul-Amrawati for the benefit of the tribal people; and

(c) if so, whether survey for the said rail project had been conducted earlier and if so, the details thereof?

#### Central Government Pensioners

2324. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of retired persons availing Central Government pension in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to utilize doorstep services of postal department for submission of Digital Life Certificate (DLC) through postman in order to ease the process;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### National Science Day

2325. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA  
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government commemorated National Science Day and conducted festivals at 75 locations featuring expositions, lectures, films, radio talks, science literary activities and more through a hybrid mode; and

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

#### DMF Fund

†2326. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any measures to increase the expenditure from the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Trust Fund in Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the guidelines stipulated for incurring expenditure from DMF fund and the total amount spent by all districts including Raigarh and Jashpur during the last three years, work-wise;

(c) whether any committee has been constituted to sanction the action plan and review the expenditure and if so, the names of the members of the committee;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to make a provision to define the role of the Members of Parliament and invite their suggestions in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Operation of Private Depots in Rajasthan

†2327. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:  
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of depots of Food Corporation of India (FCI) operated by private and Government agencies in Rajasthan including Banswada-Dungarpur and Uttar Pradesh, depot-wise;

(b) the details of funds being spent every year in the operation of private depots;

(c) the details of terms and conditions determined by the Government for the operation of private depots; and

(d) the number of the Government and private depots of FCI proposed to be constructed in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

#### Phase I & II of BharatNet

2328. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 8000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the State of Bihar have been covered under Phase I and II of BharatNet and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all these GPs have actually been connected to village level broadband and WiFi choupals;

(c) if so, the details thereof with the number of subscriptions taken and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which all the GPs in Bihar would be covered?

#### PM Mitra Parks

†2329. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:  
SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PM Mitra parks scheme started as a part of Budget 2021-22; and

(b) the details of the assistance being provided by the Government to promote cottage textile industries, small weavers and textile workers under the said scheme?

#### Aspirational Districts

†2330. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether districts of Madhya Pradesh, Supaul district of Bihar, West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand and districts of Jammu and Kashmir have also been covered under Aspirational Districts Programme;

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

(c) the details of the funds allocated and received by the aspirational districts identified throughout the country from the CSR fund during the last two years and the current year, sector-wise and work-wise;

(d) whether the fund has been spent within the stipulated time frame and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government has fixed any accountability in this regard?

#### NeVA

2331. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the States that have adopted National eVidhan Application (NeVA) so far;

(b) the implementation status of NeVA in these States;

(c) whether the Government will be making the adoption of NeVA mandatory for all States in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether NeVA will provide easy access to searchable documents, while bridging language barriers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the digitisation initiative under NeVA also includes creating digital archives of previous documents and if so, the details thereof?

### Improving Railway Security

2332. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recently conducted mock bomb blast drills at some major border area railway stations in the country;

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

(c) whether lack of coordination is reported from various agencies dealing with railway security;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve the security in the railway premises; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation

2333. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered the request for approving Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation as the Prospective Lessee for 14 Sand Beach Mineral Areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated timeline for the said approval; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Rajdhani Routes

2334. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target/time frame fixed by the Indian Railways to achieve 200km/hr in Rajdhani routes in the country; and

(b) the steps taken to achieve the same?

### Auction of Coal Mines

2335. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the auction and sales of the Coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to convert diesel dumpers into LNGs to reduce air pollution by Coal India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Increase in Retail Inflation

†2336. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether retail inflation has increased in the country due to increase in prices of food items;

(b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to take any steps to decrease retail inflation rate; and

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

### Airlines Communication

2337. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that 5G wave of communication can impact some airlines communication systems and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the impact of 5G wave of communication on the airlines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any detailed plans to roll out 5G wave of communication and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has initiated any measures to protect large amount of data that will be generated as a result of 5G roll out and Internet of Things, if so, the details thereof?

### Indian Silk Industry

2338. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

SHRI SELVAM G:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias

PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian silk industry is one of the largest generators of employment and foreign exchange for the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the percentage of employment and foreign exchange generated by the Indian Silk Industry during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the contribution of silk industry in the overall economic development of the country;

(d) the production, consumption, import and export of silk in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the targets fixed and achievements made for production of silk during the last three years and the current year?

#### **Industrially Backward Districts in Bihar**

2339. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified industrially backward districts in the country and especially in Bihar;

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

(c) whether the Government has any plans to formulate any policy to establish industries in backward areas and enhance investment in Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rail Fare to Senior Citizens**

2340. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the withdrawal of discounted rail fares to senior citizens;

(b) whether the said move is permanent; and

(c) if not, the time by which the discounted train fare is likely to be resumed?

#### **Employment through PM Mitra Parks**

2341. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work completed and target set for setting up of the PM Mitra Parks; and

(b) the number of employment expected to be generated through the PM Mitra Parks?

#### **Investment in Haryana**

†2342. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total foreign and domestic investment in Haryana during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of projects started in the State under 'Plug and Play Model'; and

(c) the potential for foreign investment in the State after the Covid-19 pandemic and during the succeeding years along with the details thereof?

#### **Export of Fresh Fruits**

†2343. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a significant increase in the export of fresh fruits from India;

(b) if so, the details of the exports of guava and grapes during the last five years; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the export of curd and cheese?

#### **Wages to BSNL Contract Workers**

2344. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS  
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about non payment of Wages to BSNL Contract workers from 01 October 2020 in Tamilnadu Telecom Circle and if so, the details of the action taken for payment of wages to Contract workers ;

(b) the details of allotment of Funds from BSNL Corporate office to Tamilnadu Circle and the exact timeframe in which it is proposed to settle their pending wage claims;

(c) whether various works in BSNL have been outsourced and thousands of contract workers are working through approved contractors and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government issues various instructions and orders for enforcement of Social Security Schemes like EPF, ESI to the outsourced, contract workers and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Introduction of Train Services in Southern Zone**

2345. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:



Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the General Manager South Zone Headquarters Chennai on the resumption and introduction of train services which are pending for more than seven years, viz, extension of Mettupalayam-Coimbatore train upto Nagercoil via Pollachi, introduction of new over night train service to Bengaluru for which proposal is pending with Railway Board and resumption of Coimbatore-Pollachi-Madurai daily passenger train services and Coimbatore-Pollachi daily passenger train services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on these proposals?

#### Pods/Capsule Hotels near Railway Stations

2346. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to construct pods/capsule hotels near railway stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, Railway-zone wise?

#### Consumer Expenditure Survey

2347. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA

BORLAKUNTA:

SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had conducted consumer expenditure survey more than ten years ago and no survey has been undertaken since then;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consumer expenditure survey conducted during NSS 75th Round in 2017-18 is faulty and has flaws in its methodology;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Ministry is likely to consider conducting survey since pandemic is almost over; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Mobile Towers in LWE Areas

2348. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for installation of mobile towers in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas under phase I and II of the project since its inception;

(b) the details of mobile towers installed in LWE affected areas since the projects inception;

(c) the details of the districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh that are covered under the project;

(d) the funds allocated and utilised for setting up of mobile towers in such districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) whether the Ministry has set any target for covering all LWE affected areas in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### SERB-Power Scheme

2349. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of grants that have been given under the Science and Engineering Research Board POWER scheme (SERB-POWER scheme) since its inception upto February, 2022, State-wise, down to district level for Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the areas of research and institutions granted with funds under the SERB-POWER scheme, area and year-wise;

(c) whether any special provisions have been made for institutions of national eminence, and the total disbursements to all such institutions since the inception of the SERB-POWER scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the list of maternity and paternity leave policies at institutions of national eminence with details of period of paid leaves, health care benefits, etc; and

(e) whether the Government plans to disburse funds to add non-academic perks like housing, transport and medical help, family care and health care for children under employment contracts of institutes of national eminence and if so, the details thereof?

#### Women Working in Unorganized Sector of Textile Industry

2350. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the figures showing the number of women working in the unorganized sector of the textile industry, State-wise;

(b) whether the textile industry has seen a reduction in revenue since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) if so, whether it resulted in loss of employment of persons including women working in the unorganized sector of the industry;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to analyze the number of women who have lost their employment and/or income during the COVID-19 lockdown since March 2020;

(e) if so, the details thereof including Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, State-wise; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government to ensure re-employment of women who have lost their employment during the COVID-19 lockdown?

#### Study to Augment MPLAD Funds

2351. SHRI ANNASHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:  
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:  
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any need has been felt to conduct a study regarding augmenting MPLAD funds by the Ministry on par with innovations in various Departments of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a consideration for the State specific Members of Rajya Sabha's MPLAD funds to be distributed anywhere in the country for taking up developmental works;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry finds it a necessity in the large interest of the country; and

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

#### Coverage Under NFSA

2352. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the percentage of population in rural areas covered in Maharashtra under National Food Security Act (NFSA) is comparatively low as compared to other States and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representation from Government of Maharashtra for re-assessing the percentage of coverage under NFSA in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to review the percentage of beneficiary coverage of the State under NFSA; and

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

#### Industrial Corridors

2353. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the current status of Industrial Corridors viz. Chennai-Bengaluru (CBIC), Bengaluru-Mumbai (BMIC); and Hyderabad-Bengaluru(HBIC); and

(b) the details of the total amount allocated, released and spent on the development of these corridors till date and the time by which these corridors are likely to be completed?

#### Sick NTC Mills

2354. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sick NTC mills in Tamil Nadu to be taken up for modernization and revival under the modernization plan for sick NTC mills;

(b) the details of other NTC mills which are to be taken up for modernization under the plan; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite implementation of the plan?

#### Preserving the Dying Art

2355. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to step up the handicraft and Kheta embroidery technical Training programme in the district of Kishanganj to preserve the dying art;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government is planning to grant more funding to expand the training centers in the remote areas of Kishanganj; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Net Zero Carbon Emitter

2356. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has plans to become 'Net Zero Carbon Emitter' by 2030;

(b) if so, whether the Railways plans to use its 20% parking capacity at railway stations or office complex for setting up electronic vehicle charging infrastructure;

(c) if so, the detailed plan chalked out by Railways for using its infrastructure for electronic charging facilities especially at railway stations where such vehicles are likely to increase in the near future?

### Superfast Train in Rajasthan

†2357. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts and Tehsil headquarters in Rajasthan where there is no railway facility at present;

(b) whether any action plan is proposed to connect all the district headquarters of Rajasthan with superfast train services;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action plan has been chalked out by the Government to connect Jalore city and Sirohi district headquarters with superfast train services and if so, the details thereof?

### Compensation to Farmers

†2358. SHRIMATI HIMADRI SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area in hectares of land which was acquired by the company from the year 2014 to 2018 in the Jamuna-Kotma area under South Eastern Coal Fields Limited;

(b) the number of farmers who have been given employment so far under the Amadand Project of Jamuna-Kotma area and the number of people who are deprived of employment; and

(c) the number of farmers who have been compensated in lieu of land acquisition by the company under Jamuna-Kotma and the rate on which the compensation has been given?

### Profitability of Coal Mines

2359. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the performance and profitability of coal mines including Coal India Ltd in the country and if so, the names of the coal mines which are running in profit/losses and the reasons for loss;

(b) the details of the coal mines which are likely to be closed down after completion of the extraction work and the total decline registered in coal production due to abandoning/closing down of these coal mines along with the estimated loss to be incurred thereby in future;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make good/compensate the losses/ shortages in the coal production;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the exploration and operation of small/closed/ abandoned coal mines and new mining regions and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase domestic coal production and also profitability of coal mines?

### Data of Imports and Exports

2360. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of year-wise data of imports and exports from FY 2009-10 to FY 2021-22;

(b) the country-wise details of the import and export growth between 2008-2014, 2014-2019 and 2019-2022 (till January 2022) therein; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase exports?

### Re-Development of Railway Stations

†2361. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing and proposed plan for re-development of all railway stations which come under Khandwa Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) the plans of the Government for better railway connectivity to other major Indian cities from Khandwa;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new train in the said Parliamentary Constituency keeping in view of large public demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the public demand is likely to be fulfilled?

#### **Railway Lines under Palakkad Division in Kerala**

2362. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the need for development work in the Nilambur Shornur Railway line under the Palakkad Division in Kerala for upgrading the Nilambur station;

(b) if so, whether the Government plans to take up such developmental activity including track doubling electrification, platform lengthening etc;

(c) the details of the development works conducted in recent years; and

(d) whether the Government plans to implement this project at the earliest?

#### **Identification of Export Hubs**

†2363. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:  
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to make the product of a district an export hub by identifying the products of each district in the country with a view to double the income of the farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the district and product-wise details of the products identified in the country including Satara, Solapur and Latur districts of Maharashtra and Bilaspur, Mungeli and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district of Chhattisgarh;

(c) the names of the products exported by the Government from these districts last year including the amount of turnover in this regard along with the district-wise details thereof particularly Satara, Solapur and Latur districts of Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment to find out the extent of benefit accrued to the farmers after starting this scheme meant to give far-reaching effects in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **BIS for Water**

†2364. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are in place for drinking water;

(b) if so, whether BIS quality standards have not been made mandatory for civic agencies engaged in supplying drinking water to houses across the country;

(c) if so, the reasons for not making BIS standards mandatory for supplying piped drinking water; and

(d) the details of new steps being taken by the Government to ensure safe drinking water supply to every house hold in the country?

#### **TIES**

2365. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether no new projects and no funds were released to Andhra Pradesh in 2021-22 under Trade Infrastructure for Exports Scheme (TIES);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether out of the 74.15 crores of TIES share approved for projects from 2017-2022, only 57.15 crores funds have been released for Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor including the time by which the pending amount is likely to be released?

#### **Employment Generation in Textile Industry**

2366. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:  
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which pandemic has affected employment generation in the textile industry, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) whether the employment generation in the textile industry in Uttar Pradesh is much less than the target set during the last five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) the details of the action plan by the Government to increase employment in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar especially in the textile sector;

(e) whether the Government maintains the figure of the number of people directly affected during the pandemic period in the textile industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the number of unemployed people at present and the action taken for their rehabilitation?

### PCB Manufacturing

2367. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:  
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture and expand activities in manufacturing of Semi-Conductors and Printed Circuit Board (PCB) having very large usage in the electronics industries to curb the large quantity imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to inhouse manufacture of Lithium-Ion Batteries to large scale; and

(d) if so, the detailed plan and road map in this regard?

### Agreements with other Countries

2368. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which India is currently getting help to meet the country's nuclear energy needs?

(b) whether the Government has entered into agreements with some other countries of the world for an uninterrupted supply of Uranium; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Investment in Industrial Sector

2369. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to improve private interest for investment in

the industrial sector and increase industrial credit growth, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that most industrial projects of Rs. 1,000 crore to Rs. 5,000 crore budget have taken between 7 to 11 years for completion;

(c) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to cut down the time for completion of future industrial projects and make them more cost and time efficient;

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

(e) whether the Government has any data on the number of projects which were stalled, the number of projects which were initiated but delayed and the number of projects which were abandoned; and

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

### Digital Literacy Status

†2370. SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN  
MOHANBHAI:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise status of the implementation of Digital Literacy Mission;

(b) whether the target of making people digitally literate in rural areas of the States/Union Territories has been achieved; and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the coverage of digital literacy schemes especially in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu; and

(d) whether the Government has received any response on the reasons for the low enthusiasm among the people to participate in digital literacy programs and if so, the details thereof?

### Tata Memorial Centre

2371. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:  
SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government monitors the prestigious Tata memorial center at Mumbai coming under the purview of the Department of Atomic Energy and if so,

the details thereof along with the number and details of Tata Memorial Centres;

(b) whether the patients suffering from cancer from the deprived class are considered on priority over there and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Atomic Energy feels a necessity to further coordinate with the Tata Trusts to increase the number of branches of the Tata Memorial Center considering the increased number of cases of cancer in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any plan afoot to open such centers by the Department of Atomic Energy in association with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foodgrains Storage Capacity**

2372. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foodgrains procured by the Government from each State and the price paid to the farmers for each item during the last six months especially from Gujarat?

(b) whether FCI has sufficient storage capacity to store the foodgrains procured every year?

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

(d) the steps being taken to increase the storage capacity in each State particularly Gujarat and other States where there is maximum production of crops?

#### **Coal Stock for Non Power Sector**

2373. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:  
Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no sufficient buffer stock of coal for non-power sectors in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of coal to both power sector and non-power sectors?

#### **Coal Reserves**

2374. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government agrees with the view that India cannot do away with coal at least for the next few decades as it is endowed with large reserves of coal, which can last for over 200 years at the current rate of production;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in view that coal is inevitable in the energy mix of the country in the foreseeable future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Launch of Satellite EOS-4**

2375. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has recently launched an earth observation satellite EOS-4 along with two other scientific satellites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the likely benefits to be accrued for agriculture, forestry, flood mapping, soil moisture and hydrology by launching of these satellites;

(d) the details of delays, if any, in all the big ticket missions and other routine launches by ISRO scheduled during the last two years along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure the early operationalisation of all delayed space missions along with the schedule of future satellite launches in the next two years?

#### **Doubling of Thanjavur-Villupuram Rail Line**

2376. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is planning to undertake doubling work of Thanjavur-Villupuram single line section as train traffic of the section has reached saturation limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is likely to take necessary steps to allot necessary funds to undertake and complete the said doubling work in an expeditious manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ULIP**

2377. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed for data exchange among all mode operators on Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) designed for Application Programming Interface (API);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed for award of Contracts for implementation of Multimodal Logistics Parks at four locations through PPP mode in 2022-23;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government for efficient movement of goods through different modes, reducing logistics cost and time, assisting just-in-time inventory management and eliminating tedious documentation?

#### USOF

2378. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total funds sanctioned, allocated, and spent on Universal Service Obligation(USOF) for financial years 2014-15 to 2021-22, with special emphasis on 2020-21 and 2021-22;

(b) the details of utilization of existing corpus of the USOF, State-wise especially Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(c) whether USOF funds are being used for other purposes and if so, the details thereof including the allocations made to various partners along with the status of projects initiated under the USOF;

(d) the details of inspection that has been conducted under the monitoring mechanism of the USOF during the financial years 2014-15 to 2021-22;

#### ROBs/RUBs in Andhra Pradesh

2379. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals for construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects approved by the Government and the least time frame for completion of these projects?

#### Aadhaar Card Centres

†2380. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of centres operational for creating Aadhaar Cards and changing/updating details in Aadhaar Card in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any daily target for abovesaid centres for creating Aadhaar Cards and changing/updating details in Aadhaar Cards;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open new centres considering the utility of Aadhaar;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details of the fields for which Aadhaar card has been made mandatory; and

(g) the details of total funds spent by the Government in the State of Jharkhand for Aadhaar Card service?

#### Ration to Tea Plantation Workers

†2381. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ration allotted to workers in tea plantations of Assam and other State during the last five years; State/tea plantation-wise;

(b) the names of schemes under which the workers in tea plantations of Assam and other States are provided ration at lower prices and the time since when this scheme has been implemented;

(c) the details of payments made by the tea companies for these rations allotted at lower cost during the last five years including the names of tea plantations; and

(d) whether many companies fail to pay for these rations within the specified time frame and if so, the names of such companies?

### Greenfield Industrial Nodes

2382. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of greenfield industrial nodes being developed under the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor(DMIC); and

(b) the number of such corridors which have been approved for development by the Government?

### Railway Projects in Odisha

†2383. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Odisha has agreed to provide free land for the new rail projects; and

(b) if so, the details of commitments made for such lands and the present status thereof; project-wise?

### Resumption of Operation of Suspended Trains

†2384. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of mail express trains that are being operated by Indian Railways in comparison to its earlier operations despite challenges posed by Covid so far;

(b) the time by which all the trains from all important places of the country particularly from Gujarat are likely to be made fully operational; and

(c) the time by which the stoppages of trains that were suspended earlier are likely to be restored?

### Right of Way Permissions

2385. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the one of the reasons for delay in broadband penetration is not getting Right of Way permissions(RoW);

(b) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to convince and persuade States for clearing permissions for RoW;

(c) whether any regular review meetings are held with service providers and other stakeholders on the progress of work and approvals; and

(d) if so, the details of States where the above problems are encountered by the Government and the service providers?

### Health Centres in Bhilai Steel Plant

†2386. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the health centres being operated by Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) in Chhattisgarh, location-wise;

(b) whether any efforts being made by the Government to make the sector-9 hospital of BSP the national level super-speciality hospital by appointing specialist doctors and by increasing medical facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the BSP refers their employees to Apollo hospital of Hyderabad for treatment; and

(e) if so, the total amount paid by BSP management to Apollo hospital so far during each of the last three years and the current year?

### National Food Grid

2387. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a plan to set up a National Food Grid to connect food surplus areas with food deficient ones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the mechanism used by the Government to classify the States as food surplus or deficient;

(d) whether the Government also plans to make a system to record of deaths by starvation in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Good Quality Food in Trains

2388. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:



- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide quality food from IRCTC in all its trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the mechanism in place to ensure that good quality food is being supplied by IRCTC;
- (d) the number of catering agencies found guilty regarding providing poor food quality, hygiene and cleanliness of pantry car during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of the action taken against them?

#### Criteria for ODOP

†2389. SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND:

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

- (a) the manner in which the Government is planning to make every district self reliant and to provide employment by globalizing the local products through 'One District One Product (ODOP)' scheme;
- (b) the process of selection of districts under ODOP scheme;
- (c) whether Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh has also been selected under the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Coal Block Auction

†2390. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has amended the law for coal block auction in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the arrangements for supply of coal to the private sector and electricity sector has been made at par;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the demand of domestic coal would increase as a result of it; and
- (e) whether the coal likely to be made available to the electricity sector through e-auction of coal which would be costlier in comparison to the existing procedure and if so, the details thereof?

#### Impact of Covid-19 on Coal Industry

†2391. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to revamp the coal industry;

- (b) the details of the impact of Covid-19 on the revenue of coal industry in India;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to revive this industry;
- (d) the details of the number of coal workers who lost their lives due to Covid-19, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any plan to provide compensation to the families of coal workers who lost their lives due to Covid-19; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Measures for Telecom Sector

2392. SHRI A. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed a set of measures/reforms for the ailing Telecom sector by way of granting moratorium on unpaid dues, redefining Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) prospectively and cutting in Spectrum Usage Charges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the yearly revenue loss to the Government on each of these three schemes separately?

#### Banned apps

2393. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has banned 54 apps in order to protect our citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether app leakages and data leakages of Indian citizens may happen from other countries too;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government enact data localization requirements for all sensitive personal data while the Data Protection Act is under consideration; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Textile and Clothing Sector

2394. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textile and clothing sector is passing through difficult phase and has been badly affected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of segments that have performed well in Textile and Clothing sectors during the last three years and the current year, segment and year-wise;
- (d) whether the export of clothing and textile has been badly affected due to covid-19 pandemic, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the situation and boost the exports from the country;
- (e) whether the export of handicraft including handmade carpets have shown negative growth compared to last three years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to push the exports of the said items?

#### Procurement of Fortified Rice

2395. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure fortified rice from various States during Kharif and Rabi seasons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any programme for distribution of fortified rice to children and lactating mothers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of the said rice likely to be distributed along with the number of States/UTs proposed to be covered under the said programme?

#### Electrification of Bhavnagar-Dhola railway line

†2396. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of electrification of Bhavnagar-Dhola railway line under Western Railway;
- (b) the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in electrification of the said railway line?

#### Railway Projects

†2397. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects under construction in Northern and North Central Railways to cut the distance and speed up the journey;
- (b) the work and institution-wise funds sanctioned to complete the railway projects within the specified time limit;
- (c) the action taken against the companies which do not complete the work on time; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken to check the quality of these developmental works?

#### Import of Arecanut

2398. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether arecanut is imported from other countries including Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details of the total arecanut imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) whether there has been an adverse impact of such import on the prices of arecanut in the domestic market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken by the Government to protect the interests of arecanut growers in the country?

#### Railway Remote Terminal in Kerala

2399. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railway Remote Terminal/Satellite Hub is essential for the comprehensive railway development of Kasaragod district, Kerala as well as for the extension of some of the trains from Kannur to Kasaragod/Mangalore;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether more than thirty acres of land at Kumbala Railway Station is in the hands of the Railways;
- (d) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Railways to develop Kumbala Railway Station to a satellite hub, due to its proximity to the national highway;
- (e) whether preliminary steps have been taken to make Kumbala Railway Station as a Terminal Station; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Coal Block Auction**

2400. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has put up 38 coal blocks for auction in 2020;
- (b) if so, the number of coal blocks that are in Odisha; and
- (c) the total value of auction of coal blocks in Odisha, block-wise?

**Operating System for India**

2401. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to develop an Operating System(OS) indigenous to India to compete with existing Operating Systems like Android and ios of Apple;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether aforesaid OS will be available only in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of resources planned to be allotted by the Government to develop OS entirely from the scratch;
- (e) whether the Government will have access to all the data collected by aforesaid OS system; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**National Digital Communication Policy**

2402. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and key features of the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP-2018) including the strategic importance of it;
- (b) the details of the user base of BSNL broadband service along with the revenue generated during the last financial year;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans for disinvestment in BSNL; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Wastage of Foodgrains**

†2403. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the foodgrains procured by the Government gets spoiled by mold and other insects during monsoon season due to improper storage and if so, the facts thereof;
- (b) whether 14 billion dollars worth of food products gets spoiled every year in India as reported by Food and Agricultural Organisation and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Public Distribution System (PDS) has been more focused on urban areas in comparison to rural areas and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) whether leakage has become a very serious problem in the PDS and if so, the details thereof?

**MPLADS Fund for Educational Institute**

2404. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to periodically review the guidelines for the implementation of MPLAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government intends to increase the limit of Rs. 50 lakh that can be earmarked from MPLADS funds in its life time applicable for aided educational institutions run by trusts/societies and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to consider allowing Members of Parliament to recommend the utilization of amount available under MPLADS to meet the recurring expenses of Kendriya Vidyalayas which are on the verge of closure and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal for allocating a part of MPLADS funds to meet the recurring expenses of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kayamkulam in Kerala to its sponsoring agency, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and if so, the status thereof?

**Hydrogen Fuel Cell Based Trains**

†2405. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to run hydrogen fuel cell based train on its network across the country;

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

(c) the estimated cost likely to be sanctioned thereunder;

(d) the details including the number of States where such trains are likely to be introduced; and

(e) the targets fixed in this regard?

#### **Licensing of Tobacco Products**

2406. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to issue a licensing policy for tobacco to control consumption and to bring products such as smokeless and other tobacco products under its control;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether as per media reports illicit trade of tobacco products is taking place across the country in spite of India being signatory of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control(FCTC); and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote ratification, acceptance and approval of the protocol to eliminate illicit trade of tobacco products?

#### **Launching of Deep Ocean Mission**

†2407. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Deep Ocean Mission in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated time and funds allocated for the said mission?

#### **Irregularities in Procurement of Paddy**

†2408. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the complaints received regarding irregularities/corruption in procurement of paddy across the country especially in Bihar and West Bengal;

(b) the reasons for these irregularities; and

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

#### **Use of Aluminium for Coaches**

2409. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the use of aluminium instead of steel in the construction of the coaches for improving energy efficiency as well as making the trains faster;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Beneficiaries under One Nation One Ration Card Scheme**

2410. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has introduced the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme (ONORC) to allow beneficiaries to access food entitlements from anywhere in India irrespective of the place where the ration card is registered;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries of ONORC; and

(c) the details of States that have implemented ONORC scheme?

#### **Connectivity with Tribal Dominated Districts**

†2411. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tribal dominated district headquarters of the country especially in Uttar Pradesh which are yet to be connected with rail network;

(b) whether steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to connect these tribal dominated district headquarters with rail network;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**e-Commerce Centric Products**

2412. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government agrees with the view that apart from logistics and warehousing jobs, the requirement of user analytics, data mining and cyber security functions, the e-tail industry is in dire need of specialised and customised e-commerce centric products and services;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Restoration of MPLAD funds**

2413. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:  
SHRI ANNASHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:  
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for restoration and continuation of MPLAD funds for the financial year 2021-22;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the measures being taken by the Government to grant and sanction MPLAD funds?

**Funds for Infrastructure**

2414. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) towards improving infrastructure in any part of the nation;

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

(c) whether the Government has any plans to improve the 4G connectivity of BSNL network in the Idukki parliamentary constituency by utilising funds from the above mentioned USOF;

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

(e) whether the Government concurs with the view that the USOF Fund should be fully utilised with a focus on a transparent technology-neutral financing of broadband infrastructure;

(f) if so, the steps that have been taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**'Make in India'**

2415. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated 'Make in India' project to build the best manufacturing infrastructure in the country with slogan 'Go and sell in any country of the world, but manufacture here';

(b) if so, the steps taken schemes launched to boost this initiative by encouraging local innovation and skill and by making process of investment in the country easier during the last five years;

(c) whether any positive impact of 'Make in India' initiative has been noted in the country in respect of manufacturing infrastructure and generation of employment in comparison with earlier situation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount of funds allocated and utilized for boosting this initiative; and

(e) the number of persons benefited by this initiative in the country?

**Proper Storing Technology**

2416. SHRI D.M. KATHIRANAND:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to store, preserve and protect the food grains, pulses, fast perishable items etc., in the country, to reduce wastage of food grains due to lack of scientific and proper storing technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of wastage of food grains and farm produce assessed during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has invited scientific communities and their expertise in building capacity storage facilities to reduce wastage of food grains during storage and transit;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase quality storage facilities of godowns in Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the funds allocated during the last five years in this regard?

**Telephone Advisory Committees**

†2417. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom/Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are formed by the Government in districts across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the functions of these committees along with the details of the meetings held by them annually so far;

(c) whether the Government is aware that no meetings were held in many districts during the two year tenure of many TACs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to improve the functioning of TACs and if so, the details thereof?

**Measures to Revive BSNL**

2418. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any comprehensive measures to revive BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of existing employees in BSNL in various ranks;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to recruit new employees in BSNL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Anna Suraksha Yojana**

†2419. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:  
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under 'Anna Suraksha Yojana' in Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) dominated districts of the country especially in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra as on date;

(b) whether foodgrains commensurate with the demands of the other States are being provided under the said scheme including the State of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Adjusted Gross Revenue**

†2420. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had asked the telecom companies to pay an amount of 1.47 lakh crore rupees to the Department of Telecom in the form of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR);

(b) if so, the details including the names of the companies which have paid it along with the amount deposited by them respectively and the amount still due to the Department of Telecom; and

(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Department of Telecommunications in the matter till date after the decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court?

**FDI from Neighbouring Countries**

2421. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of FDI proposals received by the Government from nations sharing land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated in or is a citizen of any such country since 18th April 2020;

(b) the value of investments proposed in the aforementioned proposals received by the Government; and

(c) the details and the number of proposals that were granted permission to invest including the sector-wise breakup of the accepted proposals along with the total value of investments in the sector by the aforementioned FDI proposals?

**Rat-Hole Mining**

2422. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:  
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of incident of rat-hole mining in the North Eastern Region (NER) and if so, the number of cases reported and registered, State-wise from 2011 to 2021;

(b) whether the Government has data on the number of accidents and casualties on account of rat-hole mining in the North-Eastern Region (NER), State-wise from 2011 to 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has provided any monetary compensation to individuals or households

affected by rat-hole mining accidents and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has made any efforts to reduce the number of rat hole mining incidents and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any efforts to ensure that old shut down mines are not entered into by public; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including safety measures put in place and the number of casualties reported till date?

#### Atal Tinkering Labs

2423. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) set up, including the adopted labs, and the people benefitted till date from such labs;

(b) the number of ATLs set up in Odisha and the people benefitted till date;

(c) the details of the grants given by the Government in setting the labs across the country including Odisha;

(d) the numbers of applications filed, accepted and rejected by schools to get ATLs in Odisha; and

(e) the details and the list of awardees for the awards given by the Government for ATLs innovations, discoveries and student achievers?

#### Task Force

2424. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on constituting a Task Force to look into increasing the exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Taxing Foods

2425. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog is studying a proposal to tax foods that are high in sugar, salt to tackle obesity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it will not be unfair to make poorer people pay a larger share of their limited incomes to consume these products as compared to wealthier people?

#### Curbing Human Trafficking

2426. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking;

(b) if so, whether the RPF shall deploy special teams on all long distance routes;

(c) whether the RPF shall act as a bridge cutting across States to assist the local police in the mission to curb human trafficking and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the RPF is planning to start cyber cells for patrolling the web/social media to look for digital footprints of human trafficking; and

(e) whether the focus shall be more on trains originating from districts bordering Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar and if so, the action plan chalked out in this regard?

#### Pending Railway Projects

2427. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has formulated any policy to complete all the pending projects lagging behind the schedule by the year 2022 in a time bound manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the major projects pending for five or more years in Maharashtra?

#### Non-availability of Telecom Network

†2428. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that online education of students of all Government and private schools has been disrupted during the world-wide Corona and Omicron pandemic due to non-availability of telecom mobile network in Akole tribal dominated tehsil under Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra State and the situation continues to be the same even now;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to set up mobile towers for telecom network in Akole tehsil of Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Demand for Coal Supply

2429. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite issues in supply of coal in October-November, 2021, Government is still not able to supply coal to units and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the constraints being faced in getting rakes from Railways for supplying coal;

(c) whether the Government is considering fix to responsibility on CIL for lagging behind in meeting the coal demand and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(d) the present status of demand for coal and supply by Government, plant-wise and State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) whether asking thermal plants to import coal is indicative of short supply of coal and if so, the details thereof?

### Core Banking System

2430. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to bring post offices under the core banking system across the country and if so, the details thereof including Assam;

(b) the details of the funds estimated therefor;

(c) the details of the targets set and the time by which it is likely to be made operational;

(d) whether it is true that 1.5 lakhs post offices will come under core banking system enabling financial inclusion and access to accounts through net banking, mobile banking, ATM etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the number of such post offices to be modernised in the North East Region (NER), State-wise break-up; and

(f) whether it will help the rural and remote areas of NER specially in difficult terrain of Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, and if so, the details thereof?

### Private Players in Communication Industry

†2431. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether are facing competition by the private players in the Indian mobile communication market;

(b) if so, the details of the challenges being faced therein; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to deal with these challenges?

### Agreement with UAE

2432. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and UAE agreed for Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial for MSMEs, Startups, farmers, traders and all sections of business in both the countries;

(c) the details of offers UAE have agreed to extend to India under this agreement;

(d) whether bilateral goods trade between the two countries will boost on implementation of CEPA;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the targets of various sectors fixed for such trade; and

(f) the details of the employment opportunities likely to be increased in the country due to this agreement?

### GI tag for Textile Products

2433. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA

VISWANATH:

SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken proactive steps to obtain the Geographic Indication (GI) tag for famed region specific products such as the Toda embroidery, Thanjavur doll (thalaiaati bommai) and Madurai sungudi saris and also in AP and Telangana States - Pochampalli, Gadwal, etc., varieties which have also helped artisans and made these products 'cultural icons' of the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State wise including brands of various varieties from Andhra Pradesh?

### Train Accidents

2434. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:



(a) whether there have been several train accidents in the country during the last six months and there was a sudden spurt in such accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways took any action to find out the reasons for the increase in number of train accidents and if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether railwaymen are yet to come into proper handling of trains as per previous level after dull operations of trains in the wake of Covid-19;

(e) if so, whether the Railways is considering to impart training, etc to railwaymen to prevent accidents; and

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

### Speed Post Centres

2435. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of speed post centres operating in various States including Gujarat as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centers across the States including Gujarat;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof as on date and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Iron Ores Reserves

†2436. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done any assessment of the total requirement for iron ore in the country keeping in view the demand of domestic industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Geological Survey of India has done any survey about the total deposits of the iron ore in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of the iron ore extracted and produced during the current year; and

(d) whether the present availability of iron ore in the country is adequate to cater to the domestic demand and if not, the response of the Government in this regard?

### Export of Agri Products/GI Products

2437. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to export agri products including Geographical Indication (GI) products to foreign countries through airports across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had identified such agri products including GI products in Tamil Nadu to be exported from any one of the airports located in that State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Recruitment by RRBs

2438. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) functioning in the country alongwith the number of vacant posts in Railways at present, zone-wise;

(b) the number of examinations conducted by RRBs during each of the last five years and the number of candidates selected and recruited;

(c) whether RRBs has conducted examination of Non-Technical category recently;

(d) if so, whether the candidates who appeared in the examination have raised some concern after the results were announced;

(e) if so, whether the Government has appointed any committee to address the issues raised by the candidates and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the issues raised by the candidates are likely to be resolved, tests are likely to be conducted and appointments made in a time bound manner?

### Stoppage of Trains

2439. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the factors that determine the stoppage of trains at a particular railway station;

(b) the details of New Delhi and Howrah bound trains which have stoppages at Patshala railway station in Assam;

(c) whether the Government is considering to introduce stoppage of more trains at Patshala railway station and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of Vande Bharat trains that are likely to be introduced in Assam along with the proposed locations of origin and destination of these trains?

#### **Handloom Weavers**

2440. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of handloom weavers' cooperative societies currently functioning in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to rope in designers to reproduce some of the old motifs to draw customers back to Co-optex and other retail showrooms etc.;

(c) whether the Government also intends to provide rebates on silk saris, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is also a need to create awareness among weavers regarding the Government schemes, including those of the Union/State Government, if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken till now in this regard along with the results yielded?

#### **Crisis in Cashew Industry**

2441. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the financial crisis suffered by cashew exporters in the country among whom large number of such exporters are from Kerala, during Covid pandemic; and,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the cashew exports and promote existing exporters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bilateral Trade Pact Between India and UAE**

2442. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed a bilateral comprehensive trade pact for investment from the Gulf country into Jammu and Kashmir which would open new routes for regional trade and connectivity and advance collective interests of India; and

(b) whether this agreement is likely to herald a new age in financial relations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made as on date in this regard?

#### **Telecom Towers inside Protected Areas**

2443. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited has sought the Gujarat Government's approval to construct 45 telecommunication towers inside protected forest areas;

(b) whether the Ministry of communications is aware of the 2017 advisory by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (M/oEFCC) on setting up of mobile towers in areas populated by wildlife and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken regarding the approval and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Post Office Passport Seva Kendra**

2444. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have also been issued to Telangana Postal Circle for starting Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in Zaheerabad Parliamentary Constituency of Telangana under the scheme of opening Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in all the Lok Sabha Constituencies in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reducing Dependence on Coal**

2445. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India aims to produce 50% of its electricity from renewable resources by 2030, to reduce its dependence on coal;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made plans of introducing a national policy that will ensure smooth transition to renewable resources from coal and recognise the social implications of moving towards clean energy and if so, the details and timeframe, thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering the transition away from coal which is likely to lead to unemployment and require retraining and reskilling of workers;

(d) if so, whether the Government has a process in place to identify the workers directly or indirectly working in the coal sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has identified districts across India, including Odisha that have at least one asset linked to the coal sector, including coal mine, thermal power plant or steel plant, and will be affected by the transition; and

(f) if so, the details, thereof?

#### **Doppler Radar**

2446. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the repair works on Chennai's doppler radar at Port Trust Centenary building is expected to be completed;

(b) the current stage of progress and the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to ensure that the project is completed at the earliest; and

(c) the difficulties being faced, if any, in expediting these repair works?

#### **Deputation of Civil Servants**

2447. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring in changes with regard to the deputation of civil servants from State Cadre to the Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many of the States are not in favour of IAS rule tweak and wrote against the proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any action thereon and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ROBs on Pune-Miraj Railway Line**

2448. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the work of Railway Over Bridges (RoBs) at Rahimatpur L.C gate no. 81 and Masur L.C gate No. 92 on Pune-Miraj Railway line in Satara district of Maharashtra, are proceeding at a very slow pace and causing heavy traffic congestion and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of this work; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to speed up the work and the likely date of completion of both the RoBs?

#### **Vacant Posts**

2449. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of posts lying vacant under the Departments/Ministries of the Central Government including Autonomous and other constitutional bodies as on 23rd February, 2022, Ministries/Department-wise;

(b) the number and details of posts that have been notified vis-a-vis filled by the Government under the Departments/Ministries of the Central Government including Autonomous and other constitutional bodies during the last year; and

(c) the present status of the recruitment process for the posts that have been notified by the Government under the Department/Ministries of the Central Government including Autonomous and other Constitutional Bodies during the said period but not filled?

#### **Corporatization of Production Units**

2450. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to corporatize all the seven production units of Indian Railways including Integral Coach Factory, Chennai and formation of Indian Railways Rolling Stock Company

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that corporatization is likely to escalate the fare rates due to which the general public would suffer and if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also aware that there are many instances where the government sector organizations have collapsed when they were converted into corporations, thereby causing hardship to its employees and resulting in huge loss to the Nation and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is also aware that any corporations/company will function with the prime motto of more profit, less service, exploiting the county's resources and common citizens;

(f) if so, whether corporatization/privatization is likely to lead to downsizing of man power in the most unethical way and there is likely to be huge exploitation of working class; and

(g) if so, the corrective steps likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Grievance Cell

2451. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a grievance cell has been set up for redressal of complaints received from various Ministries?

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received and that are pending during the last three years and the current year?

(c) the details of the individuals and the departments against which the complaints have been received? and

(d) the details of the efforts being made for quick redressal of complaints?

#### Samarth Scheme

2452. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry in the country is facing shortage of skilled workers, and to address the issue Central Government has launched Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH Scheme);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether SAMARTH Scheme is successful in its objective to promote skilling and skill upgradation in the traditional sectors of handlooms and handicrafts and

also provide sustainable livelihood and employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Level Crossings

†2453. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the constant risk of accidents due to absence of gates and Overbridges at the level crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the time by which work is likely to be carried out in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Export of Coal

2454. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is Importing/Exporting coal from/to other countries; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries who are the major importer/exporter of coal from/to India?

#### Reforms in Coal Sector

2455. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite being world's fourth largest producer, India is the second largest importer of the dry fuel and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is still importing coal, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has brought in any reforms in coal sector with the vision to build an "Atma Nirbhar Bharat", by promoting commercial mining of coal in the country and unlocking coal mining for private players; and

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

#### Growth of Mining Sector

2456. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reached the objective of increasing the growth of the mining sector from 3% in 2017-18 to 14% in 2022, as per NITI Aayog's Strategy for New India @ 75 Report 2019;

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

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the closure and disruptions of mining activities in States like Goa and Karnataka on the decline in the mining sector's share of national GDP and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the annual growth rate of the mining industry from 2014 till date?

#### Unmanned Level Crossings

2457. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:  
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU  
KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise data of total number of unmanned level crossings in the country from 2018 till 2021;

(b) the number of deaths that have been reported on these crossings State-wise;

(c) the State-wise details of the total number of unmanned level crossings currently active in the country;

(d) the year-wise and State-wise details of total number of railway under bridges and railway over bridges built since 2018 to eliminate unmanned level crossings;

(e) the details of total expenditure incurred on eliminating unmanned level crossings; and

(f) the plan chalked out by the Ministry to completely eliminate unmanned level crossings in a prescribed time limit?

#### BharatNet scheme

2458. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount spent from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for connecting villages under Bharat Net for the past three years and for the current year;

(b) the estimated cost of the completion of the entire project of connecting all the villages under different phases?

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the villages covered with free Wi-Fi till date under BharatNet scheme and the time to be taken to complete the coverage of all the villages; and

(e) the details of the Panchayats covered under the BharatNet Scheme?

#### Investment and Induction of Modern Rakes

2459. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has invited applications for investment and induction of modern rakes over select railways routes through Public Private Partnership (PPP);

(b) if so, the details of the applicants, railway routes and trains which are likely to be operated by private players;

(c) whether the fares of the train tickets are likely to increase as a result of this privatization move;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the likely fares of train tickets on these routes;

(f) whether subsidies are likely to be retained for citizens from various categories in railways who are likely to travel on these routes; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### SERB-POWER Fellowship

2460. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women scientists supported under the Science and Engineering Research Board-Power (SERB-POWER) Fellowship and SERB-POWER grants respectively, year-wise;

(b) the details of the allocation per woman scientist under the scheme;

(c) the total number of scientists both male and female, contributing under different institutes under the Ministry; and

(d) the number of male and female scientists supported by the Ministry under different schemes, scholarships and fellowships, year-wise?

#### International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor

2461. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds that have been allocated towards the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has been renegeing and defaulted on the 'in-cash' contribution towards the project since 2017 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has deployed only 25 staff members for the project instead of deploying the sanctioned 100 people thus losing out on gaining vital experience;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not changing its policy for the project and not deploying the engineers from reputed public and private institutions other than staff of Department of Atomic Energy for the project; and

(e) whether India has considered building a similar project on Indian soil and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Production of Iron Ore

2462. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of iron ore from each iron ore bearing States during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the production of iron ore in some States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the production of iron ore?

### Deaths due to Lightning Strikes

2463. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI  
KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of deaths caused due to lightning strikes in the last five years, especially in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the reasons for the Government to not notify lightning as a natural calamity despite the increase of deaths and damage caused by it;

(c) the details of the lightning arrestors/ detectors installed in rural areas in the State of Tamil Nadu, at present;

(d) whether warnings are communicated in the regional language on the Damini app, if so, the details of the number of downloads of the app; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to ensure last mile dissemination of lightning

related warnings and information to mitigate damage, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Dues Pending for Paddy Procurement

2464. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are dues pending to Andhra Pradesh (AP) for the procurement of paddy to the tune of Rs. 1702.90 from 2013-14 to 2017-18;

(b) if so, whether the utilization certificate from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received by the Government;

(c) if so, whether there are any additional formalities pending from the side of the State due to which these dues are being withheld; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government intends to disburse these pending dues since the same is affecting the implementation of welfare programmes in Andhra Pradesh?

### Dolomite Reserves

†2465. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total dolomite reserves in the country as on date, State and location-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure proper tapping of dolomite in such areas?

### Website Hacking

†2466. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of several cases of website hacking;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to secure the computer systems from hacking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Household Survey

2467. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had conducted a survey recently which indicate that only 4% rural households have computers as compared to 24% in urban areas and only 15% rural households have internet facility as compared to 42% in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of this glaring divide between urban and rural India in computer and internet penetration and usage;

(d) if so, the details/findings of any survey conducted in this regard;

(e) whether any consultations have been held with the Ministries of HRD and IT in this regard to bridge the gap; and

(f) if so, the outcome of the same?

### Predictions of Heavy Rains

2468. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:  
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Meteorological Department(IMD) estimate of monsoon in Andhra Pradesh has been accurate during the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified the reasons for heavy rains, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any scientific advances have been made in regard to making accurate predictions and if so, the details thereof?

### Accidents at Unmanned Level Crossings

†2469. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Zone-wise details of the accidents that occurred at un-manned level crossings during the last three years;

(b) the Zone-wise number of persons who died and were injured in these accidents;

(c) the total amount of compensation paid to the families of victims, Zone-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to lower the number of rail accidents?

### Automation of Tek Fog

2470. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Tek Fog application is capable of auto-tweeting and auto-sharing tweets and posts of individuals to create artificial trends on Twitter and;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has investigated as to how many of the above said trends have been engineered between 2020 and 2022;

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

(e) whether the Government is aware that these artificial trends have been tactically deployed around elections to falsely influence narratives; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government recognises the need to investigate this unethical tampering of public sentiment; and

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

### National Rail Plan Vision -2030

2471. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:  
SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) for India-2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched Vision 2024 for accelerated implementation of certain critical projects;

(d) if so, the details of such projects;

(e) whether the Government has Identified new High Speed Rail Corridors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Safety at Nuclear Plants

2472. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to ensure Nuclear and Radiation safety and Nuclear Security including safety upgradation of old Nuclear Plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Nuclear Energy Capacity**

2473. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to add new nuclear reactors in near future to augment its seven GW total installed nuclear energy capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans of phasing out nuclear reactors or plans to continue adding new nuclear reactors in future keeping in view the reports that many countries are phasing out their nuclear power stations and India's net zero commitment at COP 26?

#### **Nuclear Power Production**

†2474. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new power plants across the country in order to increase its nuclear power production capacity;

(b) if so, whether the Government is likely to make a 25 percent increase in this capacity in the next ten years;

(c) if so, whether locations have been identified for this purpose and consent from the states involved has been obtained;

(d) the number of nuclear plants proposed to be set up in the country for increasing its production;

(e) the present number of nuclear plants for the construction of which agreement have been signed with foreign companies; and

(f) number and details of plants construction of which has not yet started due to various disputes?

#### **Tide Gauge Network**

2475. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the research project embodied on climate change by the Union Government;

(b) the availability of the baseline data and advanced elevation data to predict sea-level rise; and

(c) the details of the set-up of tide gauge network in India specifically in Andhra Pradesh?

#### **BSNL Subscribers**

†2476. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the data of the subscribers connecting to BSNL through porting along with the new subscribers during the last one year;

(b) the number of circles in the country in which BSNL is providing 4G services to the subscribers at present; and

(c) the time by which BSNL proposes to provide 4G services in the circles which are deprived of it?

#### **Stoppage of Trains at Latehar**

†2477. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether train numbers 18635-18636, 18310-18311, 12874-12873 and 13025-13026 had stoppage at Latehar railway station but presently these trains are not stopping at this station;

(b) if so, the reasons to discontinue stoppage of these trains at the said station; and

(c) the time by which stoppage of these trains is likely to start at the said station?

#### **Demand for Coal**

2478. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry was consulted before India's declaration at COP21 that India would phase down the use of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per Economic Survey, the demand for coal in India would be between 1.3-1.5 billion tonnes by 2030;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry acknowledges that this is a massive increase from the current demand for coal; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Ministry plans to keep up with the declaration that India would phase down coal?



### **Doubling/Electrification of Railway Projects**

2479. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the ongoing projects for doubling and electrification of railway tracks;

(b) the details of the approved projects for doubling/electrification of railway tracks in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh, during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for delay in these projects and the time by which these projects are expected to be completed; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to complete these projects at the earliest?

### **BSNL on Verge of Collapse**

†2480. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL is on the verge of total collapse under the public communication system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the public communication system is getting affected due to poor performance of BSNL; and

(c) if so, the figures of loss incurred by BSNL during the last five years and the effective measures being taken by the Government to strengthen BSNL?

### **FTA with UK**

†2481. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Britain on 15 January, 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the investments likely to be made in both the countries alongwith the number of jobs likely to be created as a result of the said agreement;

(d) whether the Government is likely to sign any FTA with some other countries by the end of the year 2022; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Recruitment Drives**

2482. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recruitment drives undertaken by Railways during the last three years, Zone-wise;

(b) the number of regular employees appointed by Railways through these recruitment drives;

(c) the number of recruitment drives for which the results are yet to be declared;

(d) the number of candidates waiting for appointment even after the declaration of results;

(e) the details of original time-limit prescribed by the Railways for the declaration of results and the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(f) the details of recruitment drives for which eligibility conditions were amended by Railways after the submission of applications by candidates?

### **Implementation of Court Judgement**

2483. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judgements in LAOP No. 88 to 115 of 2008 by Sub-Court Rasipuram, Tamil Nadu and No. 220 to 237/2002 before the Land Acquisition Tribunal, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu have not been implemented by the Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Railways is paying huge interest for not honoring the judgements within the time limit; and

(d) if so, the action taken against officials who have failed to honor the judgements?

### **Construction of ROB in Ajmer**

†2484. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) at level crossing number 28 located on Kishangarh-Roopangarh road and level crossing at double gate number 05 near HMT on Ajmer-Beawar road in Ajmer district has been completed;

(b) if so, whether due to non-construction of stairs, retro-reflective signboards and thermoplastic roadmarking for pedestrians till date, the general public and pedestrians are using the said railway Over Bridge by putting their lives at risk;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct inspections of the said two Railway Over Bridges as well as other overbridges of Ajmer district and construct stairs without any delay keeping in view the

inconvenience caused to the pedestrians due to non-construction of the said facilities;

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

(f) whether the Government proposes to take appropriate action against the officials responsible for non-construction of the above facilities on both the above said railway Over Bridges till date; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gorakhpur-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express**

†2485. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal to run Vande Bharat Express train between Gorakhpur and New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Ministry is likely to run Vande Bharat on the said route?

#### **Construction of Dehri-Banjari Railway Line**

†2486. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the construction of Dehri-Banjari railway line and Bhabua, Mundeshwari, Aurangabad, Bihta railway line under Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya division of East Central Railways is under consideration of the Government;

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

(c) the time by which it is likely to be finalized and the reasons for delay, if any?

#### **World Class Railway Station**

2487. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS

LALAN SINGH:

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is developing ten railway stations under East Central Railway Zone as world class Railway stations;

(b) if so, the railway stations in ECR Zone identified for the purpose and the time schedule for completion of this project;

(c) the total amount likely to be spent on each railway station and the amount of funds already released; and

(d) the present status of all these railway stations?

#### **Access of Internet Facility**

2488. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the access of internet facility in the country;

(b) the details of villages in India that are 100% connected with Broadband internet facility;

(c) the percentage of households that have access to sufficient number of digital services for the education of all their children through online mediums; and

(d) the details of the percentage of households using internet facilities for accessing healthcare like doctor consultations, purchase of medicines, etc.?

#### **Allocation of Modern Steel Silos**

2489. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has details of State-wise allocation of modern steel silos that are expected to be set up in 249 sites across the country;

(b) if so, the criteria on which each State has qualified for allocation of the above sites;

(c) the details of the region-wise allocation of budget to the Food Corporation of India for establishing these modern steel silos;

(d) the number of such sites approved for Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if so, the details of the number of sites in which private participation is planned in Tamil Nadu?

#### **Special Trains To Thane Junction**

2490. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Eastern Railway Headquarter Gorakhpur has sent proposal for approval from Railway Board to run two trains (Train No. 05053 or 05054) and (Train No. 05083 or 05084) as daily specials upto Thane junction; and

(b) if so, the date of receipt of the proposal in Railway Board and the action taken in this regard?

### Setting up of Textile Parks

†2491. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the national policy for setting up a Textile Park;
- (b) the date-wise, location-wise and year-wise details of the Textile Parks established in the country;
- (c) the role of Union and State Governments in setting up Textile Park;
- (d) the name of proposed location where the Textile Parks are to be established in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (e) whether it is proposed to set up a Textile Park in Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

### Developmental works in Uttar Pradesh

†2492. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total budget allocated to Indian Railways during the year 2021-22, alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred;
- (b) the amount of budget spent by the Railways for doubling of railway lines, railway stations and on laying new railway lines in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the developmental works carried out at Saharanpur and Tapri Junction in Saharanpur district and other railway stations with the amount allocated under the budget for this purpose?

### Electrification Works in Tamil Nadu

2493. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the electrification works on various railway lines across the country is going on at snail pace;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways has fixed any time-line to complete 100% electrification in a time phased manner across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of electrification works of railway lines that are completed/under progress/partially completed in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the time by which all these works are likely to be completed?

### National Mission on interdisciplinary Cyber Physical System

2494. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any achievement has been made under National mission on interdisciplinary cyber physical system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the future planning to scale up this mission, qualitatively and quantitatively?

### Parcel Service in Railways

2495. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the tedious process involved in sending and receiving parcels through the Railways and if so, the steps taken to modernise the same;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to introduce QR-code or OTP-based authentication for the sender and receiver of parcels through Railways instead of relying on paper slips, along with a centralised bar-code verification procedure or any other procedure for the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Railways to eliminate touts in the railway stations hoodwinking citizens looking to send parcels on Railways?

### Expertise in Cyber Security

†2496. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a lack of expertise in dealing with cyber security cases in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve cyber security;
- (c) whether our nuclear plants, space research centres and security installations are safe in respect of cyber security from cyber hackers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the results thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has cooperated with other institutions to strengthen the Government cyber security and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to create awareness about cyber security in the country?

#### **New Broad Gauge Line in Kevadia**

†2497. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI  
VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lay new broad gauge line from Rajpipla to Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this project is likely to be started?

#### **Internet Broadband Services**

†2498. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that private companies are reluctant to invest in rural India resulting in very poor broadband penetration in those areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Government for the deeper digital outreach in urban and rural areas of the country;

(d) whether any funds have been earmarked for providing internet broadband services separately in urban and rural areas during the last five years and the current year;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to increase the penetration of internet in the rural areas of Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Filling up of Vacant Posts**

2499. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether since the last seven years (2014-2021) regular employment in railways has been slashed by 40 per cent and over 50 per cent jobs are lying vacant in different departments of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to fill up these posts in a time bound manner;

(c) whether after the post-COVID situation the Government is unable to maintain the railway tracks and

rakes on regular basis due to shortage of manpower; and

(d) if so, the action taken/likely to be taken by the Government for improving railway security, safety and providing amenities to passengers?

#### **Water Logging at Underpasses**

2500. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of level crossings that have been closed on Central Railway line in Nagpur Division during the last seven financial years,

(b) whether there is any system in place to conduct annual survey and audit of the problem of water logging at newly constructed Underpasses near Level crossings during the monsoon season;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to set up grievance redressal mechanism for public?

#### **Pilgrim Special Train**

†2501. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI  
DHADUK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether daily trains have been provided for the pilgrim of Saurashtra area of Gujarat to travel to Haridwar;

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

(c) whether the Government is taking steps to provide new trains from various parts of the country to Porbandar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Coal Fired Generation**

2502. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether disagreement among electricity generators, Coal India Limited(CIL) and the Indian Railways may hamper economy looking to grow at over 8 per cent because coal-fired generation is the key to lubricating India's growth for the next few years;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to step up imports and fix unreliable logistics to stave off the kind of crisis that threatened electricity generators during last year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Shortage of Coal

2503. SHRI B.N.BACHE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the shortage of coal during pandemic and the action taken by the Government to ensure this shortage does not happen again;

(b) the number of coal mines functioning in the country;

(c) whether the country is self sufficient in coal production and if not, the percentage of coal imported to India from various countries?

### Production Linked Incentive Scheme

2504. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of investments made by national or international agencies under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme; specific to Bihar;

(b) whether the Government believes that employment has been created after the implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the number of men and women employed separately under the scheme; State-wise?

### Free 4G Mobile Services

†2505. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide free 4G mobile services in some States/UTs for better connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the date by which such services are likely to be started; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide free 4G mobile services in the aspirational districts of Chitrakoot and Banda in Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

### Broad Gauge Railway Lines

2506. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI  
SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of new Broad-Gauge (BG) railway lines which are under construction or have been constructed in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether new BG railway lines have been constructed in Gujarat during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has received any proposal regarding survey or construction of new BG railway lines in Gujarat during the last ten years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of these proposals with its cost of construction?

### Broadband Services

†2507. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether quality of broadband services being provided by the Government across the country is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government, State, Union-territory-wise;

(c) whether the Government has set any time limit or prepared any blueprint for connecting villages with broadband through 4G/5G/Wi-Fi under Digital India; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to solve the signal problem being faced in the border areas of the country including Rajasthan?

### Broadband Connections in Odisha

2508. SHRI. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of broadband connections working in Odisha and the action being taken for providing Broadband facility to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) under phase-1;

(b) the details of GPs in Odisha under BharatNet project have been provided with infrastructure to provide high-speed broadband connectivity;

(c) the details of the plans to connect all villages with internet connectivity;

(d) whether there is poor utilization of phase-1 of BharatNet project and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Wi-Fi technology is used to provide the services in rural areas under the BharatNet project and if so, the details of the plans for the deployment of Wi-Fi technology in rural areas in the State of Odisha; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Generation of Atomic Energy

2509. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/propose to take any steps in the field of generation of atomic energy in the country to keep pace with its growing demand for nuclear energy in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target/timeline in this direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### New Railway Lines in Karnataka

2510. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are a number of new railway lines announced for the State of Karnataka during the last two decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed railway lines have not yet seen the light of the day; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in executing the proposed new railway lines and the steps taken in this regard?

### Pending Joint Venture Projects in Telangana

2511. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has written to the Government of Telangana to provide free land or bear half of the cost of joint venture projects pending since 2008-09 in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Telangana has requested Railways to start work on these pending joint-venture projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Promotion of Exports

2512. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to assist the States in promotion of exports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total funds allocated to various States for export promotion, sector and State-wise during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to improve the logistics constraints to achieve the export target of the country?

### Job to the Displaced Persons

†2513. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. has any provision for providing job to the persons displaced because of the acquisition of land for mining work;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the process followed to dispose off the claims of such displaced persons;

(c) whether a large number of cases for providing jobs to such displaced persons are pending in the South Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. in Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the efforts being made by the Government to dispose off the pending claims of the displaced persons; and

(e) the time by which these claims are likely to be disposed off?

### 5G Trials in India

2514. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 5G trials in India and the present status thereof;

(b) the name of the companies authorised to provide 5G services in the country as of now;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study into the effects of 5G on aeronautical interference; and

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

### Development of Silk Textile Scheme

2515. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:  
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of research projects commissioned, cocoon and Raw Silk Testing Centres opened in the year 2021-22 under the Development of Silk Textile Scheme; and

(c) the State-wise data of employment generation in 2021-22 under the said scheme?

### Illegal Coal Mining

‡2516. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal coal mining cases reported in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, and the details of action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb the illegal mining, theft and many irregularities?

### Benefits of Nuclear Energy

2517. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to harness the benefits of Nuclear Energy for a faster transition to more renewable sources of energy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers

2518. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the details of the manual scavengers employed by the Railways as of September 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to rehabilitate and resettle the manual scavengers; and

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

### Cyber Attack on Infrastructure

2519. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the risk of cyber attacks on critical infrastructure including gas-water supply and security installations in the country;

(b) if so, whether more than 600,000 cyber attacks have been reported in the country during the first-half of this year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Union Government is planning cyber-security training programmes for Government employees on the lines of Andhra Pradesh Government's initiative to train Government employees on cyber security and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Vande Bharat Superfast Express Trains

2520. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce 400 Vande Bharat Superfast Express trains in the country within the next three years;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of routes and tentative fare charts prepared for the Vande Bharat trains;

(c) the time by which the infrastructure of the routes and racks are likely to be completed;

(d) whether there is any plan for a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Gauge Conversion

2521. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the conversion from meter gauge to broad gauge railway lines from Ahmedabad to Udaipur via Himmat Nagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to start trains between Ahmedabad to Delhi via Himmat Nagar and from Mumbai to Delhi via Nanded, Modasa and Shamlaji; and

(d) if so, the time by which these trains are likely to become operational?

### Subsidy for Edible Oil

2522. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to offer subsidy for edible oils;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of continued increase in prices of edible oils;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to lower the price of edible oils; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to control the sharp rise of food prices during the last one year?

**Poor Mobile Network**

†2523. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of poor mobile network in the country;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the mobile network in forest areas;
- (c) whether the concrete steps have been taken to solve the network problem in the forest area of Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha constituency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Hydro-Meteorological Calamities**

2524. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister concurs with the statement made by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on India losing 5.04 million hectares in 2021 and 36 million hectares of crop area since 2016 due to hydro-meteorological calamities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has identified districts in Kerala particularly prone to soil loss due to soil erosion caused by heavy rains and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has implemented measures to improve soil quality for improving durability to heavy rains and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the increasing number of instances of hydro-meteorological calamities predicted for this decade, due to climate change;

(e) whether the Ministry can ascertain accurate prediction of similar future events by the weather forecasting systems despite increasing uncertainty; and

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

**Digital India Features**

†2525. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Digital India Programme;
- (b) the State-wise details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the Digital India Programme including the State of Chhattisgarh during the last three years;
- (c) the details of number of States covered under the above said programme and the number of districts in the State of Chhattisgarh which have been included under the above said programme; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken to cover the remote villages of Chhattisgarh State under the above said programme?

**Long Distance Trains**

†2526. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to extend the long distance trains under Samastipur Division from Darbhanga to Jaynagar Junction with a view(s) to provide facilities to the railway passengers;
- (b) if so, the details of long distance trains proposed to be in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be considered?

**Outstanding dues of Coal India Ltd.**

2527. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is cash crunch in Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries and have outstanding dues in thousands of crores;
- (b) if so, the total dues of CIL and its subsidiaries as of now; unit-wise;



(c) whether there is any plan of the Government to increase the prices of Coal in the near future and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the last time when the prices of Coal were increased alongwith increase in percentages; and

(e) whether the CIL and its subsidiaries have resorted to seeking loan in order to get over the cash crunch and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Eradication of Hunger**

2528. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in the country who still face insecurity for food;

(b) the efforts taken by the Government to ensure eradication of hunger and starvation in the country especially in Gujarat along with the progress made so far by these measures;

(c) the impact of the National Food Security Act in eradicating hunger and starvation, particularly in Gujarat;

(d) the number of beneficiaries in Gujarat who have been getting the benefits of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH); and

(e) whether the Government intends to survey and maintain the number of citizens, State-wise who have died of hunger or starvation and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

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#### **Problem faced by Coal Sector**

2529. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the problems faced by the coal sector in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the quality of domestic coal is deteriorating gradually and becoming unfit for power generation therefor; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome the difficulties faced due to low coal supply for generating electricity recently; and

(d) the details of export and quality of coal during the last five years used for generation of power energy in the country?

#### **Construction of Railway Lines in Mizoram**

2530. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has conducted a reconnaissance/preliminary survey for proposed construction of a railway line from Sairang to Hmawngbuchhuah in south Mizoram under the Northeast Frontier Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to pursue the report of the preliminary survey; and

(d) if so, whether the Government plans to extend the railway line from Sairang to Hmawngbuchhuah once the Bairabi-Sairang railway line is completed?

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Secretary General

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