

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS
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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Minority Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

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Indian Penal Code

3451. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the following misdeeds are criminal offences or not according to the Indian Penal Code/other Acts in force in the country:

(i) appointment of under qualified and dismissed employees in Central University like Visva-Bharati, ignoring U.G.C. Regulations,

(ii) drawing of salary by Vice-Chancellor from Visva Bharati with pension from J.N.U. without getting Vice-Chancellor's pension deducted from pay,

(iii) for personal gain, payment of honorarium of Rs.5 lakh to an enquiry officer from Visva Bharati fund violating Government of India rule

which fixes maximum ceiling of thousand only for such enquiry,

(iv) reimbursement of personal bills by Vice-Chancellor of Visva Bharati; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ethno Medical Research Centre

†3452. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open Ethno Medical Research Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of proposals received by the Government for opening such centres in the State of Bihar;

(c) the number of herbal medicines included in the list for scientific recognition by the Ethno Medical Research Centre; and

(d) the details of list of recognised herbal medicines?

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to curb the increasing number of trolling in various social media platforms along with the spreading of fake news?

BSNL Mobile Network in Shimoga Constituency

3453. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the improper coverage of BSNL Mobile network across all the villages in Shimoga Parliamentary Constituency;

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

(c) whether the BSNL has received representations from the public representatives for construction of new mobile towers in the said constituency; and

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

Spectrum Availability

3455. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present spectrum availability in various bands to telecom operators in the country is sufficient in view of huge increase in the number of mobile users and some operators offering unlimited internet usage and calling;

(b) if not, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of telecom operators who have requested for expansion of spectrum availability and the action taken by the Government thereon?

G-20 Summit

3456. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has participated in the G-20 Summit recently held in Buenos Aires, Argentina;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and resolutions passed in the Summit and the extent to which the deliberations are

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

likely to be fruitful to the developing countries such as India;

(c) whether India has proposed to hold G-20 Summit in 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment of Muslim Marriages Act

3457. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to amend Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939 so as to hold child marriages void instead of requiring either of two contracting parties to opt for annulment; and

(b) whether the Government intends to amend the muslim personal law which allows minor girls who have attained puberty to get married and if not, the reasons therefor?

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train

3458. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is funding Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project and if so, the details thereof including the total cost of the project and the financial assistance from the partnering country;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the widespread agitations that are

taking place against the land acquisition for this project and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has noticed the allegations that the Government has diluted land acquisition and compensation policy for Japan Internal Cooperation Agency;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any plans to reconsider the compensation policy and if so, the details thereof?

Stamps issued by UNPA

3459. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has issued special stamps with Diyas/lamps (special event sheet) to commemorate festival of Diwali recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UNPA has issued such stamps earlier also and if so, the details thereof and the benefit of such stamps; and

(d) whether the Government has more proposals for inclusion under UNPA and if so, the details thereof?

Rake Points

3460. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of required infrastructure in the existing rake point, provision of new rake points and the two points rakes, supply and allocation of chemicals, fertilizers and foodgrains are adversely affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken on the States' long standing demand for modernisation of existing rake points, notification of new rake points and provision of two point rakes at proposed places?

Dangerous Games Online

†3461. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the teenagers from playing the dangerous online games like Blue Whale and such other games, to impose a ban on such games and issue advisories to schools, colleges in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is aware that such games are still available online;

(c) if so, whether the Government has prepared a list of such games and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are appropriate provisions in the current Information and Technology Act to punish the administrators and intermediary institutions through which the said games reach its users;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the steps taken to amend the said Act?

Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders

3462. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the vacancies in Mazagaon Dock for the posts in different categories shipbuilders;

(b) whether some skilled workers are working as utility hands in Mazagaon Dock for last 10 years and whether there are skilled workers having ability to fulfil the vacancies in Mazagaon Dock;

(c) whether Mazagaon Dock has issued advertisement for a contractor to provide utility hands for these cadres and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the issue regarding absorption of the present skilled workers against the vacancies that arose was brought to the notice of the Minister of Heavy Industries; and

(e) the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to absorb the present skilled workers in the vacant position in the Dock?

Paperless Services in BSNL and MTNL

†3463. SHRI SHER SINGH

GHUBAYA:

DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of issuing mobile connections in BSNL and MTNL is

paperless in nature and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by these Public Sector Telecom companies to make their services simple, easy and paperless?

ECHS Polyclinics

3464. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinics and the staff strength in these clinics, category, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of ECHS, State-wise;

(c) whether counselling session including access to psychologist, psychiatrist and other mental health professionals are available at such clinics; and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the medicines supplied through polyclinics under the ECHS are of low quality and complaints are received in this regard;

(e) if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the quality of medicines in polyclinics; and

(f) the details of Jan Aushadhi Kendras linked with such polyclinics for provision of generic medicines?

FDI in Telecom Sector

3465. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Foreign Direct Investment in telecom sector during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the new telecom policy envisages the FDI in telecom sector to reach USD hundred billion by 2022 and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether massive investment is needed in developing newer technologies which are accessible to the people at affordable rates and if so, the details thereof?

Theft of Bedrolls

†3466. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of bedroll theft in AC coaches of the trains have come to the notice of the Government during the year 2017-18;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details of the bedrolls stolen during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has proposed any plan to check bedroll theft;

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

(e) whether the Government has taken any legal action against any passenger/staff involved in bedroll theft and if so, the zone-wise details thereof?

Internet Services in Remote Tribal Areas

†3467. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector telecom operators are providing internet services in remote tribal areas of the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a delay in providing internet/landline connections in such areas;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide quality services to the people of the above said areas?

Electronic Manufacturing

3468. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set-up second clip fabrication facility in Gujarat;

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

(c) whether Gujarat is also suitable for manufacturing of analog integrated circuits/ solar photo voltaic cells and wafers; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to utilise its potential?

Theft of AK 47 Rifle

†3469. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incident of theft of AK 47 rifle has been reported from "COD" of army depot, Jabalpur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken against the guilty persons involved therein;

(c) whether any security lapses have been found in this sensitive army depot; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to avoid the recurrence of such accidents?

Opening of Base Kitchen

3470. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of base kitchens opened across the country, State/ UT-wise including Maharashtra and West Bengal along with their results;

(b) whether the Government is planning to open some more base kitchens across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the budget likely to be sanctioned for this;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from some of the States in this regard; and

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

Consulates in Kerala

3471. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Kerala for establishing the consulates of the United States and Saudi Arabia in the State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has considered the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

Upgradation of Railway Stations

†3472. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has decided to upgrade 400 railway stations to provide facilities similar in the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has fixed the criteria on the basis of which 400 railway stations will be redeveloped;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of developers who have shown interest in redeveloping the stations?

Speed Post Centres

†3473. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rail Link between Kashmir with Rest of India

3474. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rail link between Valley of Kashmir with the rest of India is yet a distant dream despite of work started on the specified project a long before and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the project and the time by which this project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal or has made a survey of Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch railway line in Pir Panjal and Chenab Valley areas of Jammu & Kashmir; and

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

Special Public Prosecutors

3475. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the apex court directed the States and Union Territory administration for appointment of special public prosecutors for prosecuting the cases being tried in the special designated courts and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether apex court also directed the high courts to decide cases involving former Law makers on a priority basis without passing any further stay orders; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard and the status of such cases, court-wise?

Appointment of Judges

3476. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has appointed 34 judges to six high courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of high courts in the country that are functioning without regular chief justices for the past several months;

(d) the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the time by which the said post is likely to be filled up; and

(e) the number of posts of judges sanctioned and lying vacant in various High Courts in the country, State-wise and the time since when the said posts have been lying vacant along with the reasons therefor?

National Science Policy

3477. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated an all inclusive national science policy for promoting scientific research;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said policy and the present status thereof along with the achievement made since its inception;

(c) whether an important area of development in universities regarding research particularly in Science and Technology has been left neglected while formulating Science and Technology policies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is preparing any broad programme for making the national science policy all pervasive and all inclusive in view of lack of research in basic field of science and importance of patents in this field through modification and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for investing more funds in the field of research?

Non-Implementation of Projects

3478. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Development of North Eastern (NE) Region has directed the North Eastern Council to put on hold projects which were sanctioned for implementation in the NE States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the mechanism to take back funds from the States already released by the Council; and

(d) whether the decision is likely to impact infrastructure development of the NE States and if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment Drive

†3479. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recruitment drives conducted to recruit youths in Army, location and State-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government proposes to conduct such recruitment drives for recruitment of youth in the army particularly in backward districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any new proposal for conducting such recruitment drives in various districts where such drives were not organized so far has been received by the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon, so far?

Running Staff Status

3480. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation/request from the ticket checking staff for change of status from ticket checking staff to running staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Cyber Physical System

3481. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to launch the National Mission on inter-disciplinary Cyber-Physical systems and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;

(b) the amount earmarked and allotted by the Union Government to implement this programme along with the areas listed under this particular mission;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to promote research under the mission on Cyber-Physical Systems under Budget, 2018;

(d) whether the Ministry plans to accord special focus to build capacity for research in the North Eastern Region through this Budget and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government is planning to set up technology innovation hubs, application innovation hubs and technology translation research hubs under National Mission on Inter-disciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the manner in which these hubs would contribute in the field of cutting edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Internet of things, Machine learning, cyber security etc.?

e-Court Project-WAN

†3482. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a contract had been awarded to BSNL to set up wide area network system under e-court Project-WAN with a cost of Rs.167 crores to provide net connectivity to 547 court complexes and 2992 district and subordinate court complexes across the country;

(b) if so, the number of court complexes connected with WAN so far along with the State-wise details of the remaining courts;

(c) whether this has expedited the judicial process; and

(d) if so, the percentage by which the judicial process has gathered momentum as a result thereof?

Defence Cooperation with Japan

3483. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Chief Marshal visited Japan to strengthen the existing defence cooperation recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed during the visit;

(c) the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed along with the terms and conditions thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand defence cooperation with different countries of the world?

Guidelines for Government Websites

3484. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has specified guidelines for Government websites;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines are in consonance with ISO and W3C and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the websites of Ministries which are complying with these guidelines?

Training in IT Sector

3485. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA

BAMA:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL

NATHAN:

SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons provided skill training in electronics, IT and ITES sector in the last four years, year and training partner-wise;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any action against the training partners and officials with regards to issues related to training, certification and providing employment opportunities; and

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

Pending Science Projects

3486. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of science and technology projects pending completion in the last four years;

(b) the amount allocated, disbursed and utilized for these projects, project-wise; and

(c) the total amount left unutilized in the last three years and the amount returned unspent?

Missile Defence System

3487. SHRI KESINENI NANI: SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to purchase S-400 missile defence system from Russia and if so, the details thereof including the cost of air defence system and the time by which these air defence systems from Russia will be received;

(b) the manner in which this defence system is likely to upgrade India's defence preparedness; and

(c) the impact of US Law CAATSA on the deal and reaction of the Government thereto?

Transport Aircraft

3488. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to promote private sector entry into the domestic aerospace arena through a project to supply transport aircraft to the Indian Air Force (IAF);

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

(c) whether some Government agencies have raised their objections to this move;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to sort out this issue; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to replace the ageing fleet of transport aircraft of IAF?

Mobile Towers

3489. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecom companies have completed installations of five lakh mobile towers in the country with a total investment of Rs.10.44 lakh crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a mobile tower can house base stations of different telecom services providers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Doppler Radar

3490. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doppler Radar stationed at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram was switched on and made operational for every day between 15th November, 2017 and 15th December, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the specific time period during which the Doppler Radar was switched off and the reasons therefor?

Amendment in LTC Scheme

3491. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to amend/revise the

existing rules and regulations to visit tourist destinations under LTC scheme for the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has also any proposal to grant at least 15% of the total LTC fare amount to partly defray the expenses spent for accommodation and local transport arrangements while availing 'All India Tour' to the eligible Central Government employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Defence Production Policy

3492. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring in the new Defence Production Policy and if so, the salient features of the proposed new policy and whether it mandates transfer of technology to all foreign players who are awarded supply contracts; and

(b) the effect of the new policy on Indian Ordnance factories and the extent to which the role of private players in arms production would be encouraged under the said policy?

New Rail Lines

3493. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway projects announced for Uttar Pradesh for laying new rail lines during the last three years and the current year and the details thereof;

(b) whether the work has been initiated on these projects; and

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

Social Sector Subsidies

3494. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA: SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are looking for ways to do away with the social sector subsidies;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations received by the Railways on segregation of the Railways' social responsibility from its operational finances;

(c) whether the Government has approved Railways proposal for a sector regulator, namely Rail Development Authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which this Authority is likely to be set up?

Maglev Trains

3495. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether six firms including BHEL, Switzerland-based Swissrapide AG and an American rail firm, have shown interest in developing India's proposed Maglev trains that would operate on the principle of magnetic levitation and can run at a top speed of 500 km an hour, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government along with the developers will involve and undertake design, test, build, run trials and operate the levitation-based system between two key cities separated by a distance of 200-500 km, if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has also unveiled a scheme under which IIT courses will be taught to students in village using CSCs and these centres had also tied up with TCS and Siemens for skill development courses, if so, the details thereof?

Financial Cases Pending in Courts

3496. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases with financial implication/nature are pending with the Supreme Court and the High Courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such pending cases with the Supreme Court and the High Courts by the end of November, 2018, court-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for early disposal of these cases?

PRIS in DRDO

3497. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Performance Related Incentive Scheme (PRIS) Group, PRIS (organizational) is not implemented in DRDO as have already been implemented in Department of Space and Atomic Energy;

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

(c) the incentive schemes proposed by the Government to further motivate DRDO Scientists and boost the morale of Defence scientific community in their efforts to realize Indigenous Defence Technologies?

Increase in Online Fraud

3498. SHRI D.K. SURESH: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that consumers from India are less aware about online frauds when compared to other APAC (Asia Pacific) countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also true that the opportunity for online fraud is escalating as consumers are looking for easier ways to buy products online;

(c) if so, whether the Government is aware that there is more that needs to be

done to build awareness to fight online fraud and if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the other measures taken by the Government to protect the consumers from digital frauds?

Implementation of Pilot Project Programme

3499. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any minority concentration district has been chosen for implementing any pilot project programme;

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

(c) whether the Government has achieved its objectives and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds allocated/expenditure incurred by the Government on the said project;

(e) whether the Government has assessed and also carried out any performance audit of the pilot project;

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

(g) the stringent measures taken by the Government to ensure quality parameters intended for the successful implementation of the project?

Extent of Call Drop

†3500. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI has expressed concerns over increasing rate of call drops across networks of various Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the extent to which the rate of call drop has been higher than prescribed limit in rural and urban areas separately during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government and the TSPs to maintain the said rate within the prescribed limit?

Discrimination against Women in HAL

†3501. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether discrimination is being done against women employees in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) particularly in the matter of transfer of women posted in technical and medical departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the period of time since which the women employees have been requesting transfer and serving there along with the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

CCTV from Thane to Belapur Station

†3502. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CCTV cameras installed from Thane station to Belapur station on harbour line in Maharashtra for security purpose;

(b) whether all the cameras are functioning properly and they are monitored from time to time; and

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

Decline in Minority Scholarships

3503. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received for the minority scholarships and the total number of minority scholarships granted during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in disbursement of minority scholarships during the last three years; and

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

Pending Projects of Railways in Andhra Pradesh

3504. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railways projects sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh post bifurcation; and

(b) the details of pending projects of Railways in Andhra Pradesh particularly for Anantapur district and the reasons for pendency?

Installation of CCTV

3505. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated installation and commissioning of CCTV and Perimeter Protection and Command Control System for all Atomic power plants in the country including the Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS);

(b) if so, the details of the said projects initiated and completed during each of the last three years, plant-wise and the cost incurred on each of these projects;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of any technical and administrative issues in the execution of such project in MAPS;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the said project; and

(e) the total cost incurred for the said project?

Redressal of Problems in Trains

†3506. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out any plan/made arrangement for redressal of problems of passengers in running trains;

(b) if so, the manner in which these problems are likely to be solved instantly along with the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases solved instantly during the current year, so far?

Construction of ROB/FOB

†3507. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to the construction of FOBs and ROB in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra;

(b) whether Pimprala, Dudh Federation, Shivaji Nagar Kajgaon Tq. Bhadgaon and Asoda ROB of Jalgaon have been selected for the above works; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not undertaking the construction work at these places, despite approval for many years?

Gadag-Yalvigi and Nandikoor-Mudigere Rail Line

3508. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of laying of new railway line between Gadag-Yalvigi (58 km) and Nandikoor-Karkala-Ujire-Mudigere (136 km) in Karnataka, has not been completed so far due to less monetary provisions in the budget;

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

(c) the efforts being made by the Government for the completion of laying these new railway lines by making necessary provisions for the said works?

IT Hub in Assam

3509. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to create new IT Hubs for information technology in Assam, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of IT Hubs already existing in the State along with the target set for the year 2017 and 2018?

Joint Military Exercises

3510. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of military exercise undertaken by the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force jointly with the foreign military forces;

(b) whether there is any increase or decrease in the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the countries with which these exercises have been undertaken; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on these exercises?

Defence Procurement Procedure

3511. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Acquisition Council approved several amendments to the Defence Production Procedure, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has approved procurement of 1,000 engines for the Army's T-72 tanks at an approximate cost of Rs. 2,300 crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Coal Mineral Royalty

3512. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the coal mineral royalty has not been reviewed;

(b) the losses suffered by the State Governments on that account, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any arrangement for compensation of the same; and

(d) if so, the time by when the new royalty rate of coal which is being planned is likely to be announced?

MPLAD Funds

3513. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS
AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MPLAD funds have been utilised by MPs in their respective Lok Sabha Constituencies;

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

(c) whether the district nodal agencies in some of the districts are not sensitive in implementation of the mandate of MPLAD funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such authorities; and

(e) the details of quantum of money utilised during 16th Lok Sabha, State-wise?

Satellite Images

3514. SHRI MAGANTTI
VENKATESWARA RAO
(BABU):

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring satellite images accessible to common people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Upliftment of Anglo Indian Community

3515. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has held any meeting with the Anglo-Indian community from different parts of the country aiming for socio-economic educational empowerment of the community?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the government has launched any scheme to reverse the declining trend of Parsi population by adopting a scientific protocol and structured interventions, stabilize their population and increase the population of Parsis in India; and

(d) If so, the details thereof.

Fighter Jets

3516. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fighter Jets currently in operational status under the Air force.

(b) the number of Rafale Jets requisitioned in ready-made fly away condition; and

(c) the manner in which the proposed Rafale fighter jets will help Indian Air force in its duty towards the nation.

Return Journey of Train No. 19576

3517. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representation for rescheduling of return journey of train no. 19576 Nathudwara to Okha; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

CCTV Cameras at Stations

†3518. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CCTV cameras have been installed/proposed to be installed at all railway stations across the country;

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

(c) if not, the time by which CCTV cameras are likely to be installed at all railway stations of the country?

Status of Underground Coal Gasification Technology

3519. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Underground Coal Gasification (UGC) Technology developed in the country for meeting the future energy needs;

(b) the details of coal and lignite blocks identified, so far, for this purpose; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularize this technology in the country?

Electrification of Thiruchi-Thanjavur Broad Gauge Line

3520. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal for electrification of Thiruchi-Thanjavur (50 km) and Thanjavur-Karaikal port broad gauge sections (103km) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to construct subway at L.C.105 near Peravurani - Kattiyangadu gate; and

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

Proposal of Railway Projects

3521. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for railway projects received from the various State Governments still pending with Railways, State and project-wise;

(b) the details and the present status of proposals which have been approved during the last three years, State and project-wise;

(c) the details of funds earmarked/ allocated for implementation of approved projects, State and project-wise; and

(d) the time-frame set for the completion of these projects?

Udaipur-Ahmedabad Gauge Conversion

†3522. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has started gauge conversion works of Udaipur-Ahmedabad broad gauge rail line *via* Himmatnagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and the fund allocated and spent thereon, as on date;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to allocate additional funds to complete the said works in prescribed time-limit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said works are likely to be completed?

Appointment of Incharge Officer

†3523. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the central monitoring incharge have been appointed to monitor schemes being implemented in the backward districts of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Incharge officers have identified shortcomings in their monitoring of projects being implemented in the backward districts of above States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove these shortcomings?

Ranking of Aspirational Districts

3524. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has brought out Ranking of 115 Aspirational Districts and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has planned to develop country's 115 most backward districts by 2022 and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government is setting up a mechanism for real-time monitoring of Government's development programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to develop all backward districts of the country?

Modernisation of Armed Forces

3525. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the budget estimates, revised estimates and actual expenditure on modernisation of armed forces during the last five years and the current year;

(b) whether there has been an underutilization of the allocated funds for modernisation of armed forces during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and mechanism put in place for auditing the allocated amount for the purpose;

(c) the details of investment made in the production of military equipment during the last three years and the current year and the Defence agreements signed for procurement of Defence equipment during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to allow the private sector to play a major role in the production of weapon system for the armed forces and if so, the details thereof and the percentage of funds allocated for procurement of indigenous equipments; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for modernisation of armed forces to improve weaponry like tanks and missiles and to reduce the dependence on imported equipment along with the contribution to the Defence sector under 'Make in India' for the purpose?

Amendment in CRPC

†3526. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amendments is being made in Criminal Procedure Code and Civil Procedure Code (CRPC) for disposal of any case in six months;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct the examination for the post of district judge at national level while changing the present practice of conducting these exams by the concerned high courts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cave-in Areas in Coal Mining

†3527. SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of cave-in areas in coal mining;

(b) if so, State-wise details of the last five years including those in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether any technical survey has been conducted by the experts during the last five years to ascertain the probability or the reasons for the cave-in areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to rehabilitate the affected people and for revival of the affected areas?

Regional Bench of Rajasthan High Court

†3528. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed to set up a bench of Rajasthan High Court in Bikaner is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the time by which the said bench is likely to be set up?

New System for Promotion

3529. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to have a new system introduced to assess the integrity and reputation of bureaucrats on the basis of which promotion is given;

(b) if so, the services that are going to be considered and from when this is likely to be introduced;

(c) whether there is a proposal to send these guidelines to the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

TPCR in Defence Production

3530. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed Technology Perspective and Capability Roadmap (TPCR) for the year 2018 and if so, the details thereof including the roadmap of its potential impact on Make in India;

(b) the estimated amount of funds required to meet the requirement of the Indian Armed Forces based on TPCR; and

(c) whether TPCR has envisaged the demands for space-based weapon capabilities and if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of New Trains

†3531. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trains introduced along with the number of trains extended during the last three years;

(b) the number of trains proposed to be introduced in the next year across the country, State-wise details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the types of trains being operated by the Railways across the country at present along with the types of trains proposed to be introduced; and

(d) the action taken so far in respect of Bullet Train proposed from Ahmedabad to Mumbai along with the budget allocated for the said work?

ECR Registration

3532. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS
विदेश मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Government had made mandatory for all Non-ECR passport holding Indian emigrants travelling to 18 ECR countries for work to register and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons behind it;

(b) whether the Government is going to provide the registration facility at the Airports also and if so, the details of the airports and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is huge drop in the number of unskilled migrants leaving the country and if so, the details thereof?

Digital Economy

3533. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is pushing its digital economy to touch USD one trillion mark in the coming 3-4 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that India has invited Russia to leverage the potential of its booming digital economy; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Completion of Railway Projects

†3534. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for the completion of those railway projects in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh which are running far behind schedule; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

India Post Payments Bank

†3535. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the Post Payments Bank branches in the country specially in various districts of Jharkhand including Giridih, Koderma and Hazaribagh district;

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

(c) the number of Post Payments Bank functioning in Jharkhand State at present along with the district-wise details thereof?

Aadhaar based e KYC for Issuing SIM Card

3536. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

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

(a) whether Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are using Aadhaar based eKYC to issue SIM cards and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the apex court has directed the TSPs to prohibit use of Aadhaar Card as identification of mobile subscribers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the TRAI has issued directions to TSPs to comply with the said order of the apex court and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the TSPs are terminating the services of pre-paid customers without any warning/notice issued to them and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the instructions issued by TRAI in this regard and the reaction of TSPs thereto?

Railway Safety

3537. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the various train accidents reported during the last one year, the Government has made a big allocation to the railways for safety of the railway passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering that traditional methods of manual railway track inspection and safety has become outdated in the present scenario;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to consider the state-of-the-art and high tech. method of monitoring inspections and maintenance of the rail tracks;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new technology will be made available and implemented in the Railways; and

(f) the other aspects of the passengers safety that are likely to be covered under the present allocation for the railway safety?

Growth Rate

3538. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS
AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate during 2014-18 is only 7.5% which is less than the growth rate during 2004-09 (8.4%) and 2009-14 (7.7%); and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the sector-wise details of growth rate during the above period?

Bengaluru Sub-urban Rail Project

3539. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had announced for the Bengaluru Sub-urban Rail Project;

(b) if so, the present status of the implementation of the said project;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any funds for the project in the budget;

(d) if so, the details of the total estimated cost of the project and the funds allocated till date for the project; and

(e) whether the Government has set any time-frame to implement the said project and if so, details thereof?

Vacancies in Safety Category

†3540. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the area-wise total number of employees working under safety category of the railways;

(b) whether a lot of posts are lying vacant under the safety category in various areas of railways;

(c) if so, the area-wise details thereof;

(d) whether the present staff is working for more than 10-12 hours a day and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Railways to conduct a special drive to fill all the vacant posts in safety category?

Coal Requirement

†3541. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal required for thermal power plants in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the names of the States from which coal is supplied along with the quantity of coal;

(c) whether the units of power plants had to be shutdown due to supply of low grade coal with high soil content and it results in power crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State has to remain dependent on imported coal which results in higher unit cost due to high price, high transportation cost and uncertain supply; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any action in this regard?

Promotional Benefits to SC/ST Employees

3542. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the decisions of the Constitution Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court are treated as "Law of the land" and implemented all over India;

(b) if so, whether DoPT has issued any general OM for withdrawal of its OM dated 22.7.1997 which has been declared illegal by the Constitution Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court in a judgement dated 15.7.2014 in Civil Appeal No. 6046-6046 of 2004 titled as "Rohtas Bhankhar & others V/s. Union of India" and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has restored promotional benefits to all SC/ST employees who were adversely affected by the said OM dated 22.7.1997;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

5G Services

3543. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce 5G network/services across the country and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be made available commercially across the country along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) whether the 5G services will play a key role in harnessing new emerging technologies like machine-to-machine interactions, internet of things, artificial

intelligence, etc. and if so, the details in this regard?

NCCC

3544. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being implemented by National Cyber Security Coordination Centre (NCCC) under various phases;

(b) the amount earmarked and released for NCCC in the last three years;

(c) the number of cyber crimes awareness workshops organised for police officers, judicial officers and other personnel; and

(d) whether the coordination among various stakeholders has been effective in handling cyber crimes and cyber security of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Halt at Keshavnagar

†3545. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received a request for opening of inoperative Keshavnagar halt station on Suratgarh-Anupgarh route under Bikaner division of North-West Railway zone; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

Honey Traps

†3546. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of honey traps being used for spying have risen in the armed forces;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any preventive measures in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such steps are likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Extension of Train on Delhi-Saharanpur Route

†3547. SHRIMATI TABASSUM BEGUM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Government for extending passenger facilities on Delhi-Saharanpur route *via* Shamli and Delhi-Saharanpur *via* Meerut;

(b) the total distance of both the rail routes which have been included for doubling during the current financial year; and

(c) the number of stations likely to be selected as model railway stations amongst the railway stations like Alam Kandhla, Shamli Naruala, Thana Bhawan, etc. falling on Delhi-Saharanpur rail route?

Roadblock in Economic Development

3548. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether corruption is a major roadblock in the way of economic development of the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Growth of HAL

3549. SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenues and profits of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite challenges HAL has achieved significant growth revenue and profits in 2017-18;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the HAL has recorded the highest ever turnover of Rs.18,28,386 lakhs in 2017-18; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Air Force Airports

3550. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Ministry is planning to use Rajahmundry and Vijaywada airports in Andhra Pradesh as Air Force airports and to park its fighters and other aircrafts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard, so far ?

E-Market Place

3551. KUMARI SHOBHA

KARANDLAJE:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Post has recently launched e-Market Place to provide end to end support to rural artisans, SHGs, women entrepreneurs and online retailers to sell their products using e-commerce portal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched internet banking facility for Post Office Savings Bank customers recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched a scholarship programme for school children with the objective of bringing philately to the mainstream education system and if so, the details thereof including the number of students selected for the said scholarship during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the objective of instituting Meghdoot awards to the postal employees; and

(e) the new citizen centric initiatives launched by the Department of Posts during the said period to bring governance to the doorstep of citizens?

Non-availability of Pantry Car

†3552. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chennai-Jodhpur express train up/down 16125/16126 completes its journey in three days and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the people travelling in a train of such a long distance face a lot of inconvenience due to non-availability of a pantry car;

(c) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to provide pantry car in the said train for the benefit of passengers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deteriorating relations with SAARC Countries

†3553. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether our relations with SAARC countries have deteriorated to some extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve relations with SAARC countries?

Blocked Drainage System

†3554. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public drainage system has been blocked due to construction work of railway line at Sakri Railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether complaints from public have been received by the Railways in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which the blocked drainage system is likely to be restored?

SU-30 MK Jet

3555. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous SU-30 MK-I is costlier than Russian SU-30 of same specifications;

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

(c) whether the cost of the said indigenously manufactured jet is likely to be cheaper than Russian one in future and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the HAL missed the deadline for upgradation of Jaguar fighter jet and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government for resolving the issue of master computer and multi function display?

Introduction of Additional Coaches

3556. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received requests for introducing 15 coaches local trains in Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has taken decision to introduce 15 coaches local trains in Mumbai sub-urban railway under the Central Railway; and

(d) if so, the time by which these local trains will be introduced?

Elimination of Poverty

3557. SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

SHRI PONGULETI

SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a poverty elimination working group was set-up by the NITI Aayog with an objective of making India poverty free;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether terms of reference for poverty elimination included the outlining of a pragmatic definition of poverty and making suggestions for improvements in strategies and programmes of poverty elimination including the existing programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Breach of Personal Data

3558. SHRIMATI P.K.

SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of breaches of personal data of Indian users from internet companies such as Facebook, Twitter and Google etc. are increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Back Series Data

3559. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH: SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discrepancy between the back series data released by the CSO and that of the National Statistical Commission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the Gross Fixed Capital Formation of the previous Government of fifteen years and the current Government, under the old (2004-05) and new (2011-12) series; and

(c) whether the back series data incorporated any new methodology and if so, the details thereof?

Grant of Scholarship

3560. SHRI P.K.

KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scholarships being given by the Ministry along with the courses on which scholarships are given and the criteria fixed in this regard;

(b) whether there is a need for including more professional and technical courses in the eligibility criteria such as MBA; and

(c) if so, the action taken/being taken in this regard by the Government?

Telecom Services on Flight and Ship Voyage

3561. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow telecom services such as phone/mobile calls, internet etc. on flights and ship voyage within the territory of the country and if so, the details thereof including the rules and regulations framed by the Government in this regard and the time by which the said rules/regulations are likely to be implemented;

(b) whether in-flight and maritime telecom services norms will be applicable across territorial waters and Exclusive Economy Zone (EEZ) and if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Indian and foreign airlines and shipping companies that are operating within the territory of the country can provide in-flight and maritime voice and data services by partnering with any Indian Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) having a valid license and if so, the details thereof including the details of TSPs that have been issued the said license;

(d) whether the flyer/traveller will need a new connection/SIM card for such facility or can use his/her existing mobile connection and if so, the details thereof including the cost/tariff which a flyer/traveller has to bear to avail this facility;

(e) whether such in-flight services will only be available once the aircraft reaches a minimum height of three thousand metres in the Indian air space and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has analysed all the security related matters related to such services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Relations with SAARC Countries

3562. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent meetings of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries have strengthened India's relations with these neighbouring countries; and

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

Transfer Policy For CSS Officers

‡3563. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated rotational transfer policy for Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the transfer of CSS officers is being carried out as per the said transfer policy of the Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to strictly implement the rotational transfer policy for CSS officers?

Development of Court Infrastructure

3564. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of development of infrastructure facilities and computerisation in the Courts;

(b) whether the Government is aware of shortage of court rooms and other infrastructure in the Courts across the country resulting in tardy disposal of cases in such courts and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the sanctioned strength of Judges in the Courts including Subordinate Courts and the number of posts lying vacant at present, Court-wise along with the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being

taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts and provide adequate infrastructure in the Court at the earliest?

Gorakhpur Atomic Power Plant

3565. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of work on the Gorakhpur Atomic Power Plant (GAPP) at village Gorakhpur in Fatehabad district, Haryana;

(b) the status of land acquisition proceedings for the aforementioned Nuclear Power Plant (NPP);

(c) the target date of completion of phase one of the said project;

(d) the investment made so far by the Government in this regard and total estimated cost likely to be incurred in the said project along with the quantum of direct and indirect employment likely to be generate from this NPP; and

(e) the CSR activity undertaken by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) in the aforesaid area?

Railway Security

‡3566. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lot is yet to be done by the Government in Railway security setup despite allocating huge funds for the same in the past;

(b) if so, whether the Government has allocated huge amount to Railways for security of railway passengers in view of various rail accidents reported during the last one year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the condition of tracks, security and monitoring are the main reasons of rail accidents;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to consider state-of-the-art and advance technology for monitoring inspection and maintenance of railway tracks and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by when new technology in Railways is likely to be made available and implemented;

(f) whether other aspects of passenger security is likely to be covered under current allocation of railway security ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Information on Patents

3567. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the academic/R&D institutions of the country have updated information and details regarding all existing national and international patents, patent applications and research papers and if so, details thereof;

(b) the mechanism in place to prevent repetition and wasteful research works in the country; and

(c) the details regarding new initiatives being taken to promote research works in the country in this modern age of stiff competition and IPR regime?

MoU between CIL and NCL India Limited

3568. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) and NCL India Limited have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for formation of joint venture for generating 3000MW of solar power and 2000 MW of thermal power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL is tasked to become a Net Zero energy company by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cancellation of Passports

3569. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued orders for cancellation of Passports of NRI husbands for deserting their wives on the recommendation of Ministry of Women and Child Development and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps for the extradition of NRIs whose passports were cancelled; and

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

Ratification of Geneva Convention

3570. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to ratify the Additional Protocol I and II to the Geneva conventions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to bring domestic laws in compliance with the Protocols; and

(c) if not, the reasons for abstaining in spite of the availability of the option of 'ratification with reservations'?

Promotion of Handicraft

3571. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the traditional handicrafts and handlooms from the North Eastern Region (NER) in foreign countries through exhibitions, trade fairs, expos etc.;

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

(c) whether the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHDC) has opened any overseas office or posted representatives in Indian embassies/missions to monitor and formulate a strategy with respect to marketing of products from the said region; and

(d) if so, the details of the programmes initiated and their performance thereunder during the current year?

Peace Talks with Taliban

3572. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has joined Moscow format which includes Taliban for peace in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether participation in the said Moscow format was against the earlier stand of India not to engage with the Taliban on any peace talk; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons which made to deviate from the previous stand?

Solid Waste Management

†3573. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has any proposal under the ambitious 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' to formulate a comprehensive plan for solid waste management, to develop technology for converting waste to energy and for the treatment of industrial effluents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the officers of NITI Aayog have visited state capitals and cities to study

their municipal waste disposal system and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said committee has submitted its report;

(e) if so, the details along with the findings thereof as well as the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted in this regard?

Change of Name of Hazaribagh Station

†3574. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saria station under East-central railway is known as Hazaribagh Road and passengers of Hazaribagh get off at this station in confusion;

(b) if so, whether the railways proposes to give advise/recommendation to State Government to change the name of this station;

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

(d) whether the Government has received any advice from any public representative/others in this regard; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

Corruption Cases

3575. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the provision that exists in the All India Service Rules for taking action against officers involved in corruption;

(b) the number of corruption cases involving All India Service and Indian Administrative Services, Indian Police Services, Indian Forest Services Officers that has come to the notice of the Department during the last three years; and

(c) the number of cases where action has been initiated against officers involved in corruption charges during the above period?

New Invention in Science and Technology

†3576. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote and implement new invention and technologies in science and technology sector;

(b) whether any help is likely to be sought from the IITs and other institutions in this regard and if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked/proposed to be earmarked by the Government to improve or to make the new technology error free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment by LIC in Railways

3577. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether LIC of India has entered into an MoU with the Ministry of Railways with a view to investing a sum of Rs. 1.5 lakh crore for the modernisation and upgradation of infrastructure of the Railways over the period of next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of projects the Railways proposes to undertake with the funds invested by LIC?

Vendors in Defence Procurement

3578. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed hundreds of defence deals over the last three years and the current year with domestic and foreign vendors for the procurement of defence equipment for the three armed services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with item-wise purchase deals with amounts;

(c) whether the Government has incorporated Make in India in all the deals which has component development in India as collaborative project with the signatories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sample Survey in Delhi

3579. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done a sample survey on status of employment in Delhi in last ten years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has done any sample survey on status of housing conditions in Delhi in last ten years and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has done any sample survey on status of unorganized manufacturing and Services in Delhi in last ten years and if so, the details thereof?

Smart Railway Stations

3580. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to renovate the railway stations as Smart Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds earmarked for this purpose; and

(d) the details of the railway stations identified to renovate them as Smart Railway Stations, State-wise?

Non-functioning of Network under Bharat-Net Project

3581. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received field reports regarding non-functioning of network under Bharat-Net-Project in 80-90% of the gram panchayats of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent under-utilisation or non-utilisation of the said network and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has instructed the CMDs of BSNL and BBNL to submit daily progress reports to the Telecom Secretary, Government of India, starting 5th November, 2018 and if so, the details of the daily progress reports received by Telecom Secretary till date?

Online Registration for e-Visa

3582. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries where Indians can complete online registration and obtain visa on arrival;

(b) whether there are any negotiations going on with other countries to facilitate online registration of Indians to obtain visa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such an initiative?

Wi-Fi Hotspot in Rural Areas

3583. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up Wi-Fi hotspot and rural exchanges in the rural areas of the country, especially in the State of Tripura and West Bengal and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be implemented?

Swiss Information on Corruption

†3584. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Switzerland Government has provided information to the Government of India recently, regarding some persons allegedly involved in corruption;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to reveal the names of the accused; and

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

US Immigration and Citizenship Service

3585. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the difference between L-1 visa and H B visa; and

(b) the facilities provided under the US Immigration and Citizenship Service (USCIS) ?

Merger of Post Office Saving Bank and IPPB

3586. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to merge the operations of Post office Saving Bank with the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to convert IPPB into a full-fledged commercial bank?

Change of UPSC Exam Pattern

3587. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes in evaluation and/or pattern of examination were introduced by UPSC in civil service examination and preliminary stage and main examination since 2010 till 2015 and if so, the details thereof and how many days before the date of examination such changes and revision were notified;

(b) whether there is any Government policy to notify students regarding any changes in methods of evaluation and/or change in pattern of civil service examination so that aspirants get adequate time to strategize their preparation without any inconvenience, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis of making CSAT qualifying in the years 2015 and the rationale, suggestions and recommendations of the Committees set up in this regard;

(d) whether two additional attempts with two years age relaxation were granted to candidates of Civil Service Examination in the year 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether these attempts were provided to only those candidates who were affected due to pattern change in examination 2011-14 or were the attempts for all candidates irrespective of their year of appearance in the exam and if so, the details thereof?

Satellite Centre

3588. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a Satellite Centre of IGNAC at Nabarangpur District of Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Centre will be made operational?

Corruption Charges

3589. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of corruption charges levelled against Central Government employees in the past three years;

(b) whether any action has been taken against such employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Language in High Courts

†3590. SHRI RAMESH BAIS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hon'ble high courts in various States of the country where language of judgement orders of proceedings is available in Hindi /local regional languages of the States;

(b) the names of States from where the Government received proposals regarding making of proceedings, judgement and orders in Hindi or popular languages in particular State;

(c) the problems being faced by the Government to make Hindi /regional languages as language of proceedings, judgements and order in hon. high courts; and

(d) the plan of the Government to make Hindi or regional languages as language of proceedings, judgements and orders of hon. high courts?

Intrusion by Myanmar Army

3591. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the month of October/ November, there were intrusions of Myanmar Army inside Indian territory and they harassed Indian citizens in some villages of Manipur along the Indo-Myanmar border;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Myanmar Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Posts Equivalent to Group A

†3592. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of the rank of Grade level-1 and above of Public Sector banks, financial institutions and insurance corporations are likely to be considered equivalent to Group 'A' officer of Government of India and those claiming reservation under Other Backward Castes category are likely to be considered in creamy layer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has not fixed parity among Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' officers and employees in public sector enterprises and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether their salaries are likely to be linked with income/property norms;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the rules in this regard; and

(f) the details of the number of Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' officers and employees working in all the undertakings under the administrative control of the Government whose sons and daughters have been deprived of reservation from the year 2017 till date on the basis of income/ property criteria?

Functioning of Coast Guard

3593. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to upgrade the functioning of coast guard to reach out during emergency situations like cyclone in deep sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government to increase the manpower and ensure provision of modern equipment to coast guard;

(d) whether the Government is ready to constitute separate coast guard unit in highly populated coastal districts like Jamnagar in Gujarat and the like; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

National Super Computing Mission

3594. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the developments under the National Super Computing Mission in the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of progress made by the Mission in establishing a network of more than 70 high performance computing facilities across research centres and academic institutions till date; and

(c) whether the Government has plans to start research in the field of quantum computing and if so, the details thereof?

Hiring of Consultants

3595. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether UIDAI has hired any consultant for performing some of their functions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether consultants were hired for drafting The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 and Regulations under the Aadhaar Act and if so, the details of each consultant hired and the fees paid to each of them; and

(c) the list of other consultants hired and fees paid to them for other projects?

Land Acquisition for Bilaspur-Mandi-Leh Rail Route

†3596. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of land acquisition for Bilaspur-Mandi-Leh rail route in Himachal Pradesh has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work of laying railway track on this route is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

Shakti Scheme

3597. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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

(a) the salient features of the Shakti scheme and the status of its implementation;

(b) the details of long term contracts to power companies through Shakti scheme and the Power Purchase Agreements till date;

(c) the details of coal procurement made under the scheme; and

(d) the total allocation of coal linkage to Gujarat under Shakti scheme?

Soil Erosion due to Coal Mining Activity

3598. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

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

(a) the number of cases of soil erosion reported as a result of coal mining activities since last three years including the occurrence in Talcher coal bearing area of Mahanadi coal field;

(b) the number of casualties reported during the said period; and

(c) the reasons and the remedial measures taken to address the problem?

Extradition of Mumbai Attackers

3599. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
विदेश मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed NIA team to visit the US for extradition of 26.11.2008 Mumbai terror attackers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the US FBI has invited NIA team to resolve all those outstanding issues and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether after resolving all issues related to 26.11.2018 suspects the extradition of Tahawwur Rana will be possible; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Identity Theft

†3600. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

(a) the system available in the form of action mechanism in case of hacking or identity theft keeping in view the fact that the Aadhaar/UID number, is being used for various types of authentication;

(b) the details regarding security mechanism and encryption method being used for security of data and whether it is as per the existing industry standards and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any attempts has been recorded for breach in security or theft of data of Unique Identification Authority of India; and

(d) the details regarding each incidence of such security breach and affected identification number along with the action taken thereon?

Scramjet Engine

3601. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTALA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has successfully tested the scramjet engine technology recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its benefits for future uses;

(c) whether this technology will help in the realisation of an air breathing propulsion system for space-crafts in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Minority Communities

†3602. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated new action plan for the all round development of minority communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total funds allocated for the welfare and educational upliftment of minority communities in the country during the last three years State-wise?

Chinese Signal Boosters

†3603. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese signal boosters are being purchased to improve mobile network range in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Services of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are getting affected

by such equipments and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of such boosters identified/detected in the country especially in Surat, State/UT-wise and the legal action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to spread awareness regarding the disruption caused by these equipments along with the steps taken by the Government to check the illegal use thereof?

BSNL and MTNL Subscribers

†3604. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the landline subscribers of BSNL/MTNL are getting unsatisfactory services and are extremely dissatisfied due to the negligent attitude and delaying factors adopted by the officials of the said organisations;

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has identified such negligent and reluctant officers/workers in States served by BSNL and in Delhi and Mumbai in case of MTNL; and

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

Sanctioned Projects under Howrah and Asansol Division

3605. DR. MAMTAZ SANGHAMITA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of sanctioned, executed and ongoing railway projects under Howrah and Asansol division under Eastern Railway?

Increase of Speed of Trains

3606. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has proposed to increase the speed of all the trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has any plans to expand the EMU network in the existing cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of ROB/RUB

†3607. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of the under construction Rail Over-Bridges (ROB), Rail Under-Bridges (RUB) and Foot Over-Bridges (FOB) in various States as on date annually on cost sharing basis;

(b) the location-wise details of the proposals sent by various State Governments including Maharashtra for constructing ROB's, RUB's and FOB's at

level crossings along with the action taken on each of such proposals;

(c) the Zone-wise details of under-construction and new projects identified for constructing the ROB/RUB/FOB during the last three years and the current year along with the details of the funds allocated and utilized and the ratio of contribution of each of the State Governments for each of such projects;

(d) the details of the present status of each of these projects as on date; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to complete the said projects within the stipulated time?

Trial Run of Train 18

3608. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trial run of Train 18 has been successful and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any average speed has been fixed for Train 18 once it is put into service; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the routes selected to be augmented for the running of Train 18?

Setting Up of Bio-technology Boards

†3609. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal for setting up bio-technology boards in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof including the amount of funds sanctioned/ spent for this purpose?

Promotion of Hindi

†3610. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bodies (Pithas) established by the Government for promotion of Hindi language;

(b) the number of countries in the world to which Indian Government provides scholarship or fellowship in Hindi;

(c) whether the Government has made provisions to teach Hindi in Indian embassies abroad;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of facilities being provided by the Government to foreign students for learning Hindi in India?

Shortfall in Revenue

3611. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall in revenue earned *vis-a-vis* its target by the Railways from passengers and freight during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the Railways have incurred huge losses on account of under-utilisation of Railways Cargo Services in the country during the said period;

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

(e) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the contribution of each Zone to the losses incurred/profit earned by the Railways during the said period; and

(f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, Zone-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in Higher Judiciary

3612. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies in the higher judiciary including those in the Supreme Court as well as High Courts, court-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to fill these vacancies of judges in all the courts and the timeframe drawn for it;

(c) whether it is also a fact that lower judiciary are highly understaffed if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to undertake a national level appointment to fill the vacant posts of judicial officers; and

(e) if so, the reactions of various States in this regard and the progress made so far?

Transparency in Judicial Process

†3613. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for making the judicial process transparent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard till date ?

Employee Welfare Policy

3614. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revamp the Employee Welfare Policy of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the detailed list of nodal agencies and officers appointed for it; and

(c) the details about the employee harassment cases specially in Howrah, Delhi and Lucknow divisions of Railways during the last three years and current year?

Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded Broad Gauge Line

†3615. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the ongoing construction of Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded new broad gauge rail line as on date; and

(b) the amount of funds allocated for the said project along with the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

Police Verification for Passport

†3616. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding police verification for making passport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for their redressal; and

(c) whether the Government is going to take any steps for making the process of police verification simple and smooth and if so, the details thereof?

Adarsh Railway Stations

†3617. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has selected small railway stations of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for developing them under the Adarsh Railway Stations scheme;

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

(c) the number of stations in Madhya Pradesh developed as Adarsh Railway Stations during the last three years and the current year and the funds allocated and spent for this purpose;

(d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested for developing some more stations as Adarsh Stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the provision of funds, if any, made therefor?

Train to Bulandshahr

†3618. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any passenger train operating from Delhi to Bulandshahr;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plans have been chalked out to make Bulandshahr Railway Station a better one; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Functioning of Catering Companies

†3619. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private catering units are functioning at present in the Railways;

(b) if so, Zone-wise names of such catering companies/firms;

(c) whether any maximum time limit has been fixed for allocating such catering units;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of complaints received against these catering units every year during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against these companies?

Development of Schemes for Common Man

†3620. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether development schemes have been implemented by the Government for protection and promotion of interests of common man during the last five years in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment has been made with regard to the impact of these schemes on common man; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount spent on the mechanism adopted for this purpose?

Theft of Railway Property

3621. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP

RUDY:

SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total worth of railway property stolen in the last four financial years with the break-up of the items stolen, Railway Zone-Wise;

(b) the number of people caught or prosecuted for stealing railway property in the last four years;

(c) whether the Government has identified the fact that theft of railway property poses a great challenge to railway authorities in providing better facilities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/ proposed by the Government to prevent thefts from happening ?

Telecom Services in North-East Region

3622. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Communications is responsible for entire

development of telecommunications in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether BSNL network services in Assam are very poor and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the number of BSNL mobile towers installed by the Government in Assam and especially in the district of Jorhat ?

Delegation to Palestine

3623. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to send a delegation to Palestine in the coming months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to maintain relationships with Palestine?

Indian Ambassadors Abroad

†3624. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI

TUMANE:

SHRIMATI BHAVANA

PUNDALIKRAO

GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise and country-wise number of the Indian ambassadors deployed abroad as on date;

(b) the country-wise number of posts of ambassadors lying vacant along with the period of time from which the said posts have been lying vacant;

(c) the time by which the said vacancies are likely to be filled;

(d) the number of ambassadors belonging to Indian Foreign Service and Indian Administrative Service; and

(e) the number of such ambassadors inducted from ex-cadre services which are not related to any specific Government service ?

Mobile and Landline Services

†3625. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile and landline services are not available uniformly across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether both services are very unsatisfactory particularly in villages and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve telecom infrastructure in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Artificial Intelligence

3626. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN;
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision for the increased use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) in the activities of Defence and DRDO;

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

(c) whether the Government has constituted any committee and announced formula to address this matter and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the manner in which it is going to reduce the burden of our defence personnel in future?

Defence Procurement from Private Sector

†3627. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted the procurement of defence equipment from the private sector during the current financial year 2018-2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to make maximum procurement of defence equipment from the private sector; and

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

Weather Forecast Centre in Districts

†3628. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State-of-art weather forecast centres established in various districts in the country including the districts in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps/proposes to take steps to set up weather forecast centre in the backward districts of the country including in Buldhana district of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Repatriation of Emirati Princess

3629. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has repatriated Emirati Princess caught by Coast Guard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any link between the repatriation of Emirati Princess and extradition of Christian Michel, accused of Agusta Westland; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scientific Research

†3630. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared new action plan to promote scientists in various space and scientific researches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether promotion and pay-perks policy of the Government is responsible for migration of our scientists to foreign countries; and

(d) if so, number of the scientists who migrated to foreign countries during the last three years along with the complaints received from such scientists and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Proposals for the Development of Communication Network

3631. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals for the development of Communication network in the rural areas from various State Governments including Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) whether the said proposals have been sanctioned by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

Pending Court Cases

3632. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases are pending in various courts across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts during each of the last four years along with the reasons therefor court-wise;

(c) the sanctioned strength and vacancies of Judges in such courts and action taken by Government to fill these vacancies at the earliest;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of delay in delivery of justice to litigants for various reasons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of cases pending in various courts in the country?

Coal Production and import

3633. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of coal, imported from different countries of the world country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost domestic production and to cut down import of coal?

Redevelopment of Madurai Station

3634. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madurai Railway Station is one of the Railway stations chosen by IRSDC for redevelopment; and

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

Overall Development of DMIC

3635. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received any request from the Government of Gujarat for development of various railway lines for overall development of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of (a) doubling of BG rail lines at (1) Bharuch-Samni-Dahej (2) Surendranagar-Botad-Dhasa-Rajula-Pipavav (3) Surendranagar-Virmgam-Mehsana (4) Palanpur- Bhildi-Samkhyali-Gandhidham-Mundra and (b) New Railway lines at (1) Bhavnagar-Adhelai-Dholka-Vataman-Petlad (2) Dholera-Bhimnath; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to fast track these projects?

DNA Technology Bill

3636. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consultation was carried out during the drafting of the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reason for the bill being drafted on the basis of a problematic and outdated report from the Law Commission?

Unclaimed Fund in Post Offices

†3637. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large amount of unclaimed fund is lying in saving bank account of post offices, Public Provident Fund etc.;

(b) if so, the quantum of the unclaimed amount in various schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Department of Posts is facing difficulties in resolving the said issue due to unavailability of nominees of the said accounts, non-verification of nominees and various other reasons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to formulate a policy to disburse the unclaimed amount without any problem to the actual beneficiaries or their dependents and if so, the details thereof?

Lack of Mobile Towers

†3638. SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is paucity of mobile towers in many villages across the country due to which they are deprived of mobile services and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether about twenty per cent of total population is still deprived of communication facilities and if so, the details thereof the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether network of BSNL is poor as compared to its private competitors and its call rates are also costlier as against its counterparts and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Banking Access Points

3639. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices that have been converted into banking access points so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised for establishment and operations

of the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the revenue streams the Government is capitalising on;

(d) whether any particular incentives are being put in place for promoting use by women, senior citizens and other disadvantaged groups;

(e) whether IPPB is trying to include the unorganized retail sector on the platform and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government thinks the said model is financially viable over a long period of time given the revenue stream of a payments bank and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Fares

†3640. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased passenger fares during the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to manage rising expenditure of trains; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to avoid such situation?

Reservation Centre at Launji

†3641. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to open railway reservation centre at Launji in Balaghat district and at Barghat in Seoni district is still pending;

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

(c) whether an agreement has been held between post offices and Railways to open reservation counters in post offices; and

(d) if so, the time by which the reservation centres at the above places are likely to start functioning?

Student Visa

3642. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government has kept India out of the low risk student visa list to facilitate easier visa application and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this would deprive the Indian students from the privilege of reduced checks on educational, financial and English language skill requirement to study at British Universities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government will consider to take up the matter with the British Government at the appropriate level to ease out the situation as India is one of the top three nations sending students to UK and if so, the details thereof?

Electronic Industry in Defence

3643. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use the development of electronic industry in defence sector considering its large scope in aerospace and defence and if so, the details of the initiatives;

(b) whether the Government proposes to modernize its A&D capital equipment base and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic electronic industry is sufficient for meeting the demand of defence and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the action taken by the Government for development of domestic electronic industry and modification of weapons; and

(e) whether the Government proposes private participation for development of electronic industry in defence sector and if so, the details thereof?

Beautification of Kurukshetra Railway Station Tracks

3644. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop both sides of tracks as green belt of the Kurukshetra Railway Station; and

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

Reconstitution of Zones and Divisions

†3645. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK: SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has reconstituted zones and divisions or taken a final decision regarding recommendation made by the committee constituted to reconstitution of zones and divisions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the said committee have contemplated on regional and geographical components in comparison to administrative and operational components to ensure uniform development/extension of railway across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to give importance on regional/geographical components while taking decisions on such issues regarding reconstitution?

Solar Panels on Roof Top of Trains

†3646. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has installed solar-energy panels on the roof of some trains on a trial basis;

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

(c) whether the railways proposes to install the same type of solar-energy panels on the roofs of other trains as well;

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

(e) the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Transparency in Tariff

3647. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the lack of transparency in tariff of various Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints from consumers pertaining to lack of transparency in tariff offered by TSPs and if so, the details thereof including the number of such complaints received during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by TRAI to determine relevant market based on relevant

product against which it receives a complaint; and

(d) whether the TRAI has fixed any penalty for predatory tariff plans by various TSPs and if so, the details thereof along with the details of TSPs fined for such pricing during the said period?

Heritage Preservation in Railways

3648. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take certain reformative measures to promote heritage preservation in the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railway Board is now preparing to launch a special drive to identify various heritage items or artefacts that are currently lying unnoticed or overlooked at different locations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal for the revival of steam locomotives and run regular time-tabled trains on steam traction, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes for the maintenance of Railways to

in hilly areas and bring them to the world standard to promote tourism; and

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

Revenue of Railways

3649. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the net surplus of Railways after meeting the revenue liabilities was just Rs.4913 crore in 2016-17 compared to Rs.10,505.97 crore in 2015-16 and if so, the zone-wise details of the net surplus thereof;

(b) whether it is true that even though no dividend was paid during 2016-17, the net surplus remained quite low compared to Rs.8,722 crore in 2015-16;

(c) if so, the reasons for low net surplus despite having not paid the dividends in 2016-17;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding reasons for low net surplus and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the zone-wise details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to

enhance net surplus of Railways, year-wise since 2014?

Programmes Run by NGOs

3650. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Science and Technology takes help of Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) for running a number of their programmes;

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

(c) the quantum of financial grants extended by the Ministry of Science and Technology to Non-Governmental Organisations to run various programmes during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the names of NGOs which have been running the programmes of the Ministry during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for promotion of Science and Technology in the country?

New Science and Technology Projects

3651. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Autonomous Institutions and Statutory Boards under Department of Science and Technology;

(b) the new Science and Technology projects undertaken by the Department of Science and Technology including the above institutions/boards during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the funds provided for the above projects/institutions during the above period State/Institution/Board-wise;

(d) whether Department of Science and Technology have signed agreements with other countries to collaborate for improvement in research in the field of Science and Technology; and

(e) if so, the country-wise details thereof during the last three years along with the conditions of those agreements and the benefit that the country got out of such agreements?

Cases Decided by Lower Courts

†3652. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which the verdict has been given in lower courts during the last three years alongwith the cases heard, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is considering to set up/ has set up any special fast track court, for quick disposal of cases relating to heinous crimes such as rape and murder and if so, the details thereof?

Newton Bhabha Fund

3653. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up 'Newton Bhabha Fund' in collaboration with the United Kingdom;

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

(c) the progress made in the India-UK partnership in science, technology and innovation under the Newton-Bhabha programme;

(d) the number of innovative scientific projects proposed by the Government till now with the support of Newton Bhabha Fund; and

(e) the other steps taken/ being taken by the Government to promote science and technology based start-ups in the field of agriculture ?

Condition of Minority Women

3654. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the condition of minority women in the country and the problems generally encountered by them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any scheme/programme to empower and instill confidence in minority women and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of non-Governmental organizations who have been trained for this purpose;

(d) the funds allocated/utilized by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year for this purpose;

(e) whether his Ministry has also initiated any scheme to empower women students from the Minority communities by preparing them for competitive exams and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase participation of Minority women in Government and private jobs in the country?

Research and Development in Artificial Intelligence

3655. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any MoU to carry out Research and Development in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the advantages accrued to the Government;

(c) whether the Government is expecting rise in the usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) in the fields of Automation, Aero Space, Defence and Military operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Global Scientific Power

3656. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any goal to position India among the top five global scientific power;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to achieve this goal;

(c) whether the Government motivates the scientists to take up significant innovations at the global standards and if so, the details thereof along with budget allocated for this purpose;

(d) whether the Government has also prepared technology vision 2035;

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

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage the scientists to achieve the vision?

Commercial Launch of Technological Products

3657. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Science and Technology institutions have commercially launched their technological products in the market during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any step have been taken by the Government to encourage research projects to provide commercial benefits to the scientists and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been slow progress in implementation of DST collaboration with FICCI for commercialisation of technology developed by CSIR;

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

(e) whether the Government has made any collaboration with national/international organisations for technology commercialisation and technology transfer; and

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

Revenue from IT Sector

3658. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the revenue from the Information Technology (IT) sector during each of the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government plans to increase the domestic manufacturing of electronic components in view of

competition from other countries in IT sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints of Loss of Articles and Delay in Delivery

3659. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints of loss of articles and delay in delivery sent by post have increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such complaints received during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the policy of the Department of Posts to compensate the losses to the customer on account of lost of articles;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any training programmes to improve behaviour and working skill of staff of Post offices in the country during the said period; and

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

Go Green Initiatives

3660. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has undertaken major initiatives to Go Green;

(b) if so, the details of areas/activities identified and achievements made since 2016, zone-wise;

(c) the present status of Go Green initiatives;

(d) the details of training programmes conducted by the Railways for its employees and relevant stakeholders on environmental awareness and going green along with number of participants of such training programmes since 2016, zone-wise;

(e) whether the Railways is considering to float green bonds to fund its clean energy projects; and

(f) if so, the details and objectives thereof?

VIP Reference for Release of HO Quota

3661. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether VIP references for release of HO quota to the Ministry of Railways/ Indian Railways/zones are not being given priority in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of references received and quota released during the last three years, zone-wise;

(c) whether complaints/representations from VIPs/Members of Parliament have been regularly received against officials of MR Cell for deliberate, biased and irregularities in treatment of VIP references; and

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

Online Harassment of Women

3662. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

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

(a) whether the Government maintains any data on the online harassment/abuse faced by women, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the stringent measures taken by the Government to prevent online harassment/abuse of women; and

(c) whether a cyber-crime cell catering to women is present in every State, and if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of INS Viraat into Maritime Museum

3663. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal under consideration for conversion of Indian Navy's longest-serving

aircraft carrier INS Viraat, into India's first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ship will host bio-diversity centres and marine adventure centre providing sailing and scuba-diving experiences with virtual galleries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of aircraft carriers so far which have been converted into museums, theme parks and luxury hotels globally?

Armed Forces Tribunal

3664. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Armed Forces Tribunal and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of the Tribunals set up across the country and the number out of them presently functioning, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of cases pending with these Tribunals since 2004;

(d) whether the current appointments are made according to The Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal, Tribunal and other Authorities (Qualifications, Experience and other Conditions of Service of Members) Rules, 2017; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Testing Facility for Telecom Equipments

3665. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

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

(a) whether the Government has started a facility for testing telecom products and equipments to ensure security in digital communications at the national level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this facility will work for security from the national perspective and also facilitate the development of testing and certification ecosystem in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bus Service to Janakpur

†3666. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA: SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any direct bus service between Janakpur and Ayodhya and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the bus not plying on the said route; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the said complaints?

Rising Global Temperature

3667. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of global rise in temperature especially in Indian continent in the last five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of deaths due to intensive heat waves were reported in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct a detailed scientific study on the 'heat wave' phenomenon in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof including Kerala;

(d) whether the Government has also assessed the impact of intensive heat waves on human beings and flora and fauna of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue?

Cracks on Tracks during Winter Season

†3668. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway lines in the country are monitored during winters;

(b) if so, whether there is increase in the number of incidents of cracked railway lines during the current winter season;

(c) if so, whether any incident in this regard has been reported in west central railway zone, Jabalpur and whether it has been rectified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tellichery-Mysore Rail Line

3669. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether feasibility study of Tellichery-Mysore Railway Line has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

Wi-fi Services in Cities and Heritage Sites

†3670. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25 cities and heritage sites have been identified by the Government for providing Wi-fi service;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise and city-wise norms adopted for identifying these cities;

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred in this regard and the details of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) selected for this purpose;

(d) whether the Government has received proposal from different State Governments for starting Wi-fi services in the concerned States and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether any security concerns are involved in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Review of Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant

3671. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Government has reviewed the status of European Pressurised Reactor project being built by the France Government at Jaitapur, Maharashtra during the recent visit of French Foreign Minister to India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sustainable Development Goals

3672. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the setting up of a high level

steering committee to review if India was on track to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the committee would recommend measures to mainstream SDGs into ongoing national policies, programmes and strategic action plan to address the developmental challenges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cyclone Warning Centre

3673. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and the salient features of Cyclone Warning Centres (CWCs) functioning in various locations in the country;

(b) the location-wise details of CWCs functioning in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish more CWCs in view of increasing number of cyclones in the country; and

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

North-East Festival

3674. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether destination "North East Festival" is an annual event of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region;

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

(c) the year-wise details of funds allocated/spent and source of funding for organising the festival;

(d) whether the festival has opened any new business opportunities in the North Eastern States and if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(e) the details of amount spent by the loss making NEHHDC and NERAMAC under the administrative control of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for the above purpose?

Shortage of Public Prosecutors

3675. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of Public prosecutors in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana which is leading to pendency in the disposal of cases on time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana High Courts have brought this matter to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Rail Connectivity to
North Eastern Region**

3676. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to improve rail connectivity in the North Eastern Region (NER) and bring down disparities within the region in terms of connectivity;

(b) whether all State capitals in NER will have rail connectivity by 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Availability of Reserved Berths

†3677. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions taken by the Government to ensure the availability of reserved berths for the waitlist passengers along with the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the percentage of reserved berths provided to the waitlist passengers during the last three years and if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any scheme is being prepared to issue minimum number of waitlist tickets to passengers; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the said scheme is likely to function?

Renewable Energy

3678. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plans to meet at least ten per cent of its energy requirement from renewable sources;

(b) if so, the action plan by the Railways;

(c) whether Railways are harnessing green energy currently;

(d) if so, the quantum of energy generation through green sources currently; and

(e) whether Railways have done energy audit and are working on more energy efficient systems and if so, the details thereof?

**Self-Sufficiency in Domestic
Electronic Production**

3679. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic production is insufficient to meet increasing demand in electronic sector and if so, the reasons

therefor;

(b) whether the Government has finalised the National Policy on Electronics to boost electronics manufacturing in India and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to promote manufacturing and not superficial assembly of components in the electronics sector?

Integrated Command Theatre

3680. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

NEW DELHI;
December 27, 2018
Pausha 6, 1940(Saka)

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to bring in force the integrated theatre command to bring three Armed forces under one leadership;

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

(c) whether these theatre commands will replace the current structure of the Armed Forces; and

(d) if so, the details of the new structural system and the chain of command put in place?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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