

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS Wednesday, February 5, 2020/Magha 16, 1941 (Saka)

(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Defence; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन)

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Digital Communication in Rural India

461. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of rural areas that are deprived of digital communication, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to enhance digital literacy in the rural areas?

Employment Generation through FDI

462. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of employment generated by Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country has been made; and

(b) if so, the details of job opportunities created during each of the last three years?

H1-B VISA

463. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 23 per cent of new petitions seeking H1-B visas for the US were denied in the years 2018-19 and 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked US Government for reasons for the denial of H1-B visa;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken by the Government to address the issue?

Loss to Railways

464. SHRI SELVAM G.:
DR. HEENAGAVIT:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has information that corruption is rampant at all levels and various services of Railways during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of corruption cases registered in different railway zones during the above said period and the action taken on each case;

(c) the estimated loss to the Railways due to corruption during this period;

(d) the reasons for not able to eradicate corruption allegedly prevailing in the railways;

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to make railways corruption free and to ensure that passengers get those facilities which they are entitled to; and

(f) whether the Government has any plan to make Indian Railways as an ideal department by taking zero tolerance on corruption and if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Railway Projects in Maharashtra

†465. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:
DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway projects in Maharashtra on which survey has been conducted and approved but which have not been started so far;

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

(c) the status of the said projects at present along with the details thereof, project-wise/location-wise; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to expedite the work on railway projects approved in Maharashtra?

Production of Telecommunication Equipments

466. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote indigenous production of telecommunication equipment;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up research and development centres in the country for advancement of telecommunications sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for improving cooperation between the department of telecommunications and the department of space?

Status of Projects Funded by ADB

467. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) worth 80 million US dollars for the development of capital cities in the North Eastern Region has been fully utilized;

(b) if so, the progress made and the present status of these projects;

(c) whether the classifications of these cities will be upgraded, consequent to the execution of these projects; and

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

Percentage of Energy Produced from Coal

468. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the projected nation-wide percentage consumption of energy produced from coal with respect to other renewable energy sources in the next five years;

(b) whether the Government is importing low-ash coal for energy production and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to promote coal production in the country to meet the growing energy demand?

Trade in Agricultural Commodities

469. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the net value in rupees of agricultural exports from India as well as imports to India year-wise and product-wise, between 2004 and 2018;

(b) the quantity of agricultural exports from India as well as import to India year-wise and product wise between 2004 and 2018;

(c) whether the net value of imports for agricultural commodities is higher than its export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the product-wise and year-wise classification?

Production of Tejas Fighter Planes

470. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to build more Tejas fighter planes for the air force;

(b) if so, the number of planes that are under production; and

(c) the details of new features in the Tejas Fighter Flights and the time by which the final flight test is likely to be completed?

District Courts

†471. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH *alias*
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district courts, district-wise, across the country including the State of Maharashtra and number of cases pending in those courts at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes a new plan to provide justice to people related to those pending cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Simplifying Issuance of Passports

†472. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to simplify the procedure of issuing passports and establishing new passport offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has given any directive to open 'Passport Seva Kendras' in head post office of the districts;

(d) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of 'Passport Seva Kendras' established in the country including Chhattisgarh so far; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to improve existing procedure of issuing passports which is time consuming and complicated?

Acquisition of Fighter Aircrafts

473. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to acquire more aircraft to replenish the depleting inventories of the Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the LCA Tejas Mark IA Advanced fighter jets acquired and ordered so far during the last five years and the current year;

(c) the details of Expression of Interest (EOI) and Request for Proposal (RFP) floated and response received so far; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to decommission MIG-27 aircrafts and if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Delayed Railway Projects

474. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the premier railway lines namely Talcher-Bimlagarh, Kurdha-Balangir and Angal-Duburi-Sakind in Odisha have been inordinately delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these projects?

Railway Proposal in Jharkhand

†475. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI ANNPURNADEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals of railways received from Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) the response of the Government on the said proposals and the action taken in this regard;

(c) the details out of these proposals that are pending with railways at present, location-wise and work-wise; and

(d) the reasons for pendency of such proposals?

Cyber Crimes

476. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken wide-scale campaigns to make public aware about cyber threats like data theft, phishing and ransomware attacks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has maintained State-wise data on effectiveness of these campaigns in reducing cyber crimes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce a 24x7 nationwide cyber security helpline number to specifically deal with cyber crimes and if so, the details thereof?

Human Space Flight Mission

477. SHRIMATI RAKSHANIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed an advisory committee to be set up for India's human space flight mission Gaganyaan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government also proposes to train astronauts for this Gaganyaan mission and if so, the details thereof?

Merger of BSNL and MTNL

478. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved any plan to merge Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

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

(c) whether the Government has offered VRS schemes to employees of BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof and response received by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether BSNL and MTNL has identified any assets for monetization and held a meeting with Department of Investment and Public Asset Management in this regard and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof; and

(e) the total amount of money likely to be generated by the Government through overall asset monetization of BSNL and MTNL during the current financial year?

Auction of Decommissioned INS Viraat

479. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken a decision last year for auction of the historic aircraft carrier INS Viraat and it remained unsold after the recently conducted auction by the State-owned e-commerce company, Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited (MSTC) and decided to hold another auction to sell it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not finding a bidder in the auction;

(d) the time by which another auction is likely to be held; and

(e) the bid amount fixed/expected by the Government to sell the aircraft carrier?

Defence Production Policy

480. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the draft of the Defence Production Policy, 2018 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the participation of MSMEs in domestic defence production;

(c) the FDI inflow received for defence during the last five years and the steps taken to increase the FDI inflow; and

(d) the parameters proposed to be used in estimating India's level of self-reliance and the methodology to be followed while adjudging self-reliance?

Setting Up New Trade Fair Complexes

†481. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up new trade fair complexes in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which such complexes are likely to be started by the Government along with the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds likely to be spent by the Government thereon?

Schemes to Eradicate Poverty

482. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new schemes with the purpose of eradicating poverty from the country have been introduced by the Central Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the performance of those schemes has remained as per their target, so far and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of families living below the poverty line in the country has declined during that period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Judicial Infrastructure

483. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fund of Rupees 7460.20 crore has been allotted by the Government under Centrally sponsored scheme for judicial infrastructure across the country till the current financial year 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise till now and number of court rooms established under the scheme;

(c) whether there is any disparity in sharing of such allocated amount between States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to establish adequate number of court rooms under this scheme?

Signalling System

484. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the outdated signalling system is one of the major causes of train accidents;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to modernize the signalling system in Railways, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Indian Railways is set to receive modern signalling systems to improve safety, line capacity allowing trains to run at high speed;

(d) if so, the details of the cost of implementation of the programme;

(e) the routes identified where this modernization work is to be implemented along with the nodal agency responsible to implement this programme;

(f) the details of major innovations implemented or introduced in the last three years to improve the signalling system at par with the advanced railway system across the world; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government for strengthening signalling and telecom mechanism to control the increasing traffic on rail tracks?

Ban on Import of Non-Essential Items

†485. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of items being imported in the country;

(b) whether the Government is planning to put a ban on the import of certain non-essential items;

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

(d) the details of the items likely to be banned; and

(e) the time by which such ban is likely to be implemented?

Fast Track Courts

†486. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI RATHVAGITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of crimes against women is increasing in India for which not only strict law but fast judicial process is also necessary;

(b) if so, whether Government has established fast track courts in the country for this purpose;

(c) whether the said courts are operating smoothly in all States, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all States are covered under these courts and the number of such courts, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the said courts are able to provide justice, if so, the details thereof?

Encouraging Coffee Development

487. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to encourage coffee development in traditional

and non-traditional areas in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken by the Coffee Board to address the production and farming issues being faced by coffee growers;

(c) the details of measures being taken by the Government to boost the production and export of coffee along with the financial and technical assistance provided to coffee growers during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the Coffee Board has predicted a 30 per cent decline in coffee production for the 2018-19 season due to heavy rains in the Western Ghats States and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government expects dip in coffee exports with lower output in 2018-19 and if so, the details thereof along with quantum of coffee exported during the last three years?

Coal Mining

488. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted cost-benefit analysis of removing end user restrictions on coal mining in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has estimates on the benefits likely to accrue from such a move and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the extent to which India's reliance on imported coal can be reduced; and

(d) whether mechanism has been devised to consider the environmental impact of removing end user restrictions on coal mining and if so, the details thereof?

PM Scholarship Scheme

489. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved to change the rate of scholarship under Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of beneficiaries those are entitled to get benefits through the scheme during the last year, State-wise; and

(d) whether the scheme would help the youth in their career education and if so, the details thereof?

Organisational Restructuring of Railways

490. SHRIMATI SANGEETAKUMARI SINGH DEO:

SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:
 SHRI ASADUDDIN OWASI:
 SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
 SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
 SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
 DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
 DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
 SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
 SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the organisational restructuring of the Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof including modalities and timeline;

(b) whether railways have put performance not seniority criteria for promotion and if so, whether senior officers of Indian Railways are not happy with this decision;

(c) whether Government is in the process of creating the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) by merging existing eight Group A services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to conduct an exclusive examination for recruitment of officers of IRMS and if so, the details thereof;

(e) to what extent this step of corporatization of Indian Railways is likely to be helpful in efficient management of services, finance human resources and expenditure and the time by which the whole process is likely to be completed; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to reform the Indian Railway system and services?

Regulation of Online Retailers

491. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to control or ban online retailers like Amazon;

(b) whether any enquiry is going to be conducted on Amazon on its huge losses in the course of its operations in India;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the predatory pricing of Amazon and if so, the details of the steps being taken to control the same; and

(d) whether the Ministry is aware of similar predatory pricing in the telecom sector and if so, the details of the steps being taken to control the same?

Industrial Parks in India

492. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise number of industrial parks in the country and in particular number of such parks made since 2014;

(b) whether the Government has given sanction for the establishment of industrial parks in Rajasthan;

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

(d) the aims and the objectives of these parks and the time by which these parks are likely to be made functional; and

(e) the number of employment opportunities expected to be generated therefrom?

Growth of FMCG Companies

493. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies has registered a decline in sales since 2018 till January 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a decline in the demand for FMCG products in rural India also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the reaction and proposal from the FMCG companies to the Government along with the steps being taken to increase FMCG sales?

New Railway Projects in Gopalganj

494. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided not to take up new projects in district Gopalganj of Bihar until the completion of existing ones;

(b) the details of the projects in-progress and the time-frame for completion of the same; and

(c) the reasons for delays in completion of projects and the steps being taken for timely completion of on-going projects?

Rationalisation of Passenger Fare and Freight Charges

495. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to augment passenger experience through modernization and provision of improved facilities over trains and stations;

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

(c) whether the Railways is incurring losses in the passenger segment and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(d) the details of norms for fixing freight charges for transportation of goods;

(e) whether the Railways proposes to rationalize passenger fares and freight rates and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount of additional revenue likely to be generated by the Railways through rationalization of passenger fares and freight charges?

Approving NavIC

496. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International mobile standards body 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) has approved India's regional navigation satellite system, NavIC which would facilitate NavIC's use in mobile phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the ancillary benefits of the NavIC satellite system and how does the Government plan to raise financial resources through additional applications of the system?

National Broadband Campaign

†497. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to launch National Broadband Campaign to provide internet connectivity to all villages by year 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

India's Trade Deficit

498. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade deficit of India is widening gradually;

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

(c) whether the Government has maintained any data regarding the percentage of trade deficit with the Asian countries during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps on the balance of trade during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of Railway Lines in Gujarat

†499. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works relating to doubling of railway lines being done at present across the country including Gujarat;

(b) the funds allocated/released/utilized for doubling of railway lines in Gujarat during the last three years along with the names of railway lines; and

(c) the details of doubling of railway lines likely to be completed in Gujarat in the current financial year?

Success of Make in India Scheme

500. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any data is maintained on the 'Make in India' (MII) campaign regarding the sector-wise investments made since its launch in 2014;

(b) if so, the details of the sector-wise data of the last five years; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government tracks the growth or success of the campaign?

Reviewing of Concession Policy

501. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of concession given category wise during the last three years;

(b) the category-wise growth of concessional passengers during the last three years;

(c) the list of the illness/diseases for which concession is being provided to the patients;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the concession policy to reduce the burden; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Madurai Railway Station

502. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to upgrade and modernize Madurai Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

Various Collaborations with the Rubber Board

503. SHRIANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present staff strength of the Rubber Board, along with the category of officers and employees of the Board;

(b) whether the Rubber Board has been in collaboration with the armed forces for the production of materials required for the army, navy and air force and with the Space Research Organization for facilitating research and manufacturing/production of space vehicles, satellites and rockets, etc.;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether the aviation industry and the Space Research Organisation of the country or foreign countries are dependent on natural rubber produced in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Network Coverage

504. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share in mobile network coverage of BSNL and private telecom service providers respectively in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether gaps/dark spots in network coverage exist in rural areas and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the proposed timeline decided by the Government by which all rural areas will achieve 100 per cent network coverage and access;

(d) whether 4G is available in all regions in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the proposed timeline decided by the Government for achieving uniform 4G coverage across the country; and

(f) the network speed in urban and rural areas separately, State/UT-wise along with the reasons for non-uniformity, if any, in network speed throughout the country?

Equal Pay for Equal Work

505. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Government Departments/PSUs/Corporations under the Central Government are complying with the Delhi High Court order regarding 'Equal Pay for Equal Work' for casual workers;

(b) if not, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

Pending ROBs in Rajasthan

†506. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) whose construction is currently pending in Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for the pendency and the project-wise details thereof;

(c) the current position of the construction of the pending ROBs project-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any targets for the completion of the above said pending ROBs and if so, the details thereof?

Rail Propulsion Technology

507. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on developing hydrogen powered suburban train;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed train and the details of the rail propulsion technology to be used and the source of hydrogen gas to operate such trains;

(c) whether the process of producing hydrogen gas will be emission free and if so, whether the Government plans to deploy hydrogen propelled trains for long distance routes in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the potential presented by hydrogen powered trains;

(e) the details of increased safety concerns for passengers because of hydrogen fuel and the details of threat assessment; and

(f) the details of various other alternate fuel technologies explored by Indian Railways with the development and future plans?

Fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

508. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPABARNE:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 14 Indian fishermen were arrested and their 3 trawlers were seized by the Sri Lankan Navy recently;

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

(c) whether Sri Lankan Government has increased the fine on foreign vessels, particularly Indian fishing trawlers manifold to deter them from entering disputed waters and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Government has held any consultation with the Sri Lankan counterpart to free the alleged Indian fishermen along with their logistics and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Sri Lankan Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government is aware that many Indian fishermen often accidentally/inadvertently cross international waters of neighbouring countries particularly Sri Lanka and Pakistan and caught by their patrolling units with their logistics and do not return the same when they are released leading to huge financial loss to the fishermen and they lose their livelihood and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government is going to take any steps to provide financial assistance to the fishermen and if so, the details thereof?

Use of Renewable Energy

509. SHRI GAUTAM SIGAMAANI PON:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting the use of renewable energy in telecom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the directives issued by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether nearly 10 million tonnes of annual carbon dioxide emissions are solely due to diesel used on mobile

tower sites and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to control these emissions;

(d) whether the Department of Telecom has proposed setting up of a joint task force with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) to promote green technology in the sector and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has evolved a carbon credit policy for mobile phone companies in addition to evaluating the techno-commercial feasibility of powering telecom towers with green or renewable energy and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to promote green technology in telecom sector?

New Missile Defence System

510. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to purchase new missile defence system from Russia, in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time-line for any such proposal in near future?

Nuclear Accidents

511. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of the precautionary steps being taken to minimise risk factors associated with nuclear accidents?

Rail Connectivity to Buddhist Pilgrimage Centres

512. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to introduce a special railway line to provide enhanced connectivity to the Buddhist pilgrimage centres in the country; and

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

Effect of Merger of BSNL and MTNL

513. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to merge MTNL and BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the time by which the proposed merger is likely to be done;

(c) the revenue losses and fall in profits of MTNL and BSNL during each of the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that employees of BSNL and MTNL are not adversely affected by the proposed merger?

Internet and Wi-Fi Facilities for Farmers

†514. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided internet and Wi-Fi facilities to all the villages of the country for the benefit of farmers so that their knowledge about agricultural sector could be increased and to provide latest information about the development in the said sector; and

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

India's Share in Global Floriculture Trade

515. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum and value of flowers exported and imported during each of the last three years, variety/value and country-wise;

(b) whether India's share in global floriculture trade is quite low despite huge demand for flowers from abroad;

(c) if so, the details of the foreign exchange earned from the export of flowers during each of the last three years;

(d) whether there is a huge demand for Indian flowers in international market and if so, whether any step has been taken to tap the huge demand;

(e) whether any financial assistance is being provided to the growers and exporters of flowers and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of other steps taken by the Government to boost the export of flowers from the country?

Relaxation to SEZ Developers

516. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to extend time for and give relaxation to Developers for the development of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of SEZs wherein relaxation for the development of SEZs is likely to be given;

(d) whether any SEZs are being developed or got extension in the State of Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any tax exemptions and incentives are proposed to be given and if so, the details thereof?

New Signalling System

517. SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes rolling out new signalling system and if so, the details thereof and progress made so far, zone-wise;

(b) whether Renigunta-Yerraguntla section of the SCR and Vizianagaram-Palasa section of East Coast Railway were taken up in phase one and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government got approval from NITI Aayog and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the implementation of these new systems will improve safety, reduce congestion, increase the capacity and improve punctuality and if so, the details thereof along with work done in this regard?

India's Export Growth

518. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in almost all sectors the Government has failed to catch up with export growth and foreign currency in comparison to 2003-11 and 2012-17 period of business performance;

(b) if so, whether exports of goods in 2012-17 has showed the deepest fall and all trade average has dipped by almost 34 per cent in 2012-17 when compared to 2003-11 period;

(c) if so, the details of export performance in respect of GDP growth, Real Exchange Rate, Agriculture,

Manufacturing, Goods export, services and financial sectors thereof; and

(d) the details of restructuring and reform plan of the Government to compete the global trade thereto?

Benefits of Telecom Towers

†519. SHRIDEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether opportunities for social activities, e-governance, employment etc. with digital services are increasing in villages and its surrounding areas where telecom towers have been installed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total increasing number of telecommunication towers installed in the rural areas of the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and the number of towers to be installed in rural areas, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to install towers in the tribal area of Pindwada in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of villages in the country including Rajasthan where joint service centers are proposed to be opened, State-wise in collaboration with rural entrepreneurs?

Over-Crowding at Stations

520. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the rush-hour crowds in local trains and metros in cities, especially in Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi;

(b) whether staggered office timings are being implemented in Government and private offices to manage the number of commuters;

(c) if so, the details of other measures being taken to prevent cases of over-crowding at railway stations;

(d) the steps being taken to improve the infrastructure and other facilities at Railway stations in Karur, Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to make railway stations disabled friendly?

Infrastructure for Digital India Programme and Broadband Connectivity

†521. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred on the development of basic infrastructure under the Digital India

Programme across the country in last financial year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the State-wise details of the achievement made for providing broadband connectivity to approximately 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats across the country under the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project?

Spares Contract for IAFAN-32

522. SHRI RAMALINGAMS.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ukraine has requested for investigation against a Dubai-based company regarding alleged kickbacks for spares contracts for the IAF AN-32 fleet of transport aircrafts;

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

(c) whether the involvement of the company is also alleged in influencing the procurement of 100 pieces of self propelled 155 mm/52 Cal. K9 Vajra Gun Howitzer tracked system contract awarded to L&T and its role in other ongoing contracts under discussion with companies from RoK and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Compensation for Call Drops

523. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has directed the mobile service providers to compensate the clients for call drops at Re.1 per each call drop subject to a maximum of Rs.3 per day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the apex court has nullified the said TRAI direction and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the customers/clients' interest in terms of compensation for call drops;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the law to make it mandatory for the mobile service providers to compensate for call drop; and

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

Revamping of Coal Auction Process

524. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry the problems pertaining to coal bidding, not permitting part of output of coal in the market, issues with bank guarantee etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Pratyush Sinha Committee has recently submitted a report for revamping the coal auction process in the country;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(d) the details of action taken by the Government on each of the recommendations?

National Clean Energy Fund

525. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government in 2010-11 imposed a cess of Rs. 50 per tonne on domestic and imported coal to create a corpus *viz.* National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) for promoting clean energy initiatives and research;

(b) if so, the total amount of the fund raised till date and the details of utilization of the fund for the past three years and the current year;

(c) the number of Ministries which received funds from NCEF and their utilization;

(d) whether unspent balance has been returned to NCEF and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has released amount to Power Ministry and if so, the quantum of amount released for the last three years and the current year and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor

526. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor has completed all formalities and is ready for execution;

(b) whether only two nodes, *i.e.*, Vizag and Chittoor are being taken up for development, leaving aside Donakonda and Machilipatnam;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the loan sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the time by which construction of the project is likely to commence?

Coal Regulatory Authority

527. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to form Coal Regulatory on the lines of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of non-captive mineral mines presently operational/working in the country, State-wise including Jharkhand and period of lease of non-captive mines;

(c) whether only 29 coal blocks are in operation out of 204 blocks whose allocation was cancelled by the apex court in 2014; and

(d) if so, the reason of non-allocation of 175 coal blocks till now and the action taken by the Government for the allocation of these 175 coal blocks?

Double Standards of China

†528. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deceitful attitude of China still continues despite all efforts on the part of India to make the bilateral relations cordial;

(b) if so, the manner in which India proposes to deal with double standards of China; and

(c) if not, the details of the progress made in bilateral relations with China during the last five years?

Halt at Satnali Station

†529. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is no train from Loharu, Satnali, Mahendragarh, Kanana Khas and Gurugaon railway station of Haryana to capital Chandigarh while train number 22481/82 remains standing idle whole day in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to run train number 22481/82 *via* Satnali to Chandigarh and if so, the time by when it is likely to be done and the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to halt train 22471/72 at Satnali station and if so, the time by when it is likely to be done and the details thereof?

Export/Import of Minerals

†530. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export/import of minerals, iron-ores and their products along with their value from the country, country-wise;

(b) the percentage of export of minerals to their total production in the country;

(c) whether the incidents of illegal export of some minerals particularly iron-ores have come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, number of such cases reported during the said period and the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to review the present export-import policy to protect domestic industries of minerals and metals, particularly of iron ores; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in Sainik School

531. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sainik Schools in the country;

(b) whether reservation in admissions is permitted only for SCs/STs in Sainik Schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not including OBCs for reservation in admission;

(d) whether the Government will consider extending reservation for OBCs in Sainik Schools also; and

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

ROBs in Karnataka

532. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations seeking construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) *in lieu* of Level Crossings in the State of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof along with the number of requests considered in the State;

(b) the number of ROBs constructed *in lieu* of Level Crossings during the last three years and till date;

(c) the details along with the works of ROBs completed, under construction and those proposals pending;

(d) whether the Government has set any timeframe to complete the construction of such ROBs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Chabahar Port

533. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made with respect to Chabahar Port in Iran;

(b) the proposed deadline for the completion of the same;

(c) whether the recent American sanctions on Iran are likely to affect the completion of the said project; and

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

Psychological Counselling for Soldiers

†534. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that mental stress is the biggest challenge for soldiers in discharging their duties;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken measures to reduce stress and other problems among the soldiers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of facilities being made available to the soldiers for psychological counselling?

MII in Telecom Sector

535. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of the telecom industry have asked the Government for facilitation of funding at low interest rates, removal of Goods and Services Tax on license fee, low spectrum usage charges, refund of accumulated input tax credit for promotion of Make-In-India (MII) programme in the telecom sector;

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

(c) whether the Government has any plan for extending the same benefits to other industries also and if so, the details thereof?

Foreign Investment in West Bengal

536. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state the total number and list of foreign companies, along with the amount of respective investments, that have invested in West Bengal from Financial year 2011-12 to till date?

Setting Up of Redgram Board

537. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been demands from various sections, including Redgram farmers, for setting up Redgram Board in Tandur in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government to set up Redgram Board in Tandur;

(c) whether any consultations in this regard have been held; and

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

Training to Afghan Diplomats

538. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have decided to give training jointly at Foreign Service Institute (FSI) at New Delhi to the Afghan diplomats for the development of war-torn Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the nature and tenure of training to these diplomats;

(d) whether FSI has given any similar kind of training to any other country's diplomats; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Linking of Aadhaar Number with PF Number

539. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers engage through contractors in coal mines suffer regarding their Provident Fund Accounts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering a proposal to link Aadhaar number of coal mines workers to their Provident Fund to protect them from exploitation;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the proposal will be implemented and workers will be benefited; and

(e) the details of the measures being taken by the Government for the welfare of coal mine workers in the country?

Internet Facility in Remote Villages of Maharashtra

†540. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no internet facility in remote villages of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether internet/broadband speed is very slow in remote areas where internet/broadband facility is available;

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

(d) the efforts made by the Government to overcome this problem?

Extension of Lokmanya Tilak Express

541. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways is considering the request to extend Lokmanya Tilak Express - 18519/18520 (Mumbai - Vishakhapatnam) to Rayagada, which is commercially viable without additional expenses apart from serving the needs of tribal dominated undivided Koraput District;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline by when this would be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the alternate arrangement to address the demands of people?

Opening of Reservation Centres Round the Clock

†542. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal/scheme is under consideration of the Government to open round the clock Reservation Counters to facilitate the rail passengers in view of their increasing number;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any success is likely to be achieved through curbing the black marketing of Rail Reservation Tickets after the implementation of the said system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Field Firing Range

†543. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) number of field firing ranges in the country at present;

(b) the criteria prescribed by the Government for setting up of new field firing ranges;

(c) whether there is need for setting up more firing ranges;

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

(e) whether the Government has received proposals for setting up of more field firing ranges by the Army in any district of Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of Planning Commission

544. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the success achieved by the Planning Commission in its objective of raising the living standard of the people;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute an expert group to evaluate the performance of the Planning Commission and redefine its role and objectives so as to relate the planning process to the life of the common man; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to revamp and reform the planning process in the country?

Track Electrification

545. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved its target of track electrification in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of timeline for the completion of any such proposal in the near future?

Utilization of Social and Infrastructure Development Fund

546. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure made so far from the Social and Infrastructure Development Fund, State-wise;

(b) whether the funds have been under utilised; and

(c) the manner in which Government intends to invest this fund for the development of the North Eastern Region?

Implementation of Agri Export Policy

547. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to adopt a focused approach for ensuring greater involvement of the State Governments for effective implementation of Agri Export Policy (AEP);

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

(c) whether the Government has requested the States to finalize action plan for AEP with the aim to double such exports;

(d) if so, the response of States thereto along with the current status of the action plan in other States; and

(e) the corrective steps so far taken to expedite the formulation and implementation of AEP?

Stoppage at Bagdogra

548. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new steps are being taken to create train stoppages at Bagdogra, Naxalbari, Phansidewa, Chopra and Thakurganj.

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is aware that this route caters to the most important Agricultural, Horticultural and Animal Husbandry belt in Darjeeling Terai Region; and

(c) if so, the potential steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Ministry to address the transportation of Agricultural and Dairy products from this belt to the rest of the nation?

Indians Settled Abroad

549. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indians currently settled abroad country-wise; and

(b) the estimate of the remittances they send back home?

GSAT-30

†550. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether preparations to launch GSAT-30 satellite are going on;

(b) if so, the likely benefits of the satellite; and

(c) the time by which the services of the said satellite is likely to be received along with the details thereof?

Fast Track Courts

†551. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAMADEVI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fast track courts have been set up in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds required for proper functioning of fast track courts are not being released;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the amount of funds released for Bihar to carry out the said work during the last three years including the amount of funds utilised out of the funds released for the purpose?

New and Emerging Strategic Technologies Division

552. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a new division called New and Emerging Strategic Technologies (NEST) recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of salient features and objectives behind setting up the said division;

(c) whether NEST will help in confronting emerging challenges and scenarios in new technologies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the manner in which the new division will function and the benefits likely to be derived in future; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to spread emerging technologies among the States?

Cost Overrun of Infra Projects

553. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Sector Infrastructure Projects worth Rs. 150 crore or more have faced cost overruns;

(b) if so, the project cost overruns constitute what percentage of original project implementation cost;

(c) the key reasons for cost overruns for these infrastructure projects; and

(d) the corrective measures that the Government is taking to improve project implementation?

Reduction in Sleeper Coaches in Kerala Trains

554. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties caused to the passengers of long distance trains originating from Kerala due to decision of the Railways to reduce sleeper coaches in trains;

(b) whether the Government has received any letter from the State of Kerala on this issue;

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

(d) whether necessary directions will be given to the railway authorities to address this issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Defence PSUs

555. SHRI HIBIEDEN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to privatize any Government owned defence PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of S-400 defence deal with Russia; and

(d) the number of S-400 Missile Defence System India plans to import from Russia?

Limit on Number of Appeals

556. SHRI GURJEET SINGHAJLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to limit the number of Appeals that can be filed by a convict and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is taking a realistic view of the holidays available to judges and enact laws to rationalize holidays available to Judges and if so, the details thereof?

Issuance of e-BRC

557. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an inordinate delay by banks in issuing electronic-Bank Realization Certificate (e-BRC);

(b) whether any step has been taken in expediting the issuance of e-BRC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Penalties Imposed on TSPs

558. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:

SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether private and public sector Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) owe over Rs. 92000 cr. as licence fee penalty to the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the recent verdict on the Annual Gross Revenues (AGR) by the apex court has affected the TSPs and telecom industry and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of money to be paid by TSPs including public sector TSP post the Supreme Court verdict on AGR, TSP-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to recover the said due amount and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken by the Government to recover the due amount and if not, the reasons therefor?

Indo-US Relation

559. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent nullification of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir has had any adverse effects on Indo-US relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether before implementing nullification of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir, the UN Council should have been consulted since it is an international issue and not an internal matter; and

(d) if so, the views of UN Council on this issue?

Budgetary Expenditure by the Rubber Boards

560. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the budgetary allocation to the Rubber Board is spent as establishment expenditure on the wages and allowances of staff, leaving only a small portion of the total allocation for the welfare and education of rubber farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to optimize the establishment expenditure of the Rubber Board and/or extend financial assistance to the Board to ensure sufficient spending on the stakeholders; and

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

Separate Cell to deal with Deaths Abroad

561. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate cell in the Ministry of External Affairs to coordinate with the unfortunate deaths abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made a separate cell to bring back the bodies as desired by the kith and kin of the deceased to the country in a lesser time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government is proposing to set up the same in view of such incidents?

Election in Government Employees Residential Association

†562. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any person who has won elections twice on the post of Head/Secretary from Type-I Government quarters category in the Central Government Employee Residential Association is authorized/eligible for contesting the RWA election on the same post after shifting to Type-II quarters category in the same colony;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years including the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the colonies including Aram Bagh where such persons are working in RWA on the said posts and the action taken against them?

Sainik School in Telangana

563. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Telangana to establish a Sainik School at Narayanpet district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Bijnor-Daranagar-Hastinapur-Meerut Railway Line

†564. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2004 the then Minister of Railways, approved a rail line from Bijnor-Daranagar Ganj Hastinapur-Dauralla-Meerut in the parliamentary constituency of Bijnor;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the same;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start Hastinapur-Bijnor-Dehradun train in future; and

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

Suburban Train Project in Ahmedabad

565. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to implement suburban train project in Ahmedabad city;

(b) whether the Special Purpose Vehicle for this project has been made and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the funds for this project have been gathered/allocated and if so, the details thereof?

Pending Coal Mining Projects

566. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are coal mining projects pending for approval for production in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the amount of coal production in different mines in Jharkhand in the past five years, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the amount of metallurgical coal used for steel production produced in different mines in Jharkhand in the past three years?

Revival Package for MTNL and BSNL

567. SHRI SUBBARAYANK K.:

SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival package for the ailing Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been finalized and announced by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for implementation of the said plan;

(c) whether employees of these two public sector companies have been taken into confidence before finalizing the said revival package and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the employees of these companies are not being paid regularly and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Features of Agri-Export Policy

568. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced an Agri-Export Policy (AEP);

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

(c) whether the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has held any meetings with the State Governments and other stakeholders for effective implementation of the said policy and preparation of State Action Plan and if so, details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has held any discussions with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Food Processing Industry and other agencies for seeking the inputs for formulating a strategy to increase exports and address bottlenecks in the trade;

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

(f) whether the Ministry has signed an MoU with the National Cooperative Development Corporation to include Cooperatives for their active role in AEP and if so, the details thereof?

Act East Policy

569. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Act East Policy in connecting South East Asian countries along with the number of border trade centres that has been established other than Manipur and Mizoram;

(b) the number of kilometres of road connectivity that has been constructed connecting South East Asian countries and the details of air connectivity that has been established;

(c) the number of inland water connectivity that has been established under Act East Policy;

(d) the total economic growth of border trades in the last three years in the North East; and

(e) whether Manipur and Mizoram border trade centres have been established in world class with banking, currency exchange, IT etc.?

Social and Digital Media in Election Campaign

570. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of increasing usage of digital and social media in election campaign and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(b) the share of Facebook and Google in 2019 election campaign in the country in terms of its reach and money involved?

Wi-Fi in Villages

†571. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free Wi-Fi service to all the villages connected to BharatNet by March 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Broadband in Gram Panchayats

572. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to provide high speed broadband to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the Country by connecting them through internet *via* Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the original deadline set by the Government to meet the target of connecting all GPs across the country through internet;

(c) the current status of the said project; and

(d) whether the Government has rescheduled the execution of the project and extended the deadline for the completion of the same and if so, the details thereof?

Accumulation of Earned Leave

573. SHRI UPENDRASINGH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to allow Earned Leave accumulation by Government servants beyond 300 days and discontinue with the practice of lapse of Earned Leave to enable Government servants to avail these leaves in case of medical emergencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Manufacturing of Smartphones and FDI in Telecom Sector

574. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deregulation of FDI norms in telecom sector of the country has benefitted the locals in terms of employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to meet certain predictions of market analysts like International Data Corporation (IDC) that has opined that India may overtake US as the second-largest smartphone market globally soon;

(c) whether the Government has charted out a policy to enable switching to smartphones with the total smartphone traffic expected to grow seventeen-fold to 4.2 Exabytes (EB) per month by 2021 and gradually upgrade these sets to 4G operations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has reckoned the aspects of national security while giving green signals to foreign companies to invest in the telecom sector such as the Chinese companies LeEco that has planned manufacturing

of smartphones at Greater Noida in collaboration with Compal Technologies, Huawei in Bangalore and Gionee with the US contract manufacturers Foxconn and Dixon and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of Post Offices

575. DR. HEENAGAVIT:
SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down norms for the opening up of new post offices and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether new post offices are opened through redeployment of posts and relocation of post office, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of new branch post offices opened during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise, including Tripura and Uttar Pradesh;

(d) whether the Government has received requests from States to open new post offices in rural and under developed areas, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the quantum of revenue earned by post offices during the said period;

(f) whether the Government has installed ATM machines/core banking solutions/internet kiosks with net banking facilities for the post office saving bank account holders in rural and backward areas of the country especially in Tripura and Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to attract people residing in rural areas to invest in post office small saving schemes?

UNSC Reform

576. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has been reformed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government is taking any efforts to include India as a member in the reformed UNSC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Achievement of ICCR

577. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI GAUTAM SIGAMAANI PON:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work being done through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) along with the details of the target set and the achievements made during the last three years;

(b) the details of the number of foreign students studying in Indian Universities on scholarship provided by ICCR, at present, State/UT-wise during the last three years;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred on these students during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether ICCR has a special grievance cell for redressal of complaints of these foreign students;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by ICCR on these complaints; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to make some amendments in this scholarship scheme and planning to open more regional offices and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Import of Copper

578. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's copper imports have reported a sharp increase in the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is true that India became a net importer beginning 2018-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Start-Ups in Cyber Security

579. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote start-ups in cyber security.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote this sector and if so, the details thereof?

Status of Nuclear Plants

- †580. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of nuclear plants in the country, capacity-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more nuclear plants in future and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of the said plants constructed or pending at present and the names of the locations thereof; and
- (d) the quantum of improvement in power generation capacity of Nuclear plants during the last three years and the details thereof?

e-Office Programme

581. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI GAUTAM SIGAMAANI PON:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways has recently signed an MoU with the RailTel in order to implement Phase-II of e-Office programme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Railways has achieved the targets of e-Office in Phase-I, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year for the said project;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for the use of internet and e-mail in office work for promoting paperless office work, if so, the achievements made in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage paper-less work culture which saves operational cost and also reduces the carbon foot print?

Ongoing Railway Projects

- †582. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received representations from various organizations/road users for the gauge conversion, laying of new rail lines and doubling of rail lines which are necessary and essential for the development of ports and industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the ongoing rail projects are likely to be completed and the timeline fixed for the same?

ISRO Developing Technology

583. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ISRO has developed any new innovative technology, products and services for the development of space science, research and technology during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn up a long term plan 'Space Vision 2025' for Space Research Programmes and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is a need for bilateral cooperation with foreign countries/institutes in the field of space science and research and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve research and development in space technology?

Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

584. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR H.:
SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing pending/new railway projects sanctioned in the State of Tamil Nadu including Madurai during the last five years, zone-wise, project-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to the sanctioned projects including Madurai railway project and the reasons for delay in executing the projects;
- (c) the number of railway projects lagging behind the schedule completion, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to complete the projects at an early date, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to sanction any new project in the State if so, the list of pending ROBs/RUBs in Kanyakumari district along with the reasons for pending; and
- (f) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?

Probate Process of WILL

585. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to abolish the "Probate Process" of a WILL, which is still mandatory as well as discriminatory in places of Madras, Calcutta

and Bombay keeping in view the need of reducing unnecessary burden to the High Court of Madras, Mumbai and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Closer of Sterlite Copper Plant

586. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to CARE rating 2019 one of the key factors of India becoming a net importer of copper is due to closure of a major plant of Sterlite Copper of Vedanta located at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of the closure on industrial and other sectors of economy dependent on that plant and estimated loss of revenue and production material to the country at large; and

(d) whether Government has made any efforts to restart the plant and if so, the outcome thereof?

Increase in Speed of Trains

587. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways is undertaking major structural and operational transformation to increase the speed of both passenger and freight trains at 160 kmph and 100 kmph respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that increasing the speed will take five to ten years, depending on infrastructure development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy Sale by Department of Posts

†588. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts proposes to sell the products of other insurance companies particularly in rural areas apart from selling its own policies in view of less propagation of insurance in rural India and its immense potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Posts proposes to sell policy products like crop insurance, accident insurance, agricultural equipment insurance in rural areas apart from life insurance and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of post offices in Rajasthan including Jalor and Sirohi districts as well as Maharashtra including most drought affected of Marathwada and Latur districts added under the scheme?

Import of Chinese Non-essential Goods

589. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
SHRI GAUTAM SIGAMAANI PON:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced strict restrictions on imports of non essential goods from China recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of such non essential goods;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment on the loss being incurred by the domestic manufacturers due to increase in such imports of such goods from China and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to ban the import of cheap plastic goods from China due to toxic contamination;

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the period of ban/restrictions;

(f) whether the Government proposes to review the import policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of other steps being taken by the Government to help in reducing India's dependence on China and to curb low quality imports from China?

ROBs/RUBs in Jharkhand

†590. SHRIMATI ANNPURNADEVI:
SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Jharkhand for the construction of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges during the last three years along with the details thereof, proposal-wise;

(b) the reaction of the Government on the said proposals;

(c) the number of proposals from Jharkhand that are lying pending with the Railways at present along with the details of the said proposals, location-wise; and

(d) the details of the ROBs and RUBs being constructed in Jharkhand at present, location-wise along with the current status thereof?

Cooperation Programmes

591. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has developed cooperation programmes with other countries across various sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years, country-wise;

(c) whether India has been extending line of credit under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last four years, country-wise and programme-wise;

(e) whether India has also been providing cooperation on humanitarian grounds to other countries affected by disasters;

(f) if so, the details during the last two years; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government for building international development cooperation?

Telecom Facility in Villages of Maharashtra

†592. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPAL SINH *ALLAS*
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in the State of Maharashtra have been connected with telephone facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are many villages in the State where telephone facility is not available till date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Intellectual Property Rights in Defence

593. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to promote self-reliance in Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of such measures on cost savings; and

(d) the challenges faced by the Defence sector in attracting private and public sector entities for IPRs?

Shortage of Court Rooms

594. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has pondered over the shortage of thousands of court rooms in district and subordinate judiciary in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also contemplated on shortage of residential quarters for district and subordinate judiciary in the country;

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

(d) the constraints, if any, being faced by the Central Government to help State Governments in dealing with infrastructural challenges being faced by lower judiciary and the steps taken to address the same?

5G Spectrum Auction

595. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held the auction of 5G spectrum within the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from some of the companies to reduce 5G spectrum prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether BSNL is also planning to launch 5G services within the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be launched; and

(f) the steps being taken by BSNL to compete with private players within the country?

SEZ in Bundelkhand

†596. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to construct a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Bundelkhand under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are obstacles in setting up of SEZ in Bundelkhand and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of new initiatives taken by the Government for rehabilitation and resettlement of farmers displaced from agricultural land acquired for development of SEZ areas in the country?

Young Scientist Laboratories

597. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHAPRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up DRDO Young Scientist Laboratories and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard;

(b) the funds allocated to each of the five new DRDO Young Scientist Laboratories;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more such laboratories to boost defence capabilities in the country, including in Chandigarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost indigenous defence capabilities of the country?

Project under 'Make in India'

†598. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Make in India' programme for Defence sector has been delayed and the projects are pending under the said programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the measures proposed to be taken for their immediate approval;

(c) the names of the projects allotted to DRDO, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and private companies in Defence sector;

(d) whether the role of DRDO and Defence PSUs in this sector has been affected with the entry of private companies in Defence Sector; and

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

Corporate Interaction to Boost Investment

599. SHRI KOTHAPRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held discussions with India's 25 top corporate houses and lenders, to assess their investment plan and tried to resolve issues that they may be facing in their bid to expand operations;

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

(c) whether capacity constraints are often cited as a reason for firms holding back investments, and in many cases investments that have been announced did not take off due to delay in clearances for decades; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects identified in the past one decade along with steps being taken to resolve such issues and future action plan prepared so far?

5G Services

†600. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work is being carried out on 5G services in the country and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(b) the time by which 5G services are likely to become available in the country?

Shortfall in the Revenue of Railways

601. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a severe shortfall in railway freight traffic revenue during this financial year;

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

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to reverse this trend of decreasing railway freight traffic revenue and bring improvement in this regard; and

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

Survey of Pagidipalli-Guntur Railway Line

602. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of Pagidipalli-Guntur railway line was completed long back;

(b) if so, whether the line has huge traffic and in the absence of second line, passengers are facing many problems and railways is also losing revenue;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in laying this second line; and

(d) the time by which the work on this line is likely to be taken up and completed?

Revenues from Postal Services

603. SHRIDHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:
DR. HEENAGAVIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by the Government for generation of revenue from postal service during the current financial year;

(b) the quantum of income generated by the Government from various postal services during each of the last three years and the current year, postal service-wise;

(c) whether the revenue generation of postal services has been declining every year and the targets for each coming year are brought down by the Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the revenue generated and the expenditure incurred by the Postal Department during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) the reasons for the decline, if any, in the market share of postal services and the losses incurred by India Posts during the same period; and

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

Revenues of Trains in Salem Railway Division

604. SHRI NATARAJAN PR.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of passengers who travelled in the (1) Coimbatore-Mettupalayam passenger train (2) Coimbatore-Pollachi passenger train (3) Coimbatore-Madurai train in Salem railway division (Tamil Nadu State) and the revenue earned during each year during the past three years, year/train-route-wise, separately;

(b) whether the Government is reviewing the traffic and revenue in the above said trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken for extension of trains and introduction of Coimbatore-Madurai passenger train *via* Pollachi Dindigul; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Accident Insurance

†605. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Railways is planning to get the work done through participation of private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of fund received from the rail passengers so far in lieu of the accidental insurance under the online Rail Accident Insurance Scheme;

(d) the total fund provided to passengers so far in lieu of accidents;

(e) the fund received by the Railways out of this; and

(f) the benefit accrued by the insurance companies each year out of the insurance of passengers?

BRI and CPEC

606. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to mobilize international support to oppose the China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and particularly China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to make international community realise that the project is not a mutually beneficial project to Pakistan and China but only benefits China;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mobile Towers in Maharashtra

†607. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to install more mobile towers of BSNL for better connectivity in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra;

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

(c) the time by which these mobile towers are likely to be installed?

Smaller Coaches for Passengers

608. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister is aware that the ladies' first-class coaches have smaller compartments with less seats than the normal first-class general bogie and that too with highly insufficient safety;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to address the issues and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has plans to increase the size and the number of ladies coaches and to fortify the security system with better safety measures;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation through Biometric Machines

†609. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme to reserve seats through biometric machines installed outside general coaches;

(b) if so, the trains where such arrangement has been implemented and the remaining trains where such arrangement is to be made;

(c) the trains originating from Etawah wherein such arrangement has been made; and

(d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be started?

Setting up of Defence Canteen

†610. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Defence canteen in Buldhana district of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Court Practice

611. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified Section 30 of the Advocates Act, 1961 recently, enabling the lawyers to practice in courts across the country irrespective of their enrolment in any bar council without the need to transfer licence to their desired States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date from which this section will come into force?

Cyber Attacks

612. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK

NIMBALKAR:

SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of cyber attacks in the country have increased in recent years from 49,000 cases in 2015 to 53,000 cases in 2017 and 60,000 in 2018 and if so, the details thereof including the incidents of cyber attack reported in the current financial year, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the reporting of cyber attacks in the country is very low and taking that into account, the actual figures would be much more and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the sectors which are more prone to cyber attacks; and

(f) the names of the major countries from which cyber attacks on India are majorly emanated and firewalls set by the Ministry to thwart them?

Encouraging Electrical Appliances Industry

†613. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating on a special scheme to encourage electrical appliances industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to establish a special fund for the research and development in electrical appliances industry so that it can be made compatible with global standards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Consumer Expenditure Survey

614. SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise list of all the surveys conducted by the NSSO since 2014 till date;

(b) the year-wise list of all surveys including Consumer Expenditure Survey (2017-18) and the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)(2017-18) conducted by the NSSO during the above period and the reasons for non-acceptance of each report which/whose findings have not been accepted;

(c) the specific flaws in the methodology of PLFS (2017-18) and Consumer Expenditure Survey (2017-18) which acted as a contributing factor in the rejection of the report by the Government;

(d) whether any changes have been made in the methodologies of the surveys for rectifying/correcting the flaws noticed therein; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Flexi Fare System

615. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to increase the number of 3 tier coaches in long distance trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is planning to re-consider its flexi fare scheme as, at times, these fares are more than the Air fare in the same sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

M-SIPS

616. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) implemented by the Government in the country;

(b) the number of proposals received by the Government under the said scheme since inception along with the present status of such proposals;

(c) the investment made into the electronics hardware manufacturing during each of the last three years along with the employment generated from such investment across the country so far in the same period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the subsidy provided by the Government for investment in Capital Expenditure so far under the said scheme; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote electronic hardware manufacturing in the country?

Expediting Execution of MPLAD Fund

†617. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) is proposed to be brought under the purview of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any central nodal agency to expedite the execution of MPLAD fund and monitor the functioning of DRDA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amount due on Public Sector Companies

†618. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of the Department of Telecommunications is due on Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers, GAIL, Rail Tel, Power Grid and other public sector companies;

(b) if so, the details of the said outstanding amount department and company-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to recover the said outstanding amount?

Railway Accidents

619. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether death toll due to Railway accidents in the country is on the rise from the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of the railway accidents, zone-wise and year-wise for the last five years in Northern States;

(c) the details of number of deaths in railway accidents in the country, zone-wise and year-wise for the last five years; and

(d) the details of the total compensation awarded to the families of deceased due to train accidents for the last five years, zone-wise?

Relaxation to NRIs

†620. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether information regarding relaxation and concessions given to the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) is not maintained at the central level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Government formulates strategy for the NRIs to invest in India in the absence of said information; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Privatization of Trains on Some Routes

621. PROF. SAUGATARAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to privatize some routes or has given permission to ply private trains on some routes of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expected revenue likely to be accrued through such decision;

(d) whether the Government has taken necessary precautionary measures to ensure the rights of Indian Railways in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Security and Cleanliness in Railways

†622. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI
VASAVA:

SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised any action plan to increase consumer satisfaction particularly in payment to security, safety, time punctuality and cleanliness during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any task force has been constituted to formulate a work plan in this regard?

Vistadome Coach to Promote Tourism

†623. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVAGITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vistadome coach scheme of Government to promote tourism has been successful and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether facilities provided in the said coaches are adequate and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special arrangements have been made for passengers safety in the said coaches and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to increase the number of the said coaches in future and if so, the details in this regard?

Warship Manufacturing and Testing Centres

624. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's plan of building multiple warship manufacturing and testing centres along the coastline of Andhra Pradesh has begun and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of centres proposed to be created and total allocation of funds for the centre;

(c) the terms and conditions of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for the private or foreign partnerships under the scheme along with the details of the entities that are in collaboration with the Government in this regard;

(d) whether this will help in bringing down the imports and increasing the FDI inflow along with any formal assessment made of the said policy to find out its impact; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

SAARC Meeting

625. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that South Asia is going through challenges such as terrorism, poverty, unemployment, climate change and trade war between China and US, and since 2014 no South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit has been hosted by any member country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is willing to utilize the platform of SAARC to improve connectivity and trade in the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Response of MPs Letters by State Governments/PSUs

†626. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are not covered under the existing guidelines as laid down in Para 122 of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure to give reply to the letters of the Members of Parliament (MPs);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include the State Governments and the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the said guidelines in order to enable them to reply to the letter of the MPs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Railway Line Between Upshi to Phey

627. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans or has taken any steps to setup the entire Railway line from Upshi to Phey 51 km this year itself;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the Government plans to do so?

Modernisation of Military Equipments

628. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK

NIMBALKAR:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the percentage of military equipments in terms of old, current and high-tech category respectively;

(b) whether allocation made in the defence budget is sufficient to modernise military equipments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 'Make in India' programme is being used to modernise military equipments; and

(d) if so, the details and the current status of all defence projects taken up under 'Make in India' initiative during the last three years?

Indian Statistical System

629. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed that large investments are required, both in terms of financial and human resources, to strengthen the Indian Statistical System and if so, details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the authenticity of Government data has come into question due to its frequent revisions and if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to restore the credibility of Indian Statistical System?

Hacking of Websites

630. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of hacking of websites, belonging to important institutions and ministries like MHA etc. have been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any agency for quick response to such exigencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the other corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to counter such cases in near future and if so, the details thereof?

Adarsh Station Scheme

†631. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIA:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN

VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations upgraded under Adarsh Station Scheme (ASS);

(b) the details of facilities/amenities being upgraded by the Government under the said scheme;

(c) whether passenger amenities are also covered under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Losses of BSNL

†632. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for losses reported by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and the retrenchment of its employees; and

(b) the details of measures taken/being taken by the Government to enable BSNL to recover from these losses?

Over Charging on Food Items

†633. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding overcharging from the passengers for the food items being sold by the Railway operated IRCTC catering service in superfast trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of complaints received in this regard and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

GramNet Project

634. SHRI SANJAY SETH:
SHRI KURUVAGORANTLAMADHAV:
SHRI CHANDRAPRAKASH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI B. B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to provide Wi-Fi in all the villages across the country through GramNet;

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

(c) the number of villages where the Government has already provided the aforementioned services, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether any private agencies are involved as intermediaries or implementing agencies in the process and if so, the details thereof?

National Broadband Mission in Rajasthan

†635. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Broadband Mission launched recently by the Government across the country;

(b) the details of the estimated amount to be allocated by the Government in this regard, State-wise, including Rajasthan;

(c) the number of districts in Rajasthan likely to be included under this mission;

(d) whether the Government has considered fast track connectivity in the villages under the mission and if so, the details thereof, including Dausa district of Rajasthan; and

(e) the details of the target set under this mission?

Subways in Tamil Nadu

636. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the subways constructed by Railways in Tamil Nadu are inundated during rains and become non-usable during rainy season and if so, whether the Ministry is likely to take action to rectify these defective subways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Trains

637. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Trains including Suvidha Trains run by the Government across the country during last year and the current year;

(b) whether the cases of misuse of reserved tickets have come to the notice of the Government in such trains during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in such cases so far;

(d) whether the fare of such trains are kept higher from the fare of normal trains;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with profits earned by the Government from such trains during the said period;

(f) the requests received by the Government from various quarters not to charge higher fare in such trains along with action taken on such requests so far; and

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

Naval Security

†638. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has curtailed its requirements under the defence deals for naval security;

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

(c) the details of the funds allocated by the Government towards naval security during the last three years?

Per Capita Income

639. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge disparity in per capita income among various States and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the urban and rural per capita income differentials in the country during the last three years; and

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

Premature Retirement of Government Servants

640. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions under Fundamental Rules (FR) 56(j), Rule 48 of Central Civil Services (CCS) (Pension) Rules, 1972 and Rule 16(3) (Amended) of All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) [AIS (DCRB)] Rules, 1958 have laid down the policy of periodic review and premature retirement of Government servants in public interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of date-wise periodic review of various Ministries and its attached offices/autonomous organizations;

(c) the names of the departments along with the number of employees who have been given compulsory retirement and premature retirement during the last three years; and

(d) the names of the Departments/CPSUs/Banks/Financial Institutions/Diplomatic Missions along with the number of employees who have been identified for compulsory retirement during the last three years?

Mining Lease

†641. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mining leases awarded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for various mines during the period from 2014 to 2019;

(b) the number of reported cases of illegal mining/illegal transportation/illegal storage done by the unauthorized lease holders in Uttar Pradesh along with the type of punishment given, the number of cases filed, the quantum of penalty recovered in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any difference between the mining policy of Uttar Pradesh Government and that of Madhya Pradesh Government and if so, the details thereof?

Statement against Article 370

642. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many countries have given statement against the Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) and eradication of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir after nation-wide protest against it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of countries who have given statement and countered by India;

(d) whether United Nations has also given statement opposing CAA which has not been opposed so far by the Government;

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

(f) whether CAA has compelled the Government to change its foreign policy especially after statement given by many countries against CAA; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government to those countries and future strategy chalked out by the Government to give response to such countries?

Derailment of Lokmanya Tilak Express

643. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the unfortunate derailing of Lokmanya Tilak Express in Odisha, the steps being taken to avert such incidents in the future;

(b) whether any special technology is required to combat low visibility during winter months;

(c) if so, whether the Railways possess such technology; and

(d) if not, the measures being taken to ensure that low visibility does not lead to more of such incidents?

Increase in Import

†644. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any increase in import of products particularly of MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector due to anti-dumping policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to deal with this situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Export of Organic Produce

†645. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to increase the export of organic produce;
- (b) the quantum of organic produce exported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing any specific programme to promote the export of organic produce in all States including Assam and Haryana; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

New Division

646. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to setup a new division called NESD and if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives of this institution;
- (b) whether India had a bilateral discussion with Myanmar in regard to the return of displaced persons from Rakhine state and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has made pre-fabricated houses under Rakhine state development programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made efforts to simplify the passport verification process and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make post offices as extended arms of passport office along with the details in this regard, State-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government has extended this facility to more post offices and if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against TSPs

647. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

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

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has received complaints of subscribers against Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, TSP-wise;

(b) whether TSPs have been found guilty in addressing complaints of subscribers in an effective and time bound manner in such complaints and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the TRAI has any mechanism to monitor the efforts taken by the TSPs in addressing grievances of subscribers and if so, the details thereof; and

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

New Trains in Andhra Pradesh

648. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce new Railway Train services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the coming financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total budget allocated for the railway divisions that fall within the State of Andhra Pradesh in the last two financial years and the amount utilised during the same period?

Trains from Gorakhpur

†649. SHRI BAIDYANATH PRASAD MAHTO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to launch a direct rail service from Gorakhpur to Patliputra *via* Bagha Narkatiaganj-Muzaffarpur during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, whether there is a plan to operate the trains as before on this route from Gorakhpur to Patna or Muzaffarpur?

Index of Industrial Production

650. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in the past two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has proposed a timeline within which there shall be an improvement in the IIP?

Free Wi-Fi

651. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRIN. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free Wi-Fi to 48,000 villages in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote uptake of the internet in the rural areas through BharatNet project;

(c) the funds sanctioned/spent so far by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the views and demands of various States met so far in this regard?

World Class Facilities

652. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations developed by the Government to provide world class facilities to the passengers across the country so far, zone-wise;

(b) the existing policy for revamping and transforming of railway stations in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has sought participation of private sector in modernisation of railway stations across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the private sector thereto;

(e) whether the Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with foreign countries in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the terms and conditions of such MoUs; and

(g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide world class facilities in all the railway stations of the country?

Extradition of Financial Fraudster

653. KUNWAR DANISHALI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who fled from the country in 2015 to till date who have been involved in financial irregularities with the banks as well as those who are under criminal investigation;

(b) the amount of money they have taken away from the banks;

(c) the reasons, why they have not been extradited as yet; and

(d) the steps being taken for the extradition of these individuals?

Reduction of Carbon Footprints

654. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to reduce carbon footprints by reducing the production, supply and use of coal in various industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries had given any specific reply to the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the current status of coal production, supply and use for the ongoing projects and for the newly proposed projects of CIL and its subsidiaries well as NLC India?

Termination of Licences

655. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to terminate licences of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in view of their failure to pay the dues to the Government to tune of Rs. 93,000 crore; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure least disruption in services of TSPs post payment of aforesaid dues by these TSPs?

Tariff Imposition by the US

656. SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian exporters are facing problems due to tariffs imposed by the US on exports of products like steel and aluminium and IT services;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken up this matter with the US authorities to lift such tariffs; and

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

Judicial Vacancies

657. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of the judges of High Courts that remain unfilled in India;

(b) the total number of collegium proposals pending for the approval by the Government; and

(c) whether the Government has set any time frame for filling the judicial vacancies in High Courts and if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Post Offices

658. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices upgraded/being upgraded across the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to use vacant space at post office premises for commercial purpose other than postal services; and

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

Fake Social Media Accounts

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

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on the number of fake social media accounts operating in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of fake social media accounts has increased in the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these accounts are used to spread rumors, fake news and misinformation on social media platforms and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Construction of Anandnagar-Ghughli Railway Line

†660. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the construction of new railway line from Anandnagar to Ghughli under Eastern Railways is lying pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to sanction/ approval for construction of the said new railway line;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Technology for Prevention of Drone Attack

661. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DRDO has partnered with any Indian or Foreign companies to develop technology to prevent drone attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DRDO has undertaken any anti-drone combat measures in vital defence security establishments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Auction of Scrap Materials

†662. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to make a solid policy to promote timely and transparent auction of various scrap materials manufactured in the Railways;

(b) if so, the solid plan adopted for the re-use of various scrap materials manufactured in the Railways; and

(c) whether there are complaints of irregularities in the sale of various scrap materials manufactured in the Railways during the last three years and if so, the time by which the investigations will be done?

Crisis in Cashew Industry

663. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian cashew industry is in crisis;
- (b) if so, the details of the actions taken for revival of cashew industry;
- (c) whether banks are attaching cashew industry on account of Non Performing Asset (NPA) issue and if so, the details of actions taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to declare moratorium to the loans availed by the cashew industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to give directions to banks to implement revival package and if so, the details of the actions taken thereon;
- (f) whether cashew workers have lost their employment due to the closing down of cashew industries; and
- (g) if so, the details of actions taken to protect the interest of workers?

Rail Bridge on Kosi River

†664. SHRI GOPALJEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had taken a decision to construct a large bridge across Kosi to connect entire Mithila region of Bihar which was divided into two parts due to earthquake in 1934 and if so, the details and the current status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is likely to dedicate the rail bridge built on Kosi river to the people of Mithila region in the near future and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to name this bridge after former Prime Minister late Shri Atal Bihari Bajpayee when it is open to the public; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the announcement is likely to be made by the Ministry in this regard along with the details thereof?

Indians in Pakistan Jails

†665. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:
SHRI GURJEET SINGHAUJLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India has the details and number of persons languishing in Pakistan jails;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that many Indians are in Pakistan jails even after their prison term is over; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to bring them back to India?

Legal Assistance

†666. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure for appointing government counsel by the government to provide legal assistance to the people;
- (b) the number of government counsels in the country at present;
- (c) whether the posts of government counsels are vacant or more government counsels are required and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish free legal advice centres at every district or Tehsil to provide justice to everybody; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecom Connectivity in Tripura

667. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of telecom connectivity in the State of Tripura;
- (b) whether the Government has extended 4G services in each district of Tripura;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which 4G services will be provided in each district of Tripura;
- (d) the role of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) in this regard and the details of the funds utilized therefrom during each of the last three years for the aforesaid purpose; and
- (e) the details of fund utilization by BSNL in connection with this matter?

Corruption in Recruitment Process

668. SHRI ANUMULAREVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some cases of corruption have been reported in recruitment process of jawans in the Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to prevent irregularities and corruption in recruitment process in the Army?

Railway Projects in Andhra Pradesh

669. SHRI KURUVAGORANTLAMADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rail projects implemented and pending in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and utilised on the said projects;

(c) the number of new railway lines laid or progressive related works done thereto in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the completion of the said projects or conducted review thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pending cases in Bombay High Courts

670. SHRI BALUBHAU *ALIAS* SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases at present in the Bombay High Court along with the number of those cases which are pending for the last ten years;

(b) the number of cases related to coal miners in the Bombay High Court at present along with the number of those cases which have been pending for more than ten years; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Exports from Rohtak and Jhajjar

671. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) considering exports of nut-bolts, fasteners, shoes, agro-products and chemicals from Rohtak and Jhajjar districts and their strategic location in Delhi NCR, whether there is any plan under the Ministry to open an Inland Container Depot (ICD) and Export Facilitation Center; and

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

Slow Down in GDP

672. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's GDP growth rate is slowing down day-by-day;

(b) if so, the GDP growth rate during the last seven years, year-wise; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the GDP growth?

MPLAD Funds for Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

†673. SHRI RAJENDRADHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any scheme pertaining to special funding system in addition to MPLAD for Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana along with coordination that has been done with the Ministry of Planning in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering any new scheme to increase the current amount of the MPLAD; and

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

Electrification of Jabalpur-Itarsi Rail Line

†674. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification of Jabalpur-Itarsi section in Railways has resulted in reduction of running time of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to add a new stoppage to utilize the time saved on this section and if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Railway Line in Chhattisgarh

†675. SHRI CHUNNILAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Chhattisgarh Government to construct new railway line from Baagbaha (Mahasamund) to Bargarh *via* Pithora-Basna-Saraipali-Sohela;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not giving any consideration/approval by the Government on the said proposals so far keeping in view the increased traffic as per the survey of 1962?

Safety of Nuclear Power Plants

†676. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the International safety ranking of nuclear power plants of India;

(b) whether a Non-Government group 'The Nuclear Threat Initiative' based in Washington has given 23rd ranking to India among 25 countries in terms of nuclear safety systems;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has constituted any team for the study of the safety of nuclear power plants and nuclear material; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for the safety of nuclear material?

Capital Acquisition Projects for Navy

677. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Navy has finalised rationalization plan for its capital acquisition projects and re-prioritization of its long term plan of its arms procurement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the manner in which it will affect our defence preparedness; and

(c) the status of National Institute for Research and Development in Defence Shipbuilding (NIRDESH) which is proposed to help Navy with designing war ships indigenously?

Vacant Posts

678. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about lakhs of Central Government jobs/posts are lying vacant and the Government has not taken any steps to fill up these vacant posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not filling up these sanctioned posts, category-wise;

(c) whether Central Government has slashed thousands of posts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to not revive posts lying vacant for a specific period and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to fill up vacant posts in the Central Government Services in a time bound manner for various categories?

Mobile Services in Villages

679. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages of the country which have not yet been provided with mobile services so far, State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the extent to which Government has resolved the said reasons through modern technology and instruments; and

(c) the number of Wi-Fi hotspots that have been installed at Gram Panchayats (GPs) and services are provided therefrom, State/UT-wise?

Thorium Based Nuclear Power Projects

680. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the timeline of the three stage nuclear power projects;

(b) whether there is a deadline to achieve self-sufficiency by developing a closed Thorium based Nuclear power cycle; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by when the three stage is likely to be fully realised?

Railway Projects

681. SHRI CHANDRAPRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rail projects including Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) implemented/constructed and pending in Jharkhand including Giridih during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised on the said project;

(c) the number of new rail lines laid or progressive related works done thereto in Jharkhand during the last five years;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the completion of the said projects or conducted review thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Ordinance in MMDR and CMSP Act

682. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has promulgated an ordinance to amend the MMDR Act, 1957 and the CMSP Act, 2015 to boost FDI in coal mining;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefit thereto;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Coal is in process of initiating the auction of coal mines for sale of coal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Ministry has decided to issue new guidelines and simplified approval process for Coal Mining Projects and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government to open up new areas of growth in the coal and mining sector?

Privatisation of Trains on some Routes

683. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):
SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI JUAL ORAM:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:
SHRI AJAY BHATT:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAI SI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways has offered/proposes to offer private players the opportunity to run 150 modern trains based on a revenue sharing model;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its aims and objectives and investment expected by Government after introduction of these trains particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (c) the details of the routes which are identified for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government has formed a panel to define the bidding process and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the technology and services likely to be provided to the passengers by the private operators;

(f) whether the empowered committee constituting of officials from the railways has finalized the modalities of the bidding process and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether maintenance, security, fares and stoppages of these trains will be decided by private operators and if so, the details thereof?

GDP Growth

684. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the quarterly rate of growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the 2004-2005 fiscal year till September 2019 quarter as per the methodology used to calculate it prior to the changes introduced in 2015; and
- (b) the quarterly rate of GDP growth from 2004-05 till September, 2019 based on the new methodology introduced by the Government in 2015?

Coal Block Auction

685. SHRI SELVAM G:
DR. HEENAGAVIT:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coal blocks auctioned/proposed to be auctioned across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the coal mines whose auctions were cancelled earlier have been re-auctioned;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved the target of auctioning coal blocks during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to remove irregularities in the auction of coal blocks in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure transparency in auction of the coal blocks?

Pending Court Cases

686. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:
SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge backlog of pending cases in courts;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of civil and criminal cases pending in District Courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court across the country including West Bengal as on date alongwith the stages of most of the pending cases;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to accelerate the judicial process and expedite adjudication of the cases pertaining to social issues and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is facing major challenges in the Indian judicial system; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by the Government to create a citizen centric legal system?

FDI Decline

687. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India has declined in FY 2018-19 as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government has made any effort to collect data in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the same and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal Production

688. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal production of the country has bumped up to record production as never before;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether considering the record production, the Government is planning to alleviate the problems of States

suffering from scarcity of coal for their purposes by allocating sufficient supply of coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promoting Quality Standards

689. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Quality Council of India (QCI) is planning to establish and promote quality standards across all economic and social sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details of each of the accreditation boards in the country along with their scope;

(c) the details of the active projects undertaken by the QCI along with their timeline;

(d) whether the Project Planning and Implementation Division (PPID) has been set up under the QCI;

(e) if so, details thereof along with its scope and key projects; and

(f) the details of cases of corruption filed and investigated against members of the QCI in the past five years, year-wise?

Welfare of Retired Personnels

690. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures in place for welfare of retired personnel of the armed forces;

(b) whether events are organized for interaction with them at regular intervals;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch a single window grievance redressal portal for retired personnel of the armed forces; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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