

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

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#### Facilities for Construction Labourers

1151. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labourers engaged in construction works and related fields in metropolitan cities of the country along with the facilities of shelter homes or houses being provided to them, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details and share of assistance/aid provided by State and Union Governments along with local bodies to the labourers engaged in construction sector across the country, State/UT-wise?

#### Poultry Case at WTO

1152. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lost a case at the World Trade Organisation which ruled that the Indian ban on import of poultry meat, eggs and live pigs from the U.S. was inconsistent with international norms; and

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

#### Agricultural Export Policy

1153. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the Agricultural Export Policy, 2018 and if so, the salient features of the policy;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the Policy on the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has emphasised the need for diversifying export basket in the country through the policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of foodgrains and crops exported to various countries from the State of Maharashtra during each of the last five years, year-wise and crop/foodgrain-wise?

#### FDI in Heavy Industries

1154. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the heavy industries has picked up considerably after the 'Make in India' initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the FDI in any defence-related heavy industries or public enterprises has picked up since the Make in India initiative has been set afoot; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Employees Working on Contractual Basis

1155. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a large number of employees are working on contractual basis in various Ministries, Departments and subordinate offices of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Ministry/Department-wise;

(c) whether these employees are recruited by the Government or outsourced from private service provider, if so, the details thereof, Ministry/Department-wise;

(d) whether it is true that in some Ministries/Departments employees are working on contractual basis year after year without getting any break, if so, the details thereof, Ministry/Department-wise;

(e) whether appropriate procedure was followed while recruiting these contractual employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether all these employees have been brought under EPF/ESIS/ESIC scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### World Heritage Site

1156. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any intention to impose restrictions across the Western Ghats region, as UNESCO has declared it as a World Heritage Site;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any communication in this regard from UNESCO;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has ratified the UN Heritage site declaration of Western Ghats; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Guidelines on Public Procurement

1157. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary guidelines/ notifications requiring declaration of items with sufficient local capacity and domestic content in public procurement have been issued by all Departments and CPSUs in accordance with 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the mechanism put in place for strict monitoring of implementation of public procurement by the Government agencies in the country; and

(c) the details regarding salient features of the proposed new industry policy, if any, to promote competitiveness of domestic industry?

### Status of Civil Petition

1158. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether while deciding the final status of Civil Misc. petition No. 390/2013 and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 187/2013, Hon'ble Delhi High Court, had issued 'specific directions' to be adhered to scrupulously by the Petitioner as well Respondent, keeping in view, the highly legal sanctity involved in this case *vide* complaint No. 011/MCD/043/145090 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Secretary of the Petitioner Society named 'Sarva Priya CHBS Ltd.' *vide* letter dated 23.03.2017 had made the

stand clear on the part of the said society, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether to cope up the 'Stone-walling issue' involved in this case, the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India reportedly did not pass 'reasoned order' as per extent rules to be passed within time limit, clearly indicated in the aforesaid Hon'ble High Court order; and

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

### Yoga Education

1159. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute any expert committee for the standardisation of yoga education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which the said panel/ Committee is likely to submit its report;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognised yoga in the form of a curriculum at graduate and post-graduate level and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether all universities/colleges run full or part-time courses for preparing yoga instructors?

### Adopt a Heritage Scheme

1160. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a pre-requisite for prospective Monument Mitras to partner with experts in the field of conservation of heritage/ancient buildings, before applying under the 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme' and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has nominated any experts in the field of conservation of heritage sites/ancient structures, as members of the Oversight and Vision Committees for all the Monuments adopted under the 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme';

(c) if so, the details thereof Monument-wise, along with the period of professional experience of such persons nominated in the field of conservation;

(d) the present status of implementation of "Adopt a Heritage" scheme and the details of MoUs signed so far; and

(e) the details of monuments identified and proposed to be put under the scheme?

### Exploration of Blocks under NELP

1161. SHRI V. ELUMALAI: SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM: SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) for 26 discovered blocks, 28 exploration blocks under pre New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and

254 blocks under NELP and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has now moved to the revenue sharing mechanism under the Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy regime and if so, the details thereof along with the extent and manner in which the new policy announced by the Government will help to improve the ease of doing business and to increase the revenue of States;

(c) whether the first round of auction of hydrocarbon fields under the new regime saw explorers showing interest and bidding for 55 fields and if so, the details thereof along with the details of such fields which are yet to be awarded;

(d) whether the Government has streamlined the existing PSCs with four key changes in the policy framework to increase domestic hydrocarbon production and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the exploration period has also been increased by two years and the appraisal period by one year for North Eastern hydrocarbon fields and if so, the details thereof?

### Oil Import Bill

1162. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil imported to meet demands of energy consumption along with details of the crude oil import bill during the years 2014 to 2018;

(b) whether there has been an increase in crude oil import bill in 2016-17 and 2017-18

and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been an increase in energy consumption during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to bring down country's dependence on imports of oil; and

(d) the details of domestic crude oil produced during the last three years?

#### **Collaboration with ASEAN Countries**

1163. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) countries to strengthen cooperation in the field of Tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions thereto;

(c) whether Indian tourism has grown after the collaboration with ASEAN countries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the obstacles that prevent India from taking transnational tourism venture along with the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has launched the ASEAN-India Tourism Cooperation year 2019 to enhance cooperation with a view to increasing two-way tourist visits and promoting greater people to people exchange between ASEAN countries and India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the other measures taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the tourism in the country?

#### **Removal of Pre-Import Condition**

†1164. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revoked/proposes to revoke the pre-import condition for IGST relaxation under Advanced Authorisation Scheme keeping in view the long standing demand of the exporters in the country;

(b) if so, the amount of profit which the exporters are likely to get; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Technical Education**

1165. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutes imparting professional and technical education in the country including Assam and other North-Eastern States in the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the number of such institutes which are likely to be set up in the current year, State and Location-wise?

#### **Postponement of MII Initiative**

†1166. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any multinational electronics company has requested the Government to postpone the 'Make in India' (MII) initiative for components like display and touch panel and has stated that if it is not postponed then they will decrease the manufacturing of mobile phone in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve this problem?

#### **Samagra Shiksha**

1167. SHRI LADU KISHORE SWAIN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget allocated to various States under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan during 2018-19, State/UT-wise and component-wise;

(b) the details of Education Cess collected and spent towards various purposes since 2014-15;

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to impart teachers training in the country; and

(d) the allocation of pre and post matric scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes since 2014-15, State/UT-wise and year-wise ?

#### **Residential Schools in Madhya Pradesh**

†1168. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government schemes being implemented to promote residential schools for the tribal students in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the details of financial assistance provided in this regard during the last three years?

#### **Reconstitution of ICHR**

1169. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reconstituted the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of members included/nominated in the newly constituted council;

(d) the criteria/eligibility to appoint member in the council; and

(e) the tenure of the reconstituted council?

### Technical Education

1170. SHRIMATI K.  
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has accepted the recommendation of the Government committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether online requests from existing engineering institutes to either start programmes in new technologies or convert current capacity in traditional engineering disciplines to emerging new technologies would be entertained from next year;

(d) whether All India Council of Technical Education would only grant approvals for additional seats in existing institutions based on the capacity utilisation of the institutes concerned; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Safety and Security in Petroleum Industry

1171. SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:  
SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:  
SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government accords top priority to safety, security and environmental aspects and continuously monitors and brings in changes in statutes, rules and regulations in order to enhance them at the petroleum installations from time-to-time at par with global standards and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard so far;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study report about the safety and security and environment protection in petroleum and natural gas industry particularly in its various installations/plants/units and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to review the rules and regulations governing the industry in a time-bound manner so that their standards are at par with international standards;

(d) whether the Government has analysed all the details received from the Public Sector Undertakings and Oil Industry Safety Directorate regarding the implementation of safety audit recommendations and ensured the compliance by each PSU; and

(e) if so, the details, thereof along with the details of funds allocation made in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

### Procurement from KVIC

1172. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked its departments to place maximum orders on Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for providing sustainable employment through micro enterprises to rural artisans, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether (KVIC) has received an order worth Rs. 08 crore from Air India, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this was the third successive order from Air India to KVIC if so, the details thereof?

### ESI Hospitals in Telangana

1173. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ESI hospitals in Telangana are running with shortage of staff which is leading to crisis in the ESI Hospital services to the employees, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to evaluate the present state of affairs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts in ESI hospitals at least in view of the health factor of the employees?

### Strengthening of Startups

1174. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the startup ecosystem at local level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including any proactive steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the startups in the country have seen a 108 per cent growth in funding in 2018, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the NASSCOM president has remarked about startups not receiving much support in India barring a few exceptions, if so, the reasons therefor?

### National Energy Policy

1175. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the changes pertaining to cooking subsidy are likely to be incorporated in the draft National Energy Policy 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the draft on the said proposal was made public last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft National Energy Policy 2030 has been discussed in the inter-ministerial consultations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Development of Charkhari Fort

†1176. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop charkhari fort of Bundelkhand as tourist centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### LPG Subsidy through Post Office

†1177. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:  
DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently issued any guidelines to transfer LPG subsidy in Post office saving accounts for the convenience of the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this facility is available in all the post offices of the country or only in a few selected post offices and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to provide such facility in all post offices in the country;

(d) the details of the post offices in which this facility is being provided in the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(e) the reasons for not providing the said facility in all the post offices so far?

#### Construction of Ramayana Circuit

†1178. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI  
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to construct Ramayana circuit for promoting tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard during the last two years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include Jagdalpur of Chhattisgarh in Ramayana Circuit and also proposes to include Ram Van Gaman Path Ratanpur, Shivi Narayan Sirpur, Aarang, Fingeshwar, Sihawa (Sapt Rishi Mandal) Jagdalpur, Sukma ramoram therein and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to include Rajmergarh Kabir Chabutra, Kurdargarh, Kotmisunaar, Crocodile Reserve Baran wapara Kodardem-Raipur of Chhattisgarh under eco-tourism circuit and if so, the details thereof?

#### Formalization of Informal Labour

1179. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure quick formalization of informal labour in the country;

(b) whether any legislation/ amendment to any existing legislation has been proposed for the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to successfully implement the ILO's India Decent Work Country Programme 2018-22?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### Irregularities at FSNL

1180. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 984 dated 17th December, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of the 48 complaints of alleged corruption in recruitment and tendering process against the Managing Director (MD) of Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd.(FSNL), Recruitment and Tendering process-wise;

(b) the details of the action taken on the 29 such complaints and the current status of the remaining 19 complaints of corruption against the MD of FSNL;

(c) the names and details of the officials/whistleblowers who filed complaints of alleged corruption against the MD; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the MD based on the above complaints?

#### Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

†1181. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives behind establishing Kasturba Balika Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the details of the said Vidyalayas functioning at present, State/UT-wise across the country;

(c) the extent to which the objectives have been achieved for which Kasturba Balika Vidyalayas were established;

(d) whether there is any plan to establish more such Vidyalayas in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof State-wise and location-wise?

#### Funds Released under Various Schemes

†1182. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar and Sonapat in Haryana under various schemes of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilised under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the said works?

#### Viability Gap Funding

1183. SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for providing capital grants/viability gap funding for GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) along with grant of license for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis on the lines of support provided to GAIL Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra project;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### LPG Subsidy

1184. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace LPG subsidy with cooking subsidy to extend the benefits for the people using PNG and biofuel for cooking purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the similar benefits would also be extended to cities and towns where PNG is used for cooking purposes and if so, the details thereof?

#### Assistance to MSMEs

1185. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)/units in the country upto 2013 and increase of such units between 2014 to 2018;

(b) whether the Government has financed such units under various schemes and if so, the details thereof, State/Bank-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken the guarantee of such units financed by the Banks or other institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount that has been given to banks/financial institutions as guarantee during 2015 to 2018?

#### Development of Theme Based Circuits

1186. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study about the various policies which have been introduced to provide funding towards the development of Swadesh Darshan for integrated development of tourism based theme circuits and PRASHAD Scheme across the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Question Papers Leak

1187. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also true that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had to face major embarrassment after class XII Economics and Class X Mathematics Question papers leaked in March last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check paper leak ?

#### Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2017

1188. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to provide 26 weeks maternity benefits to their women employees as provided for in the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of female employees benefited from various entities under the said Act since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that the said Act is implemented in all the entities in the country for the benefit of female employees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### CSR under National Culture Fund

1189. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is receiving Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under National Culture Fund for conservation and maintenance work of historical monuments in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any well equipped mechanism to spend such funds for conserving and maintaining monuments and other attractions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of expenditure made in this regard during the last five years, State/UT-wise?

#### Irregularities in Visva Bharati

1190. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps/initiatives/measures taken by the Chancellor of Visva Bharati, Central University for eradication/minimisation of corruption/irregularities and malpractices in its administration during his tenure;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether excepting acknowledgement of letters of an public representative for

redressal of gross injustice by corrupt Visva Bharati authority, has any explicit, effective step as per rule of natural justice and Rule of Law been taken as the Chancellor of the said university during 2015-2017 and if so, the details of action taken by the Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Rise in Export

1191. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports soared by 17.6 per cent to USD 27.7 billion in June but the trade deficit widened to a more than three and a half year high of USD 16.6 billion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that imports too rose by 21.3 per cent to USD 44.3 billion during the month of June; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Setting up of HECI

1192. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Moral Education

†1193. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start teaching of moral education in higher education sector such as medical and engineering and in day-to-day life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives behind the proposal?

### Vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

†1194. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of setting up atleast one Kendriya Vidyalaya and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in all the districts of the country has been achieved;

(b) if so, the names of the districts in Bihar which do not have the said vidyalayas so far including the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the total number of posts of teachers lying vacant in the said Vidyalayas till date along with the measures taken/ being taken by the Government to fill up the same?

### MoUs with Monument Mitras

1195. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government undertook a study of the Red Fort to determine the timeline for installation, implementation and commissioning of various activities, as specified in Annexure-II of the MoU with Dalmia Bharat Limited, dated 13th April, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the said MoU and other MoUs with Monument Mitras to ensure that professionals and experts in the field of conservation of heritage sites, with proven track records, are made members of the Oversight and Vision Committee; and

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

### MSME Export

1196. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the revenue generated through export by MSME sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the revenue generated during the past six years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has noticed the decline in export revenue by the MSME sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to enhance export by MSMEs?

### Allocation of Budget

1197. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocated and spent on education during the last three years, its percentage in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the action plan of expenditure to be hiked on education in terms of percentage of GDP during the last three years;

(b) the time by which Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) would be set up to increase research facilities in centrally aided institution and higher education; and

(c) the amount likely to be provided to HEFA, the rate on which loan would be provided to teaching institutions through HEFA and the ways through which this interest would be borne?

**Establishment of IIM**

1198. SHRI PRABHAKAR  
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan for the establishment of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Telangana during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/spent during the current year for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Development of Mythological Heritage Sites**

1199. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE  
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal of developing mythological-historical-cultural heritage sites of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the project-wise details of the funds allotted to the State of Kerala for the said project?

**Steel Prices**

†1200. PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of steel in the country are increasing continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the average market price during each of the last three years and current year and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of actual increase of prices of materials utilized for production of steel in the country during the said period;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to ban the export of steel from the country to control the prices of steel; and

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

**Import of LNG**

1201. SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's LNG imports jumped 20 per cent year on year basis during the first half of the current year on strong growth demand and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether LNG is the only option in boosting the country's gas demand during the next few years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country's gas market has relatively low penetration of around 6.5 per cent of energy mix as against the Government's target of 15 per cent by 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this is due to inadequate infrastructure of pipeline for LNG expansions and if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of NTA**

†1202. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct test for admission in higher education institutes;

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed along with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

**Creche Facilities for Employees**

1203. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed all the employers both in private and public sectors to provide creche facilities for employees in the office premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action proposed to be taken against the defaulters;

(d) whether there are reports that women who return to work post-delivery are not adequately provided with nursing breaks by the employers; and

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

**Assistance for Production and Export of Seafood**

1204. SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides any financial assistance or infrastructural assistance to the exporters/State Governments to boost the production and export of seafood including fishes from the country.

(b) if so, the details of the funds released during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any minimum support price or export price for sale and export of seafood products, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether certain countries have imposed restriction/ban on the import of prawns from India; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to ensure quality control and boost the production and export of seafood/prawns from the country?

**Grant to Maharashtra**

1205. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:



Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for release of grant of Rs. 16808.95 lakhs (75%) Central share and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the above proposal of the Maharashtra Government has been accepted by the Union Government and the total amount of the grant released to the State Government so far; and

(c) if not, the time by which the grant is to be sanctioned and released to the State Government?

#### Financial Assistance to Folk Art Groups

1206. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides any monetary help or Pension to various Folk Art groups especially from Tribal community and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote such Folk Art groups on various National and International platforms;

(c) whether any inter-cultural festival has been organized by the Government to cherish rich cultural heritage of the country during the last four years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Invest India Programme

1207. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

SHRI L.R. SHIVARAMA

GOWDA:

SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH

YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched "Invest India" with FICCI for promoting foreign investment in the country;

(b) if so, the details and current status thereof including funds allocated by DIPP to FICCI, year-wise;

(c) the details of schemes/programmes and their achievements so far in terms of FDI inflow, year-wise and sector-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the implementation of programme and if so, the details thereof including cases of financial irregularities detected so far; and

(e) whether Invest India programme has not taken off the ground yet and may meet the same fate as erstwhile India Investment Centre and India Brand Equity Fund and if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the programme more effective?

#### Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2018

1208. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA

PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2018 along with the details of the kind of benefits being provided under the Act;

(b) the details and the number of registrations done along with the number of beneficiaries so far under the Act, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the said Act, so far, State/UT-wise?

#### Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

1209. KUMARI SHOBHA

KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved addition of 5000 more seats in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) from 2019-20 and if so, the number of seats in JNVs at present;

(b) the details of pass percentage from Class 10 and Class 12 during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to engage full time counsellors in each of the 630 functional JNVs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the new initiatives of the Government for expansion of quality education for rural and underprivileged students?

#### Land Acquisition

†1210. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land in rural areas has been acquired to set up Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the facilities provided to the land owners *in lieu* of land acquisition;

(d) the provisions with regard to providing jobs by the public sector undertakings under the MoPNG to the local people of the surrounding areas whose land is acquired; and

(e) the reasons for not implementing the said provision?

#### Teacher Training

1211. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to accelerate and amplify solutions, experiments and innovations that are underway and are being attempted in the areas of teacher training and professional development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Release of Funds under Various Schemes

†1212. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Sonepat in Haryana under various schemes of this ministry;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the said works?

**Infrastructure Development of Buddhist Places**

†1213. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM  
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of infrastructure development at Buddhist places and regional handicraft development centres in the country;

(b) whether the said project is likely to be funded by the Ministries of Tourism, Culture and Finance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the progress of cultural learning Centre, Meshwo reservoir front development, tribal haat and handicraft market places along with the policy of the Government in this regard?

**Trade Restrictive Measures**

1214. SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that G20 members including India and the US have applied as many as 39 new trade restrictive measures such as higher duties and taxes as also stricter customs procedures during seven months to mid May, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the trade restrictive measures in G20 economies have doubled compared to the previous review period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Monitoring of Schools**

1215. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided to States/UTs by the Government during the last four years to augment capacity for school monitoring and planning by School Management Committees (SMCs) members;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to address the low utilisation of funds under the 'SMC training and community mobilization' component by many States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of Iron-based Industry**

†1216. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up iron based industry to generate employment in Singhbhum of Jharkhand which has huge iron reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Faculty Shortage**

1217. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would take fresh initiatives to appoint Ph.D. students to teach some courses at degree level with some financial support to mitigate the crisis of faculty shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Universities have hardly achieved any result as more than one-third faculty positions are still vacant; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken fresh steps to address this issue and if so, the details thereof?

**Funds Sanctioned for Cultural Development in Jharkhand**

†1218. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the proposals which have been approved;

(c) the details of the proposals which are yet to be approved and the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds sanctioned/allocated for cultural development in Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the works undertaken by the ministry of culture for the development of culture in the country during the said period?

**Teaching in Colleges**

1219. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to make Ph.D. compulsory for teaching in colleges from 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether under new API for Assistant Professors, Ph.D. holders would be given undue advantage and it has reduced the importance of National Eligibility Test;

(c) if so, whether the Government intends to give equal weightage to NET and Ph.D; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Sports Period in Schools

1220. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make one hour sports period compulsory in all the schools across the country;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to be implemented in only Government schools;

(c) if so, whether the Government has made the survey on availability of Physical Training Teachers/Instructors in all the schools of the country before implementing this plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Impact of Cheap Imports on Industrial Production

1221. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present production capacity and actual production of steel, cement and tyre sectors in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these sectors are running much behind their production capacity due to dumping of

these items from various countries including China;

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

(d) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to protect domestic industries from dumping these items in the country?

#### Notified List of Tribes in Delhi

1222. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there is no notified list of Schedule Tribes in Delhi hence depriving them from special benefits entitled to them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome the issue; and

(c) whether the Government is aware that the migrant population is facing huge difficulties in getting registered themselves as Schedule Tribe person in Delhi and if so, the steps taken by the Government in such cases?

#### Status of Museum Grant Scheme

1223. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Museum Grant Scheme, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of proposals for new museums approved so far, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the funds disbursed for the scheme and the amount utilized therefrom, State/UT-wise?

#### Vacant Posts in Various Labour Courts and Tribunals

1224. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of presiding officers and judges are lying vacant in various Labour Courts and Tribunals in the country including North East States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Use of Petrol/Diesel

†1225. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a possibility to issue any guidelines to oil companies after preparing draft outlay for the use of petrol and diesel in view of the increasing number of vehicles being used in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any guidelines have been fixed or are likely to be fixed for the use of petrol and diesel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Cultural Institutions

1226. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cultural institutions functioning under the Ministry of Culture State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the works/functions being carried out by each institution;

(c) the total budget earmarked and released to each institution during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the achievement made by each institution so far, State/UT-wise?

#### Inclusion of Mangarh Dham under PRASHAD Scheme

†1227. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include Rishabhdev temple, Bainswar dham and Mangarh dham of Udaipur division of Rajasthan in the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Special Culture Fund

1228. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to establish special cultural fund for organising cultural events at district level to promote our incredible culture, specially in Delhi/ NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the concerned officials and nodal agencies regarding the afore-mentioned purpose?

#### **Misuse by Chinese e-Commerce Apps**

1229. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Chinese e-commerce apps and websites are misusing/bypassing Indian laws to import and sell their products in India;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure that these websites and apps comply with the Indian laws and regulations?

#### **Percentage of Skilled Workforce**

1230. SHRI KANWAR SINGH  
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in comparison to other countries, India has very small percentage of skilled workforce and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the number of skilled labourers out of total labourers is very less in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to set up training centres at district and block levels in rural regions for skilled labour training and encouraging youngsters in these centres and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Collaboration of Education System with NITI Aayog**

1231. SHRI K.N.  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new project is proposed to be launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog with an aim to make whole Government school education system responsible, ambitious and transformative for each student;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the objective of this project is to take consistent action to bring transformation in human capital in education with tripartite collaboration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Transparency in Issuing of Entry Tickets at Tourist Spots**

1232. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many tourism places/spots in Andhra Pradesh including Tirupati and Srisailam, tickets are not being generated/given/provided online and the State officials are following the methods of counter tickets to tourists for various tourism purposes;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken to monitor the situation to avoid giving manual entry and other tickets at tourist hubs/ places all over the country including Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure transparency while issuing tickets to tourists at various places in Andhra Pradesh in future?

#### **Educational Institutions**

1233. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision not to give financial support to educational institution which does not provide 10% EWS quota, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to implement the quota without financial support; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Registration of MSMEs**

1234. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any new schemes for generating vast number of employment in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the number of employment generated, State-wise and sector-wise; and

(c) the number of new MSMEs registered during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Research Ecosystem**

1235. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to improve the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that vibrant young researchers are leaving India due to unemployment or very low remuneration and depleting work environment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to attract more such people to work in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Restoration of Azimganj Sarai**

1236. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes the restoration of the Azimganj Sarai with 108 rooms and a large courtyard, the fort like structure that was the grandest Sarai in the area, built during Mughal emperor Akbar's reign in the 15th Century which once served historians and travellers who used the Grand Trunk Road; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the future development plan of the Government in this regard?

**Assistance under PMEGP**

1237. SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:  
SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:  
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is plagued by delay in the process of sanctioning loans and that job growth under the PMEGP has been steadily declining over the years, if so, the details thereof including the number of jobs created/growth achieved under PMEGP during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to overcome these problems;

(c) the amount of loans sanctioned for Karnataka and the number of jobs created in the State under PMEGP during the said period;

(d) whether the number of units assisted under PMEGP is increasing over the years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of units assisted and margin money utilized and employment generated during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Bonded Labourers in Backward and Rural Areas**

†1238. SHRI PRATAPRAO  
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of bonded labourers in backward and rural areas of the country as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any plan has been formulated/proposed to be formulated for their release and rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of bonded labourers released/rehabilitated during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether any assistance has been provided for this purpose especially in backward and rural zones of the country during the said period; and

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

**Kartarpur Sahib Industrial Corridor**

1239. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to construct an industrial corridor at the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor in Punjab, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government expects to create jobs through this corridor and if so the number of jobs likely to be created therefrom; and

(c) the amount the Government plans to spend on the said corridor?

**Separate Wing for Overseas Employment**

1240. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a wing for overseas employment of unskilled labourers is in existence in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of unskilled labourers sent for overseas employment through the said wing during the last three years;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to create a separate wing for overseas employment of unskilled labourers; and

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

**Demand of Organic Tea**

1241. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether organic tea grown in the country has tremendous demand abroad;

(b) if so, the quantity and value of organic tea exported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and brand-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to expand the cultivable area of organic tea and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote its export?

**Financial Assistance to Tribal Students**

†1242. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL  
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the Tribal students to get higher education in engineering, technology and science, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries thereof during each of the last three years and the current year and the State-wise details thereof including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government provides proper guidance to the tribal students for taking admission in foreign recognised universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**LPG Agencies**

†1243. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in Churu and Hanumangarh districts of Rajasthan;

(b) whether people in Rajasthan are facing a lot of difficulties in absence of LPG agencies in rural areas of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether new gas agencies are proposed to be set up to minimise the pressure on existing agencies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Higher Education and Research**

†1244. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government continuously works to promote higher education and research in the country;

(b) if so, the various courses being conducted to promote the youths of the country at present along with the details;

(c) whether the Government has decided to conduct the National Eligibility Test (NET) examination only once a year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which the said step would result in reducing the number of NET

qualified students as well as cast a positive effect on research studies?

**Skill Training Centre**

†1245. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a model, inspirational, state-of-the-art skill training centre in each district of the country including Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana to provide quality training to youth;

(b) if so, the total number of districts in which training centres have been set up in Rajasthan including Jalore and Sirohi Districts during the last three years;

(c) the total number of skill related contests, employment fairs and integration camps organised to make the skill training popular among the youth during the last three years; and

(d) the year-wise and State-wise details thereof?

**Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans**

1246. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry provides financial assistance to artisans to construct workshed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of khadi and other artisans benefitted under the workshed scheme in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last four years and the current year?

**Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

1247. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to improve the quality of education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) whether the Government has adopted any mechanism to evaluate the progress of various objectives of the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the targeted achievements under the scheme during the last five years; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to implement the scheme particularly in rural regions of the country?

**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**

1248. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' scheme was launched by the Government;

(b) the main idea behind launching the said scheme;

(c) whether all the stakeholders like Union Government/States educational institutions and general public are part of the scheme;

(d) if so, whether all the States have shown interest and are participating actively in the scheme;

(e) if so, the nature and number of activities held so far under the scheme in different States and total fund made available by the Union Government to States, educational institutions in conducting events; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in consultation with all the stakeholders to make the scheme widely acceptable?

**Building of Rural Tourism Clusters and Parks**

†1249. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to build rural tourism clusters and tourism parks to promote tourism at a large scale in the country;

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

(c) the details and the number of such clusters and parks proposed to be set up in Gujarat?

**Steel Projects**

1250. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of steel plants in the country and the number of steel projects that are still underway in the country;

(b) whether the current number of steel plants is enough to meet the needs of the country and if so, the details thereof and the major reasons for steel imports;

(c) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court's capping on mining/production of Iron in States of Odisha, Goa and Karnataka has led to the fall in production of steel and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the percentage of total steel consumed and manufactured in the country and the percentage imported from outside; and

(e) whether there has been increase in imports of steel over last few years and if so, the details thereof along with its impacts on the domestic market and the indigenous steel plants?

#### ESI Hospitals

†1251. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals functioning across the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the criteria for setting up new ESI hospitals in the country;

(c) whether the Government is working upon any plan to set up ESI hospitals in small cities of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Committee for Global Funds

1252. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee headed by the Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has been set up to ease regulatory burdens to attract global funds in particular sectors across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated timeline of setting up of such a mechanism?

#### Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1253. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:  
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHARAO RAUT:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-based Tourist Circuits and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) had been launched by the Union Government for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country and if so, the details and the facts thereof along with the aims and objectives of the said schemes;

(b) the number of projects identified under the Swadesh Darshan and the funds sanctioned in this regard along with the religious sites identified under the PRASHAD scheme and the funds sanctioned for these sites, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned four new projects under the Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Tourism Infrastructure Development Schemes for Meghalaya, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bundelkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds allocated to these States under these schemes for the development of tourism during the last three years; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to include more projects/sites under these schemes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### National Gas Grid

1254. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME  
GOWDA:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of developing additional 13105 kilometre gas pipeline as part of National Gas Grid and to increase the availability of natural gas across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the existing geographical area and population covered under the current City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the status of projects currently underway under the National Gas Grid, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project for connecting gas pipeline in Eastern India Region of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including length of pipelines completed during the last three years?

#### Skill Development Centres

1255. SHRI ANURAG SINGH  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operational Skill Development Centres opened in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of persons who have been provided employment by these Centres, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the persons who have been provided certification by these Centres in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise data;

(d) the details of the efforts made to enhance employment opportunities for those who have not received certification;

(e) whether the persons who undertook training have been placed in alignment with the target set by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government to improve the placement scenario?

#### **Development of Area around the Statue of Unity**

1256. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:  
SHRI FEROSZ VARUN  
GANDHI:

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

(a) whether the tourism has increased substantially in the area after the Statue of Unity has been opened for visitors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the revenue generated till now from visitors to the Statue of Unity;

(c) whether the Government plans to develop the area around the Statue to increase employment and tourism in the surrounding area and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the financial burden is to be shared between the State and the Union Government for the coming years upto 2021; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in Minimum Wages**

†1257. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased minimum wages for labourers in the organised and unorganised sector during the last five years;

(b) if so, the year-wise/ State-wise/ UT-wise details thereof along with the rule/ law under which the said increase has been made;

(c) whether the Government increases the minimum wages of organised and unorganised sector keeping in view the recession/boom in the economy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective measures taken by the Government to save the labourers from exploitation?

#### **Skilled and Unskilled Workers in the Unorganised Sector**

1258. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of skilled and unskilled workers in the unorganised sector, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of their employment reach and the number of such workers who

are either retrenched or unemployed for the period 2014 to 2018, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(c) the present scenario in this regard and the action taken by the Government to increase employment in the unorganised sector?

#### **National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Societies**

†1259. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notification has been issued in all districts of the country regarding National Child Labour Project (NCLP) societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the new NCLP societies set up in order to complete new Central Sector for rehabilitation of bonded labourers?

#### **University Status to Sanskrit Sansthan**

1260. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether no central university has been set up for Sanskrit though the same exists for Hindi, Urdu and English languages, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan is likely to be accorded the Central University status;

(b) whether the 240 contractual/guest teachers working in the said Sansthan have not been regularized so far in spite of having the requisite qualifications prescribed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which they are likely to be regularized;

(c) whether the ratio of regular and contractual/guest teachers in this Sansthan is as per the laid down guidelines and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to bring this ratio at par with the guidelines;

(d) the reasons for not giving salary/emoluments, amenities and opportunities to the contractual/guest teachers at par with the regular teachers in spite of High Court directions in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for not deducting Provident Fund (PF) to contractual/guest teachers in spite of drawing minimum salary/emoluments as prescribed by the Karamchari Bhavishya Nidhi Sangathan along with the time by which their PF is likely to be deducted?

#### **National Literacy Mission**

†1261. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:  
SHRI SHER SINGH  
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has terminated services of literacy personnel who were appointed on contract basis under the National Literacy Mission (NLM) since the year 1999;



(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to re-instate services of said personnel or to accommodate them in other works;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the total number of employees engaged under the said Mission across the country including Jharkhand?

### Fake Universities

†1262. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:  
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken into cognizance of the fact that a large number of fake universities are functioning in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether fake universities are also functioning in the foreign countries in a large number;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to close such universities so that the students do not fall into the trap of the fake universities and do not get cheated; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Growth Rate of Employment

†1263. SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:

SHRIMATI RANJANBEN  
BHATT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the actual job opportunities created since 2014;

(b) whether the Government has fixed annual growth rate in employment for the 12th five year plan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey on employment and unemployment after 2014 and if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(d) whether the annual growth of employment does not commensurate/is not in sync with the growth of economy and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto;

(e) whether there is a need to promote labour-intensive manufacturing to increase employment opportunities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the labour intensive manufacturing industry identified by the Government in this regard and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the target?

### Working Conditions of Journalists

1264. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of statutes governing the working conditions including salary, perks etc. of the journalists in the country;

(b) the mechanism put in place by the Government to ensure its strict compliance across the country;

(c) whether the print and electronic media persons and journalists are covered under the Minimum Wages Act, Provident Fund, ESI pension scheme(s) and Social Security Schemes; and

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

### Natural Rubber Policy

1265. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI G. HARI:  
SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rubber industry will continue to grow faster, create more

employment opportunities, increase exports and add to the economic output of India;

(b) if so, whether the Government has assessed the potential of the rubber industry in respect of creation of employment and increase of export and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rubber industry is facing many issues which create hindrance in the growth of the industry and if so, the details thereof along with the details of various issues faced by rubber cultivators in the country including Kerala;

(d) whether the Government has proposed or is developing a National Rubber Policy to address various issues concerning the sector with a view to boost productivity and also to ensure remunerative price for natural rubber;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(f) whether the Government will consider to reduce the import of rubber to protect the struggling cultivators and if so, the details thereof?

### Equal Remuneration to Men and Women

1266. SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has enacted The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 which provides for payment of equal remuneration to men

and women workers for same work or work of similar nature without any discrimination and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether incidents of violations of provisions of the said Act by various establishments have been reported in the country;

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

(d) whether the Government has put any mechanism in place to conduct regular inspections to detect the violations of the said Act and if so, the details thereof?

#### Training and Jobs to Women

†1267. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women provided training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) from the year 2014 till date, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the number of women provided with job by giving training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) during the period, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and

(c) the details of such jobs provided in each State including Rajasthan, sector and grade/trade-wise?

#### Area Frame Survey

1268. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any inquiry in the Mumbai ESIC hospital fire incident to find out the culprit and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

#### Tribal Drink (Mahua)

1269. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to popularise tribal products across the country and increase its market share;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any plans to popularise the tribal drink Mahua; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Crude Steel Production

1270. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between production capacity of crude steel and its actual production by the Public and Private Sector Companies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, Company-wise;

(b) the number of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) formed by the Government to bridge the said gap along with their achievements, SPV-wise;

(c) the details of the investments made by the Public/Private Sector Companies for their expansion and modernisation to participate in the Make-in-India Programme of the Government since inception of the Programme in the country; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to relax the norms for setting up of steel plants in order to increase Steel Companies' participation in the said Programme, if so, the details thereof?

#### Amendment in Minimum Wages Act, 1948

†1271. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions have been received from various stakeholders for amendment in the Minimum Wages Act, 1948;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all employment sectors are proposed to be covered and penal provisions are also likely to be made more stringent under the said amendment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Mid Day Meal Scheme

1272. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is intending to provide children of all States and Union Territories with full meals or additional items on special occasions like birthdays, marriages, anniversaries, days of national importance and other festivals and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government intends to encourage participation from the private sector to meet the resource requirements and to enhance dietary choices for children and if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Jain Pilgrimage Circuit

†1273. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Jain pilgrimage circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the international Buddhist pilgrimage site sankisa has been included/proposed to be included in the Buddhist circuit and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bio-Fuel in Aviation Sector**

1274. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN  
BHATT:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is pursuing a policy to use bio-fuel in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the use of bio-fuel in aviation sector can help in reducing jet carbon emissions and fares of flights as well and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allow ethanol blending in petrol at large scale particularly in Delhi/NCR and if so, the details thereof along with the plan outlay in this regard;

(d) whether it is true that India is the third largest importer of oil globally and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal from NITI Aayog to blend methanol with petrol to cut down oil import bill by 10 per cent

and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be accepted; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up bio-fuel plants for more production of bio-fuel and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Educational Loans**

1275. SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria fixed by the Government for educational loans;

(b) the details of interest fixed by the Government for education loans;

(c) whether the banks are liable to follow the guidelines and interest rate fixed for educational loans as agreed with the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the banks are demanding for security and surety for educational loans;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the banks are levying high rate of interest for the educational loans as same as to commercial loans; and

(h) if so, the action taken by the Government to reduce the rate of interest of educational loans?

#### **KVIC Products**

†1276. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:  
SHRIMATI SAVITRI  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise quantum of handcrafted and handwoven woollen and silk khadi produced in the country during the last three years till date;

(b) the quantum of minerals, forest crops, agricultural products and foodgrains, chemicals and polymers, handmade papers produced and manufactured during the said period along with the details of the production made in rural engineering sector, State/UT-wise;

(c) the amount of assistance provided to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during the said period; and

(d) the details of the target set by the KVIC for Madhya Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation programme during each of the last three years?

#### **Registered/Unregistered Women Domestic Workers**

1277. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered/unregistered women domestic workers including minors in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of such workers including minors being exploited and ill-treated in various work places/households in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the preventive steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and the measures taken to ensure the rights of such domestic workers;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a national policy on domestic workers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to regulate placement agencies particularly with regard to domestic workers?

#### **Reduction in Employment**

†1278. PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 3.5 million Employment opportunities have reduced in the Micro, Small and Medium Industries in the country during the last four years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the details and the names of industrial and manufacturing sectors where the employment opportunities reduced during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has identified sectors in the country where employment opportunities are likely to be generated in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise?

**Pre-Schools**

1279. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Government pre-schools, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the percentage of children who enroll in pre-school education prior to primary education, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has found any evidence of a correlation between attending pre-school education and better learning outcomes at the primary education level;

(d) if so, whether the Government is planning to include pre-school education within the ambit of the Right to Education Act and making Early Childhood Care and Education a justiciable right; and

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

**Make in India Programme**

†1280. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of programmes/schemes launched under the Make in India programme of the Ministry and the amount allocated/utilised for the said programmes/schemes during each of the last four years, State-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) the number of employment opportunities generated from the said

programmes/schemes and the figure of beneficiaries thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has achieved targets under the 'Make in India' programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

**PMUY**

1281. SHRI BALABHADRA

MAJHI:

SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

SHRI RAM KUMAR

SHARMA:

KUMARI SHOBHA

KARANDLAJE:

SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the PMUY beneficiaries who got their cylinders refilled more than twice in a single year from 2016 to 2018, State/UT-wise including Odisha along with number of cylinders on an average being used annually by each family;

(b) the number of families and SC/ST beneficiaries in Bengaluru under PMUY out of total beneficiaries along with the percentage of SC/ST beneficiaries under PMUY out of total LPG connections released in the country;

(c) the number of families provided LPG connections in Sheohar district of Bihar along with any target fixed for the said district and action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved expansion of beneficiaries list under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with new initiatives undertaken to provide

clean fuel to all the uncovered households in the country;

(e) the number of districts operational under PMUY along with details of average per capita consumption under the scheme including percentage of households having an active LPG connection as on 30.09.2018; and

(f) the number of rural families which have been provided LPG connection under PMUY till December, 2018?

**PMKVY in Karnataka**

1282. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Karnataka as well;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons trained under this programme in Karnataka during the last four years and the current year, district-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the total amount of funds allotted for this scheme in Karnataka particularly for Bengaluru during the last four years?

**Programme for PISA 2021**

1283. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the status of the Institutes of Eminence (IoE);

(b) whether private greenfield institutes would be continued to be provided the tag of IoE as has been the case previously;

(c) whether the goals have been set for the nation to achieve in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of 2021;

(d) if so, whether steps are being taken by the Ministry to achieve said goals, at the Government school levels; and

(e) the training is being imparted to or would be imparted to teachers for the PISA 2021 and if so, the details thereof?

**Employment Generation through PMRPY**

1284. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH

SHINDE:

SHRI KUNWAR

PUSHPENDRA SINGH

CHANDEL:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) for employment generation;

(b) if so, the details of the beneficiaries of the PMRPY as on 31, December 2018, State/UT-wise;

(c) the salary limit fixed by the Government for registration of employees with the Employee's Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the said limit and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of additional employment generated after implementation of PMRPY since 2016; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to extend the terminal date for registration of beneficiaries through an establishment under the PMRPY beyond March 31, 2019 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Vocational Colleges

†1285. SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of Self-Financed Vocational colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of these colleges and the students studying therein;

(c) whether all these colleges are working in compliance with the norms prescribed by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE);

(d) if not, the reasons for allowing such colleges to function;

(e) whether the students studying in these colleges are transferred to other colleges in case the permission to operate such colleges is cancelled; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Basic Computer Education

1286. SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched programme under skill development to provide basic computer education to about 50 lakh people with the help of private companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Districts in which the Government has planned to provide the computer education and fiscal allocation made by the Government for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government has also planned to implement the project at school level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### PMKVY

1287. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) has been started by the Government and physical and financial targets *vis-à-vis* achievements of the said schemes have not been satisfactory for many States including

Odisha especially for Jagatsingpur district and if so, the details thereof, Year-wise and State-wise, in each year since 2014-15;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to significantly increase the physical and financial achievement of the said Scheme in Odisha and especially in the Jagatsingpur district; and

(c) the details of the steps that have been taken by the Government to significantly improve the existing monitoring mechanism at the central level and increase the absorption capacity of Odisha under the said scheme?

#### Development of Tourist Circuits

1288. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana regarding the scheme for development of tourist circuits and tourist places;

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

(c) the progress and achievements made in this regard so far; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and spent for purpose during the last three years and the current year?

#### Surrender of LPG Subsidy

†1289. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG consumers who have given up their LPG subsidy till date along with the number of rural families provided LPG connection under PMUY as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the price of LPG cylinders has increased during the last few years and if so, the details thereof and the extent to which such increase has been registered during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether the families covered under PMUY are using on an average 3 cylinders in a year and uncovered families are using 7 cylinders per year and if so, the details thereof?

#### Decline in Steel Production

†1290. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been decline in steel production during each of the last four years and the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the steel imports have reduced in the country, if so, the details thereof including the quantum of steel imported during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has adhered to the National Steel Policy for increasing the domestic steel production capability, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the steel plants of Steel Authority of India Limited have been incurring losses during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### Unemployment Rate

1291. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the estimated unemployment rate shot up to a 27 month high of 7.38 per cent in December, 2018 as revealed by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy database on 'Unemployment Rate in India';

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the number of those employed in rural areas and urban areas dropped significantly in the past few years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there has been a dip in the estimated labour participation rate also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

### Promotion of Rural Tourism

1292. SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not been able to develop rural tourism in the country to the desired extent though the country has a huge potential, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the objectives and the success achieved since the inception of Rural Tourism Scheme;

(c) the criteria adopted for providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) thereunder for development of rural sites;

(d) the details of the funds sanctioned/ released and utilised for Rural Tourism Projects out of the proposals received during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the status of completed projects, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether problems are being faced by the Government in execution of such projects and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to remove such problems/ obstacles; and

(f) the further measures taken by the Government to focus on rural tourism to generate employment, income and promoting new destinations by exhibiting ancient heritage and culture of the hills along with providing connectivity to rural areas?

### Setting up of MSMEs

†1293. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:  
SHRI KANWAR SINGH  
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and number of persons employed therein in various states including Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of the proposals received and sanctioned during the said period and the financial assistance provided to them;

(c) the number of proposals pending for approval of the Government and the reasons for their pendency;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to grant immediate approval to the pending projects;

(e) the details and the number of vacancies lying vacant in each unit at present; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken to fill those vacancies?

### Extension of Visa on Arrival Facility

†1294. DR. RAMESH  
POKHRIYAL  
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended the 'Visa on arrival' facility to promote tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of foreign tourists has increased after expansion of 'Visa on arrival' facility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Development of ASI

1295. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Archeological Survey of India (ASI) as a scientific and technical body;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Rin Yojana

†1296. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana;

(b) the number of people benefited under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Rin Yojana; and

(c) the total amount earmarked and disbursed to needy persons under this yojana since its inception, State/UT-wise and year-wise?

**Shortage of Specialist/Super Specialist Doctors**

1297. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of specialist/super specialist doctors in ESIC Hospitals in the country;

(b) whether the Government has decided to opt for a recruitment drive for the purpose in various States including Kerala; and,

(c) if so, the details thereof including the States where the shortage of doctors and specialists is the highest?

**DBTL**

1298. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:  
SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the existing norms of Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG (DBTL) subsidy scheme and intends to revert back to their earlier system of supplying subsidized refills to domestic LPG consumers in place of the current scheme of transfer of cash

subsidy into the bank account of LPG consumers under the PAHAL Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the quantum and the amount of LPG subsidy transferred to the beneficiaries accounts through the banking network during the last two years, State/UT/Year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint from consumers for not receiving subsidy amount into their account many times and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government against the culprits;

(d) whether the sale of subsidised LPG cylinders has decreased after implementation of DBTL and if so, the details thereof in percentage terms;

(e) the estimated financial impact to the exchequer/Government as a result of the savings made under DBTL during 2017-18; and

(f) the method adopted by the Government to calculate the amount of financial savings?

**Information on Job Losses**

1299. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:  
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any official and authenticated information about job losses in various sectors reported in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the factors responsible for such job losses; and

(c) whether the textile, banking, infrastructure, information technology and even organized sectors have been affected severely by job losses; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof and the strategies formulated by the Government to address the problem of job losses in various sectors in an effective way?

**Employment Exchanges Operational in the Country**

†1300. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the employment exchanges functioning/operational in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of unemployed persons (men and women) registered in the employment exchanges during the last two years and current year state/UT wise;

(c) the number of persons including women who got employment through the employment exchanges during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the registered companies including the domestic and multinational companies fulfil their manpower requirement through the employment exchanges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Ban on Import and Sale of Kite Strings (Manjha)**

†1301. SHRIMATI TABASSUM BEGUM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures to be taken by the Government to check the untimely deaths of children and commuters resulting from accidents due to chinese kite-flying strings (Manjha);

(b) whether the Government proposes to ban the import and sale of Chinese kite-flying strings (Manjha) in the domestic market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in regard to the illegally imported Chinese kite-flying strings (Manjha)?

**Development of MSMEs**

†1302. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the important steps taken/achievements made in the aforesaid sector during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the task force constituted for development and promotion of MSMEs has recommended to encourage micro financing institutes for setting up of self help groups and financing for these enterprises at reasonable rates, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the salient features of the other recommendations made by the said task force; and

(e) the details of the several memoranda of understanding signed with the various countries including Mozambique for co-operation in the MSME sector during the said period?

### Global Education Monitoring

1303. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of UNESCO's 2019 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report released recently wherein it is stated that 80 per cent of migrant children across seven Indian cities did not have access to education near worksites;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to address the situation as inter-State migration rate has been increasing every year and if so, the details thereof?

### Skill Development/Employment

1304. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in reality Skill Development Programme Fund helpful in generation of employment opportunities in the country, if so, the number of youths

or persons trained under this scheme since inception of the programme, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of small scale industry units which have been started due to this skill development, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial help rendered for these startups?

### Promotion of MSMEs

†1305. PROF. RAVINDRA

VISHWANATH

GAIKWAD:

SHRI PRABHAKAR

REDDY KOTHA:

SHRI SIRAJUDDIN

AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any new policy to promote domestic small scale industries in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to change the custom duty rates in respect of domestic industries, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether challenges or competitions from China, Japan etc., are being faced by the Small Scale Industries (SSIs) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is paying attention to production and marketing of MSME products on the lines of the Chinese system to help the Indian MSME Sector to replicate the success of MSMEs in China and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure viability of SSIs to meet the burgeoning need for employment generation, to increase domestic production and export earnings and the details of the schemes being implemented at present for promoting MSMEs in the country, State-wise?

### Manufacturing of Mobile Handsets

†1306. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many industrial houses are in the business of manufacturing mobile handsets in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such companies engaged in this business as on December 2018 and the number of such manufacturing units amongst them functioning in special Economic Zones;

(c) whether these companies are getting tax rebates from the Government as they are functioning in Special Economic Zones; and

(d) if so, the details of the benefits provided to these companies by the Government?

### Ethanol Production

1307. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER

REDDY:

SHRIMATI POONAM

MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to ascertain that ethanol production in the country is viable *vis-a-vis* the country's water footprint and the stress of ethanol on country's water resources and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any study to calculate required increase of net sown area for ethanol-producing crops, to meet the production target and if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to understand the effect required for increase of net sown area of ethanol-producing crops on other crops and on food prices due to reduction of net sown area for food crops given Government's bio-fuels policy that stipulates fuel requirements must not compete with food requirements and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the targets of ethanol blending petrol has been fixed for the next four years and if so, the details thereof along with the annual capacity of bio-refineries in the country since 2014; and

(e) whether the Centre for High Technology initiated a project to create renewable crude and liquid hydrocarbon fuels from algae and if so, the details thereof along with the executing agencies involved therein and the current status of the said project including the total cost of the project?

### Public Procurement Policy

1308. SHRI FEROZE VARUN

GANDHI:

SHRIMATI POONAMBEN

MAADAM:

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH

CHAUDHARY:



Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of the portal that would sanction loans of upto Rs 1 crore to small and medium enterprises in 59 minutes;

(b) whether there is a provision of ensuring at least 4 per cent of the total procurement done by ministries, departments and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) from the entities owned by SC/ST under the Public Procurement Policy (PPP) and if so, the details thereof including value of procurement made by the public sector enterprises during each of the last four years;

(c) whether there is a provision of ensuring at least 3 per cent of the total procurement done by ministries, departments and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) from the entities owned or run by women under the said policy and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure its strict implementation; and

(e) whether the Government is considering any special provisions for the MSMEs owned/run by women in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Covering of Workers/Establishments by ESI**

1309. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of contributing insured persons under Employee's State Insurance (ESI) in the country;

(b) the estimated number of workers and establishments entitled to be covered by ESI, but not actually covered, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for covering all the entitled workers and establishments under ESI?

**Minority Status of Schools**

1310. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the procedure for a private school to get minority status;

(b) whether the Government has come up with a common guideline for private schools to get a minority status and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the fact that schools are applying for minority status in order to escape from complying with Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/ to be taken by the Government to address the issue?

**Requirement of Coking Coal**

1311. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of requirement of coking coal annually for the period 2014-18);

(b) the production of coking coal from the three mines operated by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL);

(c) the total annual import of coking coal during the said period and the expenditure incurred thereon year-wise; and

(d) the reason for huge imports of coking coal despite having three mines in the country?

**Number of Private Universities**

†1312. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private as well as recognised universities in the country and State-wise ranking thereof on the basis of their work disposal;

(b) the location-wise details of the universities getting recognition on the basis of merits demerits by the University Grants Commission (UGC);

(c) whether the Government has prescribed any process for fixing merits-demerits and work disposal of the private universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether several proposals for setting up of private universities are lying pending with the UGC;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be approved; and

(g) the steps taken to improve the level and quality of education being imported by these universities?

**Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme**

1313. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cultural heritage youth leadership programme has achieved its intended aims and objectives and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated and activities undertaken under the programme, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the total number of people benefited under the scheme of scholarship and fellowship for promotion of art and culture during the last four years, State/UT-wise?

**Basic Facilities in Tribal Areas**

1314. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that basic medical facilities are not available in tribal areas in all over the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of hospitals, schools, colleges built in Tribal Areas in all over the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to enhance basic medical facilities in tribal areas?

### Trade of Organic Food Items

1315. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trade in organic food items during each of the last four years, item-wise indicating India's share in global trade in organic foods at present;

(b) whether India's share in global trade of organic foods is very low despite farming and availability of organic food in the country;

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

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase India's share in global trade of organic food?

### National Skills Qualifications Framework

†1316. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the required number of skills has been brought together under the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) for development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of persons benefited under them, State/UT-wise since inception of NSQF?

### Weight of School Bags

1317. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently instructed all States and Union Territories to formulate guidelines to regulate or moderate the teaching of subjects and weight limit of school bag;

(b) if so, the details thereof with regard to the prescribed guidelines along with the weight limit of school bags;

(c) whether any mechanism to monitor that schools are implementing the said guidelines; and

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

### Employment Data

1318. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether no data has been collected on employment generation in the country since the NSSO Survey of 2011-12 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also stopped collecting/ releasing employment data through All India Labour Bureau surveys;

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

(d) whether the Government has recently made a statement stating that it does not have any real-time data on employment/unemployment in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### National Awards to MSMEs

1319. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN: SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government gives annual National Awards to outstanding Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed in this regard, category-wise;

(c) the number of applications received by the Government from MSMEs for this

purpose during each of the last three years, category-wise;

(d) the name of MSMEs which have been awarded such national award during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to spread awareness in MSMEs for such awards?

### Investigations Conducted by DGTR

1320. SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

SHRI ASHOK

SHANKARRAO

CHAVAN:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH

SINGH:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Trade Remedies has conducted investigations against imports from various countries;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the present production capacity and actual production of Steel, Cement and Tyre sectors in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that these sectors are running much behind their production capacity due to dumping of these items from various countries including China;

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

(f) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to protect domestic industries from dumping these items in the country?

#### **Aims and Objectives for Setting up of ITDC**

1321. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM  
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main aims and objectives for setting up of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC);

(b) the details of hotels, beach resorts, travellers lodges/restaurants under ITDC, location-wise, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether most of ITDC hotels, beach resorts, travellers lodges/restaurants are running in huge losses and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years along with the reasons for the same;

(d) whether the Government has directed ITDC to transfer some of its hotels, beach resorts, travellers lodges/restaurants to the State Governments or joint leasing with the State Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, property-wise, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the quantum of income generated along with the time by which the said process is likely to be completed, State/UT-wise?

#### **Export of MSME Products**

1322. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
SHRI BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the share of MSME products export in the total exports of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether producers and exporters of MSME products reportedly lack proper infrastructure and facilities;

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

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage the producers and exporters of MSME products to adopt new/latest technologies used in other countries for efficient and high quality production to compete in global market; and

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

#### **Promotion of Film Tourism**

1323. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:

DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage film tourism in the country and the extent of success achieved therefrom so far;

(b) whether film tourism has not been fully developed in the country though India has vast potential, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether India has signed MoU/ agreement with various countries to develop film tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the various States including Maharashtra regarding publicity and promotion of tourism based projects including documentary films and TV commercials;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard along with the time by which the said proposals are likely to be sanctioned; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to promote film tourism in the country in a time bound manner?

#### **Exporters Grievance Redressal Cell**

1324. SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:

DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Exporters' Grievance Redressal Cell (GRC) to monitor specific complaints from exporters for quick redressal is available with the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the complaints received and disposed off during each of the last three years by the GRC indicating the nature of the grievances lodged by the exporters;

(c) whether any specific time frame has been fixed for disposal of the said complaints;

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

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost exports by supporting exporters by various schemes?

#### **Social Security Schemes for Construction Workers**

1325. SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether deaths at construction sites are reportedly increasing in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of guidelines issued to private and public construction majors on the safety and security of construction labourers at construction sites;

(e) the various social security schemes being implemented for construction labourers in the country;

(f) the total amount/funds collected by the Government under the Worker's Welfare Cess in the country and the amount utilized for the welfare of construction workers therefrom during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(g) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure better and proper utilization of such funds as well as for overall welfare and development of construction workers in the country?

#### National Culture Fund

1326. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME  
GOWDA:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up National Cultural Fund(NCF) to facilitate public-private partnership(PPP) in the field of heritage conservation and promotion and if so, the details thereof including objectives, features, MoUs signed in this regard;

(b) the details of projects undertaken and funds sanctioned so far, State-wise;

(c) whether many projects of conservation of monuments through PPP has hit rough waters or failed to take off due to lack of coordination between ASI & sponsoring institutions and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether quality of NCF financed PPP conservation projects are reported to be sub-standard and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to review the functioning of NCF for its effective implementation?

#### Employment Exchanges

†1327. SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI RAM CHARAN  
BOHRA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade employment exchanges as Vocational/Career Development Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to consider the requests made by various States/UTs including Rajasthan and Jharkhand for financial assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard, State/UT-wise?

#### Agricultural Export Sector

1328. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge potential for agriculture exports to boost the agriculture, horticulture, plantation, fisheries and dairy sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to identify districts possessing potential for particular industries and items for developing them as clusters for development of that sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the UAE, Saudi Arabia and some other countries have evinced interest in investing in India's agriculture sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which it will be helpful to fetch good price for agricultural produce; and

(f) the other measures taken by the Government to increase the income of farmers and the success achieved in this regard so far?

#### Promotion of TV Manufacturing

1329. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO  
RAUT:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposed to scrap duty on open cell LED panels-a critical television component with duty free imports from Asian countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether proposed duty free import is becoming more attractive than manufacturing TVs locally, hurting the 'Make in India' initiative and if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether many TV manufacturing companies including Samsung Electronics have stopped making televisions in India and is now importing them from Asian countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the companies for manufacturing in India?

#### Tobacco Export to China

1330. SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival of the  
Phytosanitary Protocol with China will  
help to revitalise tobacco export to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move will prove  
economically beneficial to the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with  
the details of said protocol?

#### Appointment of Professors

1331. SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware  
that University Grants Commission has put  
a ban on the appointment of Professors  
and Lecturers in the country and if so, the  
details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any  
plan to open the recruitment of Lecturers/  
Professors in the country for the  
Universities and if so, the details thereof;  
and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is an  
acute shortage of Lecturers/Professors in  
various Universities of the country and if  
so, the University-wise details thereof

along with the action taken or to be taken  
by the Government in this regard?

#### Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojana in the Unorganised Sector

1332. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries  
under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima  
Yojana (RSBY) in the unorganised sector  
across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the total funds allocated under the  
yojana to the beneficiaries in the country,  
State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government  
proposes to increase the insurance cover  
provided under RSBY and if so, the details  
thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has  
received complaints of malpractices/  
irregularities in certain cases under RSBY  
during each of the last three years and the  
current year;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/  
UT-wise along with the action taken/being  
taken by the Government on such  
complaints so far; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken  
by the Government to increase coverage  
of RSBY and to keep a check on  
malpractices/irregularities therein?

#### Inflow of Tourists

1333. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:

SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB  
SINGH:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:  
SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign tourists arrival  
is on decline and is significantly low as  
compared to other Asian countries during  
each of the last three years and the current  
year and if so, the details thereof and the  
reasons therefor along with the total number  
of domestic and foreign tourists who  
visited various religious sites in the country  
and the revenue earned therefrom during  
the said period, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government  
proposes to formulate new policy/  
programme to attract foreign tourists in  
the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with  
the time by which such policy/programme  
is likely to be implemented in the  
country;

(d) the other steps taken/being taken  
by the Government to promote tourism  
and to increase the foreign tourist influx in  
the country; and

(e) whether the Government has  
conducted a study/survey/poll on the  
impediments for Indian tourism industry  
which are potentially responsible for  
creating negative publicity of India among  
international tourists and if so, the details  
thereof along with the steps taken by the  
Government in this regard during the last  
four years and if so, the details thereof?

#### Boosting Exports

1334. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of growing  
protectionism globally, the Union  
Government, State Governments and  
industry representatives along with  
exporters/Ministry officials have recently  
discussed ways to boost the country's  
exports;

(b) if so, the details of the persons  
who attended the meeting and the  
discussions held in the meeting along with  
the outcome thereof and the steps taken to  
enhance exports;

(c) whether the Union Government  
has advised all the States to formulate their  
export policies and appoint Export  
Commissioners;

(d) if so, the details of the States which  
have acted upon the advice of the Union  
Government; and

(e) the extent to which the growing  
trade tensions between the US and China  
have any impact on our trade growth?

#### Setting up of Petrol Pumps

1335. SHRI BHAGWANTH  
KHUBA:  
PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:  
SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps proposed to be opened/set up during the current year along with the locations identified in various States/districts and the minimum educational qualification fixed in this regard, State/locations-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to open/set up new petrol pumps and LPG distributorships in Hyderabad and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of places/sites where new petrol pumps and LPG dealerships have been opened/proposed to be opened after survey in Hyderabad and Karnataka, location-wise; and

(d) the procedure laid down for allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies along with any reservation made for minorities in this regard?

#### Digital Library

1336. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken some firm steps to strengthen traditional knowledge through the digital Library in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to link intellectual property with research fellowship and promotion in national laboratories, institutions and Universities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to include intellectual property in the curriculum of schools and colleges; and

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

#### CGD Network

1337. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the ongoing works of City Gas Distribution (CGD) in the various States of the country including Kerala;

(b) whether the Government proposes to extend CGD network to more districts in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the plan prepared for the same?

#### MSME Cluster Development Programme

1338. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR  
JENA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of clusters developed under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) cluster development programme during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the turnover and production within each of these clusters during the said period;

(c) the number of clusters under the said programme that export their products;

(d) whether the Government has any scheme for the unorganized MSME clusters in the country; and

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

#### Funds to Schemes

†1339. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of the Ministry for betterment of both school level and higher education as well as to improve conditions of teaching and non-teaching staff;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which the work has been completed or is near completion; and

(d) the reasons for non-completion of the said works?

#### Foreign Companies under Make in India Programme

†1340. COL. SONARAM  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programmes are being run in collaboration with foreign companies under 'Make in India' programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effective measures being taken by the Government to promote the said programme; and

(d) the details of the works undertaken and done with the help of France under the said programme?

#### Upgradation of IIT

†1341. SHRI RAM CHARAN  
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of upgradation of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) the details of the remedial measures being taken by the Government during the last few years to address this issue apart from introducing a uniform syllabus in the engineering/technical institutions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists

1342. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE  
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of 'Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists, (SPMAA);

(b) the quantum of amount given to each beneficiary under SPMAA;

(c) the number of film/TV artists benefitted under this scheme during the last four years in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to expand such scheme to drama artists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Foreign Loan to OMCs

†1343. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give permission to the Oil companies to take/seek more foreign loans to check decline in rupee and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Scheme of Vishwajeet Project

1344. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is on the process of launching a scheme 'Vishwajeet project' to boost seven top Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the special salient features of the proposed schemes;

(d) the total budget for the proposed project; and

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

#### Issuance of Bonds by IOCL

1345. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) proposes to raise about US \$3 billion more through issue of US dollar bonds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the IOCL is already in market to raise US \$ 900 million through a bond issue and also proposes to raise an equivalent sum through a syndicated loan to meet its working capital requirements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Setting up of SEZs

1346. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five developers have requested the Government for giving approval for setting up of new Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any developers have come forward to set up SEZ in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has considered any developer's request for giving approval and if so, the details thereof?

#### Deemed University

1347. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has come out with new eligibility conditions for sanctioning deemed university status;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new regulations also forbid the inspection team from accepting any hospitality from the institution that has applied for the deemed tag; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Sponge Iron Plants

†1348. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sponge iron plants in public and private sector operational in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of employment avenue generated by these plants;

(c) whether any provision has been made to provide employment to local people in the said plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Status of Classical Language

†1349. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian languages which have been accorded the classical language status;

(b) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to provide financial assistance to various projects of classical language;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the funds provided for each classical language during each of the last three years, language-wise;

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the classical language projects during the last three years; and

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

#### India's Global Trade

1350. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of economic position of India among nations based on trade balances, foreign exchange reserves and capital account of the country at present;

(b) the details of growth rate of India's international trade during the last 10 years;

(c) the details of reports and recommendations of the High-Level Advisory Group constituted to address the challenges faced by the country in international trade; and

(d) the details of the follow-up action taken thereon?

#### **Documentation of Ancient Manuscripts**

1351. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mission for Documentation of Ancient Manuscripts has completed its tenure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has been able to document valuable ancient manuscripts from all Indian languages including Tamil, Malayalam and Sanskrit and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether valuable manuscripts containing the practice of Siddha and Ayurvedic Medicines have also been documented and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Campus of NIT**

1352. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of the permanent campus of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Sohra, Cherrapunji;

(b) whether the campus would be functional by July 2019;

(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized till date for construction of the NIT Cherrapunji campus; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in releasing funds for the same?

#### **Import of Oil from USA**

1353. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has committed to purchase \$ 5 billion worth of oil and gas from the United States of America and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the salient features of the growing bilateral trade cooperation between the two countries?

#### **Development of Salt Industry**

1354. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Gujarat produces more than 70% common salt and more than 57% of total salt produced in India and for that Rs. 40 crore are spent each year by the State Government for the development of Salt Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers;

(b) if so, whether the Government is also aware that in August, 2012, a meeting was held between the Government of

Gujarat and the Union Government to discuss Budget allocation for specific schemes/projects for development of salt industry and agarias;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to reimburse the State Government for its expenditure on development of salt industry schemes/projects and welfare schemes for the Salt Workers; and

(d) whether the Union Government would consider to contribute 50% amount of the State Salt Projects so that more projects and better activities can be taken up to enlarge salt producing areas?

#### **Faulty Recruitment**

1355. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to ask all universities to postpone faulty recruitment till the Supreme Court gives its verdict to the Special Leave Petition filed by the Government against the Allahabad High Court order;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had asked the University Grants Commission to issue an order to this effect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Policy for Tribal**

1356. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any reasonable policy to declare various regions, castes, groups on tribals in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are such pending cases for declaration on Tribals with the Union Government which have been sent by the State Government after completing formalities requested under State/UT-wise rules and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plan to have a formal time upto which the Government has to complete such process and if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Central Universities**

1357. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new Universities are being established in Andhra Pradesh, as it was a promise as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of funds allocated for the same?

#### **Right to Land of Tribes**

1358. ADV. JOICE GEORGE: SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether on all three narratives of development, representation and rights to



land, the Scheduled Tribes are pitted against the dominant mainstream of Indian society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has noted that the power imbalance between the tribals and the mainstream society requires both protective laws and a powerful state disposed towards the protection of the Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Industrial Training Institutions

†1359. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to improve the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) located in rural areas with the help of public private partnership and set up new ITIs in remote areas to address the problem of unemployment in rural areas of the country including Rajasthan and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the location in remote areas where new ITIs are proposed to be set up during the last three years along with the details thereof, State-wise?

#### Recovery of Money

1360. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Visva Bharati has contemplated a plan of action for recovery of money of exchequer drawn by Pro Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati during the period beyond his legitimate term as per the U.G.C. regulations No. 7.2.0 of 2010; and

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

#### Migration of People from Bundelkhand for Employment

†1361. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any new measures to stop the migration of people in search of jobs/employment from Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and to provide jobs to the people on local level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said measures are likely to be implemented?

#### Entry of Foreign Institutions

1362. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether India has a large young population and thus foreign institutions will have an incentive to enter the country and expect benefit from the expertise and reputation of these institutions; and

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

#### Socio-economic Development of ST

1363. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:  
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes presently being implemented by the Government for the integrated socio-economic development and welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in the country including in Left Wing extremist affected areas;

(b) whether the Government has provided adequate funds under the said schemes/programmes including Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana (VBKY) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocation made and utilization reported along with the response of the Government on the outcome of the

progress achieved, scheme/programme-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the monitoring mechanism put in place by the Government to monitor the utilisation of funds allocated under said schemes/programmes including VBKY?

#### Inclusion of Places in Buddhist Circuit

†1364. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to include Bodhgaya, Nalanda and Rajgir in Buddhist circuit, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether more and more tourists can be attracted by providing proper road facilities to these three historical places, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more and more employment opportunities will be available to the local people at the said three places in case they are included in Buddhist Circuit; and

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

#### Impact of GST on Tourism Sector

1365. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that high taxation, especially with the levy

of GST on hotels is hurting the tourism industry, especially in the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take steps to address the difficulties faced by those engaged in the tourism sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has recommended to the GST Council to reduce the GST rates on hotels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Import of Natural Rubber

1366. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the import of natural rubber taken place in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof including the revenue generated through imports;

(b) whether the Government has issued licenses to import Natural Rubber and if so, the details of such licenses issued during the last four years, year-wise and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has restricted import of natural rubber through some identified ports and if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of major ports allowed to import natural rubber; and

(d) whether the Government has received applications to allow import of natural rubber from other ports also, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

### Employment in Organised/Unorganised/Private Sector

1367. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains statistics about employment in private sector, organized and unorganized sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of employment provided in organized and unorganized sectors during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, sector-wise and State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the efforts made by the Government to collect statistics of employment in organized and unorganized sectors; and

(d) the details of the number of people who have gone abroad for employment during the said period, State/UT-wise and year-wise?

### Development of Scheduled Tribes

1368. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of funds during the last three years and current year for the overall development of Scheduled Tribes in Kerala;

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

(c) the details of the schemes being implemented till date for the development of the Scheduled Tribes in that State?

### Disinvestment of ITDC Hotels/Properties

†1369. PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned/approved the process of disinvestment of hotels/properties of the India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC) in the country;

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

(c) the details and the number of hotels/properties proposed to be disinvested, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether funds received from disinvestment are likely to be utilised for promoting tourism industry in the concerned States and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details and the number of hotels/properties of ITDC Ltd. in Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme through which the hotels/properties of ITDC Ltd. are likely to be disinvested?

### Profits of Oil Companies

1370. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profits of Public Sector oil companies had been greatly reduced over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons for such decline;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the operations and profits of these loss making companies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to merge the State-owned oil firms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

### Entrance Tests

1371. SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) whether class XII marks will also be taken into account while deciding college admission;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Skill Development in Maharashtra

†1372. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned any grants/funds for any city of Maharashtra under the Skill Development Programme from the year 2015 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the district-wise number of youths provided training in the said State under the Skill Development Programme from the years 2015 to 2017?

### State Art Museum

1373. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start Indian Art Museum where the Art of every State could be displayed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to start State Art Museums specially in the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups

1374. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has submitted any proposal for conservation cum development plan for particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposal has been considered and the Ministry sanctioned any grant and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some percentage of the grant has not been released so far and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the same will be released?

### Promotion of Krishna Circuit

1375. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to facilitate interaction and cooperation for promotion of wellness, spiritual and cultural tourism in Krishna Circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote Krishna Circuit as major tourist attraction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the destinations under the circuit have been/are being developed on principles of high tourist value,

competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner and if so, the details thereof?

### Employee Welfare Scheme in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1376. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME

GOWDA:

SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH

YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) collect part of salary of employees under the Employee Welfare Scheme (EWS);

(b) if so, the details of rules governing EWS, money collected, utilised, unutilised, assistance provided to employees in case of death, medical treatment during the last three years;

(c) whether the employees of KVS are facing problems due to lack of amenities/facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof including shortage of quarters, creche facility, CGHS facility, etc.; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government for welfare of employees of KVs?

### Overseas Scholarship

1377. KUMARI SHOBHA

KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released for National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students during the last four years and the number of applications received;

(b) the eligibility criteria and income ceiling under the Scheme;

(c) the subjects/ disciplines in which courses may be undertaken for grant of Scholarship and the duration of award with financial assistance;

(d) whether it is a fact that over the years the Scholarship Scheme has failed to get suitable candidates, as a result the funds for the Scheme remain largely underutilised and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to change the eligibility criteria, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether lack of coordination between the Ministries has failed to reach the beneficiaries and whether flexibility has been introduced for courses of study to be undertaken by students and if so, the details thereof?

### Gas Pipelines by GAIL

†1378. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the problems faced by the Government in getting gas pipelines laid by GAIL in urban and rural areas along with the measures taken by the Government to resolve the said problems;

(b) whether the ONGC has not provided NOC to lay the gas pipeline in

Shiv Dhara Residency, ONGC point Ankleshwar in District Bharuch of Gujarat even after the request of the peoples' representative;

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

(d) the details of the action taken on the letter received from the peoples' representative?

#### Repatriation of Artefacts

1379. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stolen antiques and historic artefacts that were repatriated back to the country during each of the last five years from various countries, country-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government took action against antique dealers responsible for the theft during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of antique dealers extradited to the country during the said period, country-wise?

#### Funds Released to Haryana

†1380. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Sonapat in Haryana under various schemes of the Ministry;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilized under the respective schemes; and

(c) if so, the details of the schemes under which the work has been completed or is near completion and if not, the reasons therefor?

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