

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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Aadhaar Act

†2301. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works undertaken so far under the Aadhaar Act in East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts in Jharkhand;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of Aadhaar Act in East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts in Jharkhand; and

(c) the number of people in the above districts not covered under the Aadhaar Act and the time by which they are likely to be covered?

Post Offices

†2302. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in the country in villages and cities separately;

(b) the number of new post offices opened at villages, tehsils and at district level during each of the last three years;

(c) the budget allocated for this purpose during the said period;

(d) the population required for a post office facility as per the International norms along with the ranking of the country in this regard;

(e) the details of various types of public facilities available in the post offices; and

(f) the number of post offices digitised in the country, State/UT-wise?

Solar Power Projects

2303. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recently established three 100 MW Solar Power Projects for commercial operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations of operation;

(c) whether the Government is planning to establish such projects in more locations; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects, State/UT-wise?

Aadhaar Seeding

†2304. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to merge database of centrally sponsored scheme with that of other States including Rajasthan for Aadhaar seeding and other updation purposes;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coast Guard Academy

2305. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to shift the proposed Coast Guard Academy from Azheekkal, Kerala to somewhere in the State of Karnataka; and

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

Expert Panel for Calculation of Sub-National Accounts

2306. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
SHRI G. HARI:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a Committee for sub-national accounts to upgrade the norms for computation of economic data at States and district level in the backdrop of plans to revise the base year for National Accounts or Gross Domestic Production (GDP) calculation and if so, the details and the composition thereof;

(b) whether the said Committee will review concepts, definitions, classifications, data conventions, data sources and data requirements for preparation of State Domestic Product (SDP) and District Domestic Product (DDP) and to lay down revised guidelines and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to revise the base year for the computation of national income to 2017-18 from the current 2011-12 to

capture better the economic realities in fast changing world and if so, the details thereof?

Districts for Rapid Transformation

2307. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has selected 115 backward (aspirational) districts for rapid transformation by 2022 in line with Government's vision to create New India;

(b) if so, the details of the States and districts selected therefor, district and State-wise;

(c) the criteria adopted for selection of the districts for the said purpose;

(d) the funds earmarked, sanctioned and spent till date, district-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that the selected districts achieve the targeted growth and if so, the details thereof?

National Health Stack

2308. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increasing prevalence of non-communicable diseases and climbing out-of-pocket costs on healthcare is becoming difficult for most households and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has proposed National Health Stack (NHS) for all citizens of the country in order to streamline the health information and facilitate effective management of the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the NHS will significantly bring down the costs of health protection, converge disparate systems to ensure a cashless and seamlessly integrated experience for the poorest beneficiaries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the NHS is likely to be created and the extent to which it will promote wellness across the population?

Blue Whale Challenge

2309. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any provisions in schools to

prevent the effect of self-harm applications and trends such as Blue Whale Challenge on children and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has placed any technological obstructions on such applications from trending in the online space and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current figure on the number of deaths caused by such applications in the country?

Cheating and Leakage of SSC Exam Paper

2310. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mass cheating has been noticed in Combined Graduate Level (CGL) examination conducted by the SSC and the leakage of question paper has also come to the knowledge of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the candidates who have taken the examination have protested against the alleged scam in SSC exams and demanded CBI probe in the matter; and

(d) if so, the Government's reaction in the matter?

Indian Fishermen in Pakistani Jails

2311. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Marine Security Agency (PMSA) very often

apprehends the Indian fishermen and their boats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether still 451 fishermen are in Pakistani jails and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to get Indian fishermen along with their boats released?

Breach of Aadhaar Data

2312. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UIDAI has rolled out a three-tier security process in the wake of reports of an alleged breach of the Aadhaar database;

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

(c) the details of the Virtual ID (VID) and its authentication process developed as a countermeasure?

Introduction of e-Postal Ballots

2313. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce e-postal ballots policy in the coming elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether such new initiatives of e-postal ballots will be successful in our vast country

as the voters are unable to exercise their franchise due to either the nature of their job or geographical location of their posting; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

PSK in Hathras

2314. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to set up certain number of Passport Seva Kendras PSKs across the country including Hathras region of UP by the end of the year 2018-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether police verification is required for issuance of passport under the Tatkal Scheme and the said procedure becomes easier after verification of documents by a certain level of gazetted officers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is very difficult for the common people to get their documents verified by such officers in village/rural/remote areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to simplify the said procedure by allowing verification by local public representatives like Member of Parliament for the convenience of people residing in such areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure access to passport services in villages/remote/rural areas of the country including Hathras region of UP?

Purchase of Weapons

2315. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:
SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in shortage of arms and ammunitions in case of a war and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of weapons shortlisted for purchase and the funds likely to be spent in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is of the opinion that this move will increase the army's confidence and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has purchased new equipment from America and other friendly countries for the security of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Laboratories Functioning under the CSIR

2316. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of laboratories functioning under the Council of Scientific

and Industrial Research (CSIR) in the country as on date;

(b) the details of the funds earmarked/allocated and utilised by these laboratories during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of research works undertaken by these laboratories during the above period;

(d) whether the Government is planning/considering to modernise these laboratories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these laboratories are likely to be redeveloped?

Creation of Jobs

2317. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether monetising the real estate assets as well as fast tracking some of the existing investment plans would generate a lot of employment opportunities in the Railways and the ecosystem around it;

(b) if so, whether the Railways was working in various areas across the railway ecosystem to create 10 lakh jobs within a year;

(c) if so, the details of these areas and the number of jobs created so far, State-wise;

(d) whether the Railways has proposed to create more than 2 lakh jobs from the rail track and safety maintenance programme;

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

(f) the other steps taken by the Railways to create more jobs?

Re-Employment of Retired Government Officers

2318. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the rules regarding re-employment of retired Government officials, there is a cooling off period of one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any check is being made regarding its implementation by all the Ministries especially by the Indian Armed Forces; and

(d) the action being taken by the department to cancel such appointments by private sector companies which are employing retired Government officials immediately after retirement?

Employment in IT Sector

†2319. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्टॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided sufficient financial and infrastructure facilities with a view to create employment opportunities in Information Technology and IT enabled services;

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

(c) the total number of professionals and employees engaged in IT companies under Government, Public and Private Sectors; and

(d) the number of new employment opportunities likely to be created in this sector in near future?

Problems from New Law

†2320. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new legislation of the United States of America, Europe and Australia is creating problems for the Indians to get jobs in the said countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Indians working in these countries have any risk of loosing their jobs due to new legislations and if so, the details thereof?

Working Group on Nutrition

2321. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on Nutrition constituted by the NITI Aayog has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Working Group has been given any time-frame to submit its recommendations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken all precautionary measures to safeguard against vested interests hijacking public policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of Coal to Power Stations

2322. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received a request from the Ministry of Power for granting high priority for loading of coal from goods sheds to ensure higher supply of coal to power stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has been able to provide the required number of rakes for the above purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Citizens in US and Canadian Jails

2323. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens lodged at present in jails in the USA and Canada;

(b) the number of persons arrested and jailed without having valid documents in the USA and Canada;

(c) the action taken against unregistered agencies involved in sending such persons abroad; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to identify Indians in these jails and get them released?

Rural BPO Scheme

2324. SHRI MAGANTTI VENKATESWARA RAO (BABU):
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come up with any schemes to tap the potential of rural BPOs;

(b) if so, the details of the employment generated by the scheme, State-wise including those of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the number of BPOs functional in the rural areas of the country, State-wise including Rajasthan; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote BPOs in rural areas and the total percentage of cost for which grant is provided for setting up BPOs?

Violation of Ceasefire

2325. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a predetermined stand of the Government regarding the retaliation against the ceasefire violations along the Indian Borders;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide facilities or directing the various insurance agencies to provide insurance coverage to the family members of the soldiers who had been martyred along the Indian border while on duty; and

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

Financial Condition of BSNL and MTNL

†2326. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the financial condition of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) whether the BSNL is on the verge of closure and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to decontrol BSNL and MTNL to enable

them to compete with the private sector telecom operators and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the total losses incurred by MTNL and BSNL during each of the last three years and the funds provided by the Government to make up for the said losses;

(e) whether the Government proposes to merge the said public sector telecom operators and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of new schemes launched by the said telecom service providers for their customers?

Singareni Collieries

2327. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has staked a claim to the country's second largest State-owned coal firm, Singareni Collieries, now being controlled by Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Home Ministry has advised apportioning the assets of the headquarters of an undertaking with inter-State operations on population basis and dividing the operational units on location basis; and

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

Impact of US Policy on IT Professionals

2328. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the Executive Orders issued by US since December, 2016, which impact Indian IT and other professionals in the US;

(b) whether it is true that Finance Minister has recently met US Commerce Secretary and raised India's concerns before him; and

(c) if so, the response of US in this regard and the steps Government proposes to take to resolve the problems faced by Indian professionals?

Dwarf Containers

2329. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL

SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is correct that the Railways has lost traffic to other modes of transport and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Railways has introduced a commercial service to run double-stack dwarf containers on trains to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite being smaller in size, the dwarf containers can hold a

capacity of 30, 500 kgs compared to regular containers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether double-stack movement of cargo has increased the Railways revenue;

(e) if so, the percentage of revenue increased as a result thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Railways to attract more freight traffic?

Vendorship Licence

2330. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to give vendorship licence at platforms to youth and needy people who have no previous experience but have zeal to work hard;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of procedure for vendorship/stall/mobile stalls allotment and any current or near future opportunities in this regard, if any, specially in Delhi and UP?

Varying Rewards

2331. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reported that varying rewards for identical honours are creating tension and frustration within the armed forces and need to be examined by the Ministry in the interest of soldiers;

(b) if so, whether Government has consulted State Governments to standardize cash grants given to gallantry award winners;

(c) if so, whether Government has laid down the minimum cash grant to be given to gallantry awardees by the States or left it to the choice of the States concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Legalisation of Betting

2332. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recently presented its report to the Government suggesting for legalizing betting and gambling in sports and if so, the details thereof along with the other recommendations/suggestions made by the Commission;

(b) the reaction of the Government on these recommendations/suggestions;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a model law for regulating gambling and betting in sports including cricket as regulated activities taxable under the direct and indirect tax regimes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is also planning to allow casinos in the country with FDI investments and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also true that the panel wanted the Government to introduce a cap on the number of gambling transactions for each individual and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the commissions' recommendation had made a distinction between proper betting and small gambling and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government would ensure proper protection for the vulnerable sections of society, if the recommendation of the Law commission is accepted and if so, the details thereof?

Call Drop

†2333. DR. RAM SHANKAR
KATHERIA:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
DR. KARAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main reason for the problem of call drop in the country;

(b) whether the Government has received numerous petitions/representations

regarding the said issue and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to impose any penalty on telecom companies in view of increasing number of call drops and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to resolve the problem of call drop and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to install additional mobile towers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the said problem is common in BSNL and MTNL networks and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Cancellation of Deal

2334. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cancelled the S-400 deal with Russia;

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

(c) whether there is any agreement between India and Russia for the manufacturing of model aircraft and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is also any proposal to re-modify this agreement and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms

2335. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms has been set up to streamline and quicken the disposal of crores of pending cases in judicial courts including the High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the terms of its reference and the period within which it is likely to submit its report; and

(c) the main thrust areas covered by the said mission?

Cleanliness and Maintenance of Coaches

†2336. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:
DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has failed to ensure cleanliness and maintenance of rail coaches despite making tall claims and increase in fares;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action plan to ensure cleanliness and maintenance of rail coaches as per the laid down norms?

Problems to Civilian Population

2337. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to solve the problems faced by the cantonment boards civilian population;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to empower cantonment board representatives at par with the local bodies representatives of the municipalities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether cantonment board do not prepare the family register and the benefits of various welfare schemes of Centre and States are not fully provided to them in cantonment area?

Development Project in Andhra Pradesh

2338. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has taken up the matter regarding non-implementation of Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014 with regard to setting up of a steel plant at Cuddapah district, a new port trust, railway zone at Vizag, Vizag-Chennai Industrial corridor etc. in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the progress so far made on these projects?

Discontinuation of OTA

2339. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to discontinue Overtime Allowance (OTA) for categories other than operational staff and industrial employees;

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

(c) whether the grant of OTA proposed to be linked with the biometric attendance and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has also decided not to revise the rate of OTA for the operational staff and they would continue to get the amount as per its order issued in 1991; and

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

Enrolling Agencies for UIDAI

2340. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of enrolling agencies/registrars which UIDAI has appointed for the purposes of collecting information required to issue Aadhaar numbers;

(b) the list of registrars/enrolling authorities whose services the UIDAI has suspended or whose services have otherwise been terminated since September, 2010;

(c) whether any reasons for the termination of their services have been recorded by the UIDAI, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of complaints the UIDAI has received against enrolling agencies/registrars till date; and

(e) whether UIDAI has a list of all the complaints received along with the action taken on each case, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not maintaining such a list?

Nuclear Power Plants in Collaboration with Foreign Countries

2341. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in consultation with some foreign countries for setting up of new nuclear power plants in the country;

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

(c) the targets set by the Government for production of nuclear power in the country during the ensuing decade; and

(d) whether the NPCIL is working with ONGC to build more reactors in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Medical Facilities

2342. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any coordination is being carried out between the medical authorities in the civil and the military in North Eastern States in view of the limited health and medical facilities;

(b) if so, whether such coordination is based on the guidelines given by the Ministry of Defence or it is left to the commanders on the ground;

(c) whether data on the beneficiaries from the civil as well as military is being maintained in case of such coordination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Crimes in Trains

†2343. SHRI MANOHAR
UTAWAL:

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the incidents of thefts, dacoity, pickpocketing and other criminal activities are increasing in long distance trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents which have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of persons apprehended for the said crimes during the above period?

Flexi Fare System

2344. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced a surge pricing system for the Rajdhani, Duronto and Shatabdi trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the rationale behind this flexi fare system and whether this new fare structure has been applied to all coaches;

(c) if so, the method of calculation behind such surged fares and whether a ceiling exists for hike in fares, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this move would induce a shift from railways to airlines and whether any concessions will be given to people coming from economically weaker backgrounds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons behind doing so and the alternative measures taken to safeguard the interests of the above category of people?

Internet Coverage and Speed in Remote Villages

†2345. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHARY:

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages in the country including in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand that are without internet connectivity State-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether internet facility is not available in remote village of the country, including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether internet/broadband speed available in the villages is very low;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government to resolve the aforementioned issues and the outcome thereof?

Proposals Cleared by DAC

2346. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence proposals cleared by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC); and

(b) the details of number out of them to deal with modernization of the army?

Office Space for MPs

2347. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up office space for MPs in their constituencies to monitor the implementation of MPLAD Scheme;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Casualties while Boarding/ Deboarding Trains

2348. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that death or injury caused while boarding or deboarding a train will entitle a person to compensation from the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Railways is taking extra precaution to prevent such death or injury while boarding and deboarding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Saving Account of Girl Child in Post Offices

2349. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of saving accounts of girl child that have been opened in post offices under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme during the last year and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote the opening of such accounts across the country?

Cost Overrun of Infrastructure Projects

†2350. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of infrastructure projects worth Rs. 150 crore and above has increased unprecedentedly due to delay or other reasons;

(b) if so, the quantum of increase in the cost thereof and the names of such projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the completion of these projects?

Forecast Model

†2351. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of models used/being used by the Government to get accurate prediction of extreme weather conditions like rains, heat wave and cold wave across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal and Gujarat;

(b) the details of the outcome as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to introduce new forecast model across the country;

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

(e) the funds likely to be sanctioned for the purpose along with the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Employment of Youth

†2352. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state the number of youth who went abroad for employment during the last three years, country-wise?

Research Work by INO

2353. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of research works planned to be conducted in the proposed India based Neutrino Observatory (INO);

(b) whether the INO will only involve in Neutrino experiments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any threat of radiation or atomic waste deposition is expected at INO site and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has considered the said proposal seriously and judiciously considering stakeholder's inputs too; and

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

Coal Distribution Policy

†2354. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review and amend the coal distribution policy to ensure supply of coal to small and medium industrial units keeping in view the re-allocation of coal blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Broadband Services

†2355. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the quality of broadband services being provided in the country;

(b) if not, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit and or prepared any draft for connecting villages with 3G, 4G and Wi-Fi broadband service under Digital India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

CBI Enquiry on Pathankot Terror

2356. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ordered a CBI inquiry into the Pathankot Terror Attack in 2016 and if so, the status update of the inquiry;

(b) whether any arrests have been made so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has found any wrongdoing from an insider at the Pathankot Base and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has concluded the findings in the case; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Internet Penetration

2357. SHRI P. KUMAR:

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the internet penetration in the country in terms of percentage, State/UT-wise and the target fixed by the Government for increasing the said percentage along with the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) the steps taken by the Government towards finalization of policy on Net Neutrality along with the impact of Net Neutrality on the internet coverage across the country;

(c) the number of households in rural areas which are currently having access to internet services;

(d) the measures taken by the Government to increase the availability of high speed internet services in rural areas; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure digital literacy among students and adults in rural areas along with the current status of the said efforts?

Mine Allocation to Coal India Limited

2358. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a panel to identify additional mines for allocation to Coal India Limited (CIL);

(b) if so, whether the said panel has come out with any report or suggestion for allocating additional coal mines to CIL; and

(c) whether Coal India requires additional mines to achieve its target of producing one billion tonne of coal and if so, the details thereof?

National Green Corridor Programme

2359. SHRI ANURAG THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Green Corridor Programme (NGCP) along with its aims and objectives; and

(b) the benefits likely to accrue the common man from the said programme?

New Railway Lines

2360. DR. P.K. BIJU:

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new railway lines being considered for construction by the Railways at present, State-wise;

(b) the time by which the construction works of these railway lines is likely to be started; and

(c) whether any new project is proposed to be undertaken in Kerala in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Development Schemes for North-East

2361. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has approved new development schemes for North-Eastern States including Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of fund released during the last three years, scheme-wise?

UMANG App

2362. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA: SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA: SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched UMANG App which provides

single unified platform to major Government departments for mobile enablement of their services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is an urgent need for providing digital services of Government schemes to rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to add more applications to reach a tally of 1200 apps by March 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total number of users of UMANG App along with the State-wise details thereof including that of Haryana; and

(e) whether the Government is taking any steps to increase the number of users of this App and if so, the details thereof?

Live Telecast of Court Proceedings

†2363. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make arrangements for the live telecast of the proceedings of the courts;

(b) if so, the time by which this arrangement is likely to be put in place; and

(c) the details of the extra economic burden which will be incurred by the Government to operationalise the said arrangement?

Renovation of Old Bridges

2364. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has conducted any survey to find out route worthiness/strength of old bridges of old railway tracks, if so, the details of such study and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the survey report has also expressed concerns about the condition of many bridges which need immediate attention; and

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

Overhauling of Railway Coaches

2365. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that during recent safety audits, it has been found that many hundreds of railway coaches have not been overhauled or serviced periodically;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the periodic overhauling/servicing of railway coaches and if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken in this regard;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to replace the old, damaged and outdated rail coaches with new ones; and

(e) the details of the coaches replaced in the last three years, zone-wise?

Navigation Satellites

2366. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO is considering to launch navigation satellite IRNSS1I which will replace the faulty IRNSS1A whose three atomic clocks had stopped working in 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the subsequent launches would be of Chandrayaan-2 mission, GSLV Mk III and PSLV C42; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indians in Various Foreign Jails

2367. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians including fishermen languishing in various foreign jails at present, country-wise;

(b) the number of Indian fishermen granted compensation after their release from foreign jails, particularly from Pakistani jails and the reasons for not giving compensation to some of them;

(c) the number of Indian soldiers illegally detained in Pakistani jails at present along with the number of representations received from families of such prisoners for their early release and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether any agreement had been signed between India and the UAE regarding completion of rest of the jail term by Indians in Indian prisons and if so, the number of Indians benefited by the said agreement; and

(e) the effective steps taken for the release of all Indian prisoners at the earliest?

Defence Corridor

†2368. SHRI BHAIROD PRASAD MISHRA:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of locations identified for setting up of Defence Industrial Production corridors in the country including in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of benefits likely to be accrued to the area from it; and

(c) the time by which the process of setting up of these corridors is likely to be started and completed?

Scholarship to Students

†2369. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students belonging to minority communities to whom scholarship was provided in Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of the scholarship provided for pre-matric, post matric and higher education?

Manufacturing of Aircrafts

2370. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken for indigenous aircraft manufacturing for civil and defence purpose;

(b) whether components required for aircraft manufacturing is being imported in the country;

(c) if so, the total funds spent on import of the said components; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the indigenous component manufacturing industry?

Illegally Encroached Indian Territories

†2371. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the neighbouring countries have illegally encroached upon the Indian territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and area-wise;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to regain the Indian territory and the results achieved as a result thereof;

(d) whether the neighbouring countries are regularly making intrusion/infiltration into Indian territories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years till date, country-wise and area-wise?

Shortage of Coaches

†2372. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the number of coaches in trains having a large number of coaches in all zones including the West Central Railway Zone, Jabalpur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether difficulties are being faced in introduction of new trains due to shortage of coaches;

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

(d) whether reduction in the number of coaches is likely to result in heavy rush of passengers in trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign Trip to Railway Officials

2373. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of delegations comprising railway officials gone abroad in connection with study and training relating to high speed rail technology and operations during the last five years;

(b) the outcome of these tours along with the tour notes presented in connection with the visit, if any, visit-wise; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to speed up execution of pending projects relating to high speed, electrification and doubling of railway lines?

Bullet Trains

2374. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by when the bullet trains are likely to start running along with the original time scheduled for its running;

(b) whether the Government has approved or is planning to approve any other bullet train project apart from the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project;

(c) if so, the details of that project, amount of fund sanctioned, expenditure plan outlay and the time of completion for the said project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electronics Manufacturing Policy

2375. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that new electronics manufacturing policy is on the anvil and work is also on for rolling out an upgraded software products architecture and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to encourage electronics and digital exports on a large scale, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the new policy will focus majorly on new age digital applications in the field of data analysis, artificial intelligence, internet-of-things, virtual reality, healthcare, augmented reality and robotics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Officers

†2376. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of shortage of officers in different wings of armed forces at present;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to fulfil the said shortage; and

(c) the special steps taken by the Government to provide employment opportunity to rural youth in the States which are providing maximum defence personnels to armed forces traditionally?

Dismal State of Scientific Research

2377. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various academicians/organisations have expressed their concern about dismal state of scientific research in the country and inadequate funds allocation therefor;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation and increase the budgetary allocations for purposeful scientific research;

(c) whether the Government has directed the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and other organisation involved in scientific research to generate their own funds and to start self-financing projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of these organisations thereto along with its likely impact on various Government research schemes and programmes?

Fire Incident

2378. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is aware of the recent incident of fire in the Visakhapatnam bound AP AC superfast express train at Gwalior;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the incident and the number of persons killed/injured;

(c) whether any probe has been ordered in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Internet Telephony

2379. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce internet telephony system in the country and if so, the details and the benefits thereof;

(b) whether the said facility will be available in flights and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the telecom operators will charge more than the usual for such services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a customer has to change SIM card/Mobile number to activate the said services and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the likely benefit the customers will get from this new service and the cost involved therein?

Stoppage of Trains

†2380. SHRI GYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the departure/stoppage of Garib Rath (12535 and 12536),

Puri-Valsad (22909 and 22910), Jammu Tawi (18215 and 18216) and Shalimar Bhub Superfast Express (22829 and 22830) trains running in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether these trains have stoppage in Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government regarding stoppage of these trains in Umaria;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken on the said proposal by the Government; and

(e) the time by which stoppage of above trains is likely to be provided at Umaria?

Complaints through Twitter

†2381. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints received by the Railways from passengers by way of Twitter are being resolved on urgent basis and the complaints received from other modes are not paid any attention and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the passengers not using Twitter are not entitled to receive any help from the Railways; and

(c) if not, the names of such modes other than Twitter through which one can communicate with the Railways and seek immediate assistance in case of need?

PMGDISHA

2382. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:
SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has recently launched Pradhan Mantri Grameen Digital Sakshrata Abhiyan (PMGDISHA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the aims and objectives of the mission and the funds being allocated under this abhiyan to each State in the present financial year and particularly to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

LTC Facility to Railway Employees

†2383. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide LTC facility to the railway personnel;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard; and

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

Replacement of Diesel Engines by Electric Engines

†2384. DR. KARAN SINGH
YADAV:

SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to replace diesel engines with electric engines on the railway tracks which have been electrified and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of diesel and electric engines operating in the country, zone-wise;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred on the operation of diesel run trains and electric run trains;

(d) whether in view of the less expenditure incurred and less time consumed in the operation of electric run trains, the Government proposes to take any measures to gain more powers from the Railway Security Commissions to run electric engine trains in place of diesel engine trains on all electrified rail routes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pending RTI Applications

†2385. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of applications under the Right to Information Act (RTI) are pending across the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the reasons for delay in the disposal of pending cases;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken therefor;

(e) whether online applications can also be made under the RTI Act; and

(f) if so, the details of the procedure in this regard and the assistance provided to the States for the purpose?

Cost Overrun of Projects

2386. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 60% of the Railway projects are facing huge cost overrun due to various reasons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the cost overrun amounts to Rs.1.61 lakh crore due to projects running behind schedule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Gram Nyayalayas

2387. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Gram Nyayalayas across the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the present status thereof;

(b) whether the villagers are facing difficulties in getting justice from Subordinate/High Courts as they are far away from their places of residence and if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up Gram Nyayalayas in villages;

(c) whether cases pending in lower courts would be considered in these Nyayalayas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of funds allocated and released to the States for setting up of Gram Nyayalayas in the country; and

(e) the other steps being taken to provide speedy justice in rural areas?

Timebound Hearing of Cases

2388. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for time bound hearings into various criminal and civil matters at the Session Court and District Court level; and

(b) if so, the status of implementation of such proposals?

Auction and Handing over of Mines

2389. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of the mines currently, which have been auctioned or allocated are scheduled to be handed over by 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the delayed clearances, land acquisition problems, resettlement and rehabilitation issues, evacuation constraints, etc. can delay materialization of these plans and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the estimated coal production in short term Financial year 2020-22, is 1050 MTPA which is comparable to the demand and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds

2390. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for various schemes under the Ministry during the financial year 2017-18;

(b) whether allocated funds are reviewed from time to time depending on the requirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Defence Cooperation Pact

2391. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from China for a border defence cooperation pact;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the defence cooperation between both the countries?

Duronto Express between Allahabad and Dehradun

†2392. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run any other fast train (Duronto Express) between Allahabad and Dehradun for the convenience of passengers; and

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

Railway Development Authority

2393. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI: SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted the Railway Development Authority (RDA);

(b) if so, the details, objectives and the mandate thereof;

(c) whether RDA is facing a shortage of professionals;

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

(e) the activities so far undertaken by RDA?

Welfare Schemes in Rural Areas

2394. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY: SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing schemes implemented by the Ministry in the rural areas of the country at present;

(b) the details of workshops organized in the rural areas, especially in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand during each of the last three years and the number of participants thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the present schemes; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries, fund allocated and spent under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Jharkhand?

LTC to Employees

2395. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH: SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN: SHRI S. RAJENDRAN: SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO: SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR: SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government servants may avail LTC to visit any place in Jammu and Kashmir, North-East Region and Andaman and Nicobar Islands against the conversion of their one home town LTC;

(b) if so, the period for which the said facility will be available;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the said facilities after expiry of the completion of said period to boost tourism in such States;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand such facilities to their employees in other States?

Palamu Express

†2396. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total time taken by Train No. 13347/13348 Palamu Express from Patna to Barkakana as well as during its return journey;

(b) the reasons for the said train taking around two hour extra time in completing to and fro journey;

(c) whether there is possibility to reduce the time taken by Palamu Express from Barkakana to Patna; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Landing of Aircrafts on National Highways

†2397. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to land the aircrafts of Indian Air Force on the national highways;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indigenous Defence Products

†2398. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing and pending projects to promote the indigenisation of defence equipments under 'Make in India';

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether as per the defence report 25 projects identified for defence production under 'Make in India' are on the verge of closing down due to non-availability of funds and if so, the details thereof?

Theft Incidents during Transportation of Coal

2399. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information regarding mass theft incidents during transportation of coal;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken to curb such practices and the outcome thereof?

Indonesian Port for India

2400. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indonesia has proposed to open its sea port for India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India proposes to set up deep sea port in the marine-line of Andaman sea and if so, the details thereof?

Digital District in Bihar

†2401. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sheohar district in Bihar has been made a digital district;

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

(c) the details of the infrastructure set up for making this district a digital district?

Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority

2402. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority (NSRA) in the country;

(b) if so, the details, the objectives and the salient features thereof; and

(c) the present status of the said proposal along with the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Renovation of Railway Stations

2403. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to renovate the railway stations in the State of Andhra Pradesh under its railway stations redevelopment programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the stations being considered for renovation and redevelopment, particularly in the state of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

Concession in Fares to Senior Citizens

†2404. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the recent past, the Prime Minister made an appeal to the rich senior citizens to give up the concession in passenger fares;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the revenue earned by the railways as a result thereof during the last and the current financial year, so far;

(d) whether the Government is considering to withdraw concessions for passengers earning more than 50,000 rupees per month; and

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

Free Coaching

2405. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coaching centres have been established in the State of Chhattisgarh under free coaching and allied scheme for the candidates belonging to minority communities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds released to these coaching centres under this scheme

during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the students belonging to minority communities who have benefited under this scheme during the last three years?

Doubling of Railway Tracks in Maharashtra

2406. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the projects relating to doubling of rail tracks in Maharashtra have been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay;

(c) the new projects of doubling of tracks taken up in Maharashtra; and

(d) the fund released for the doubling of rail tracks in Maharashtra in the last three years?

New Intercity from Mangalore

2407. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Government to start an Intercity Express from Mangalore to Hubli *via* Madgaon and an express train between Mysore to Madgaon *via* Hassan, Mangalore and Karwar and *vice-versa*; and

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

Tourist Train on Ramayana Circuit

2408. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plans to launch a special tourist train on the Ramayana circuit covering the places associated with the Hindu Epic, Ramayana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the train is likely to be launched;

(c) whether the people/tourists on board will have the option to go to Sri Lanka as a part of this Ramayana circuit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the name of stoppages of the train and its fares?

Statue of Savarkar

2409. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mayor of Marseilles of the Republic of France earmarked land for the construction of Swatantraya Vir Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's memorial/statue whose expenses shall be borne by the Government;

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

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to construct a Vir Savarkar's memorial at Marseilles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the timeframe for its construction?

Monitoring of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects

2410. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry monitors Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing upto Rs. 150 crore through Online Computerised Monitoring System (OCMS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country lacks policy framework for project management which results in overrunning of project's time and cost;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the details of pending projects and the consequent increase in their cost;

(d) whether the Government has fixed a five-year deadline for completing all pending projects and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a need for setting up a project management office structure, institutionalising a project management maturity framework and making project management training mandatory for personnel deployed on large scale projects; and

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

Illegal Recruiting Agents

2411. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that lots of illegal recruiting agents are fraudulently sending poor and illiterate persons abroad and if so, the details of the persons sent fraudulently in the last four years;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action against such illegal recruiting agents in the last four years and if so, the details of the action taken by the Government, State and UT wise, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in most of the cases the recruiting agents are untraceable and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to create any special operation group to take timely action against the illegal recruiting agents and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for NER

2412. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent in the North Eastern States under the various schemes by his Ministry during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether his Ministry could not succeed in implementing the welfare schemes properly for NE States and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the progress of Indo-Bangladesh border sealing as on date; and

(d) the number of kilometre of road that has been constructed in border area during the above period?

Removal of Justice of Allahabad High Court

2413. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a letter from the Chief Justice of India, on the need to remove Justice Narayan Shukla of Allahabad High Court, based on the findings of the in-house committee which indicted him of gross misconduct and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to facilitate the removal of the said judge; and

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

Setting up of Minority Commissions

2414. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority commissions set up in different States and Union Territories in last two years; and

(b) the steps being taken in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Research and Development Activities by DAE

2415. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) through its various Research and Development activities is striving hard against all odds to uplift the standard of living in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the fund/allocations made by the Government in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?

Electric Propulsion System

2416. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO is working on the Electric Propulsion System (EPS) which will help reduce dependence on chemical propellant and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether with the help of EPS, ISRO can reduce the weight of a satellite and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a 4 tonne satellite with EPS can do the work of a 6 tonne satellite with the same efficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Scientific Laboratories

†2417. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new scientific laboratories in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the number of proposals received from the State Government for according approval during the last three years;

(c) the details of funds sought for such proposals; and

(d) the number of proposals sanctioned out of the received ones?

Emerging Needs of Minority Communities

2418. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference is held at National/State level with the representative groups of minority communities with a view to elicit their view points on the emerging needs of their communities;

(b) whether any such interaction is in place for holding discussions with them periodically;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Posts Filled through UPSC

†2419. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of posts filled through the Civil services examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) have been reduced during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of posts filled through civil services examinations since the year 2009 till date, year-wise;

(d) whether the vacant posts are to be filled in the different cadres of All India Services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of vacancies, State-wise?

Suspension of Security Aid to Pakistan

2420. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state whether it was the Government's aggressive pursuit of foreign policy that the US has suspended security aid to Pakistan pending its concrete and decisive action against the Afghan Taliban and Haqqani network and if so, the details thereof?

Redevelopment of Railway Stations under PPP Mode

†2421. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to redevelop railway stations in phased manner across the country under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the names and details of the railway stations earmarked for the said redevelopment;

(c) the reaction of the private companies in this regard so far; and

(d) the time limit prescribed for the said purpose?

Mobile Towers and Post Offices in Naxal Affected Areas

†2422. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up mobile towers and post offices in the erstwhile naxal infested areas and now naxal free areas Bangakhalar and

Dangarnawa under Domchanch division of Kodarma district of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any requests from the public representatives or others for setting up of mobile towers at the above mentioned places; and

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

Assessment of IT Startups

2423. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of IT startups in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of successful IT startups in the country;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment of employment generated by the IT startups in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of the jobs created by these startups in the last four years, State-wise?

Electrification Work in Madurai Division

2424. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to undertake electrification work from Kollam to Punalur in Kerala under Madurai division; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the allocation of fund made for the said project?

Police Verification

2425. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry along with the Ministry of Home Affairs has taken measures to ease the procedure to issue passport, police verification, reissue of passport, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the condition to have police verification prior to issue of new passport or reissue has been withdrawn or simplified and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether by developing a new procedure with the support from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Government wants to remove the formalities of police verification, NOC, etc. or simplify the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Railway Stations Powered by Solar Energy

†2426. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide solar generated electricity to all railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose across the country including Chhattisgarh; and

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

Heavy Charges for Aadhaar Authentication Services

2427. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy charge is being levied on bankers for Aadhaar authentication services and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has prescribed any fee to be charged by UIDAI from the banks for Aadhaar authentication and if so, the reasons therefor?

BHIMApp

†2428. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

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

(a) whether the Government has launched the BHIM App;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the facilities provided to the people through this App;

(d) whether the Government is taking some new steps to increase the number of its users; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

BSNL Telephone Exchanges in Rural Areas

†2429. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS: SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to provide public Wi-Fi facility at 25,000 telephone exchanges of BSNL in rural areas;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the said villages along with the details of villages of Rajasthan and Maharashtra in which the public Wi-Fi facility is proposed to be provided;

(c) the State-wise details of rural telephone exchanges of BSNL equipped with Wi-Fi facilities;

(d) the number of rural telephone exchanges at which public Wi-Fi facility is proposed to be provided by the Government till 2019;

(e) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to meet this target; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Overloading in Wagons

†2430. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is loading commodities in the wagons beyond its permissible carrying capacity so as to earn more revenue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is aware that continuous overloading can affect railway safety in the long run as bridges, axle and railway tracks are also likely to be affected from it and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to deal with such dangerous levels of overloading?

Skill Development of Minorities

2431. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women/girls who have received skill development training under the scheme for Skill Development of Minorities;

(b) the total number of women/girls from minority groups who have been trained under the scheme for Modular Employable Skills, since the inception of the scheme;

(c) the total number of minority people who have received training under the scheme along with the number out of them placed in companies;

(d) the details of institutions working with the Government for the implementation of the scheme, State-wise;

(e) the problems faced by the Government in implementing the scheme; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to train more girls and women under the scheme for upliftment of minority women and girls?

Coal Royalty

2432. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing coal royalty policy of Government of India; and

(b) whether the Government revised the royalty on coal as the same was due for revision in April, 2015 and if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing Nuclear Power Projects

2433. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing nuclear power projects across the country along with the power generation expected after the completion of those projects;

(b) the funds allocated, sanctioned and released by the Government for these ongoing nuclear power projects, project-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target for increasing the power generation through these plants in next three years and if so, the details thereof?

Lending to Minority Communities

2434. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether lending to minority communities is covered under weaker sections category of Priority Sector Lending and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether banks are providing loans and advances exclusively for minority communities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any district has been identified particularly in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu as minority concentration district for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the types of business/enterprises getting loans along with the quantum of loans sanctioned therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and district-wise; and

(e) the achievements of National Minority Development and Finance Corporation and State Minority Finance Corporation in this regard?

Modern Assault Rifles

2435. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of the army for modern assault rifles and other similar weapons has not been fulfilled for more than a decade in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has cleared fast track procurement route to meet this shortage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the actual procurement is likely to start?

Review of Work Performance

†2436. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct the performance review of Central Government officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of complaints received by the Government against the Government officers of various departments/Ministries for under performance and delay in work;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to identify such dull officers and the action taken/proposed to be taken against such officers;

(d) whether the Government has decided to evaluate the performance of IAS officers at the higher level on the basis of their approach towards weaker sections of the society and the draft appraisal forms in this regard have been finalised and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether a letter has been written to Chief Secretaries of States and UT Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the timeframe fixed for implementing the procedure of appraisal?

STPIs

2437. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Software Technology Parks (STPs) established in the country;

(b) the number of persons trained in the STPs during the last three years;

(c) whether many institutions running STPs are engaging in misrepresentation of number of people trained by them;

(d) if so, whether the Government will bring transparency in training of people and funds utilised for the same and if so, the steps taken in this regard so far;

(e) the present status of the IT parks including the one in Bhopal; and

(f) the time by the new/planned IT parks are likely to be completed?

Decriminalisation of Adultery

2438. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to make section 497 of the Indian Penal Code gender-neutral, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also plans to decriminalise adultery and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations of the Malimath Committee for the reforms in the criminal justice system; and

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

Raxaul-Kathmandu Railway Line

2439. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by India and Nepal for expeditious completion of all rail link projects;

(b) whether the Government has signed any MoU for Raxaul-Kathmandu railway line;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the salient features of the MoU?

Rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers

†2440. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers on the railway land before demolition of slums in the country particularly in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Re-development of Dadar Station

2441. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to re-develop Dadar Station in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time given to the railway authorities to re-develop the said Station;

(c) the details of the funds provided by the Government along with the work executed for re-development of the said station so far;

(d) whether the Government has received requests/representations from the public representatives to expedite the re-development work of the said station during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests/representations so far; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to re-develop the said Station within the specified time?

Law to Check Data Theft

†2442. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any effective law to check the increasing cases of data theft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received the report from Justice Srikrishna Committee in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has studied the said report and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Projects Undertaken in Assam

2443. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of science and technology projects undertaken by his Ministry in Assam during the last three years along with the details of completed projects and the ongoing projects?

Frequency of Train No. 12877/12878

†2444. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ranchi to New Delhi via Daltenganj Train No.12453/12454 Rajdhani Express and train No.12877/12878 Garib Rath are proposed to be operated daily;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Voice Call Over Wi-Fi Services

2445. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded permission to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to use each other's data network when consumers make voice calls over wi-fi and allowing third party

companies to offer the service if they can procure a licence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued amendments to the unified access service licence allowing TSPs to offer full-fledged internet telephony or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service, even from apps developed by these operators; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Un-documented Immigrants

2446. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASARAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States administration has launched its zero tolerance policy towards undocumented immigrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Indians languishing under undocumented immigrants list; and

(c) the details of steps the Ministry is taking to ease the situation of the detainees and help them in their attempts to stay-on in the US?

Modernisation of Railways

†2447. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund required for the modernisation of railways, laying new rail

lines, doubling of rail lines, electrification and railway protection, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the time and manner by which the said fund is likely to be mobilised;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to implement the said programmes on Public Private Partnership mode; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Administrative Reforms

2448. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives undertaken by the Government for administrative reforms in the areas dealing with sensitive public policy making in the country since 2014;

(b) whether the Government is aware that it is not being followed despite issue of guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to administer/monitor that the guidelines issued to departments/Ministries are fully followed?

Financial Aid to other Countries

2449. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise details of the financial aid given by India to other

countries during the year 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the details of the aid and grants meant for developmental purposes in other countries;

(c) whether the Government see developmental aid as a medium to increase political influence in the region and plan to increase developmental aid to the ally countries in near future particularly the neighbouring countries;

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

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government during the last two years to increase its regional influence politically, diplomatically and militarily?

Limit of Free Luggage

2450. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the luggage free to carry by passengers while travelling in trains across the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) whether the Government is planning to impose restriction on the free luggage in trains;

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

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

(e) whether the Government is also planning to impose penalty for over luggage to carry in the trains according to the class across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Operational Atomic Power Plants

†2451. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing/operational atomic power plants in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the number of proposals received by the Government from State Governments regarding the setting up of atomic power plants along with the response of the Government thereto?

New Facilities for Education

2452. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new facilities for the defence staff children education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Passenger Amenities at Stations

2453. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed for providing various passenger amenities at railway stations and trains;

(b) the details of the system at present for monitoring passenger amenities at railway stations and trains;

(c) whether the Railways have received any complaints/requests regarding the provision of passenger amenities at railway stations and trains during the last three years including the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the decision/steps taken by the Railways thereon?

Make in India

2454. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas in Defence in which Make in India has been newly introduced;

(b) the total number of products developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and other Indian institutions during the last three years and the details of the products out of them being or proposed to be mass produced during the last three years;

(c) the details of number of contracts at present signed by the Government to import defence equipments and machinery;

(d) whether the existing defence production factories are either closed or on the verge of closure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Internet Facility in Trains

†2455. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide internet facility in the running trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the trains which have been selected for providing the said facility and the names of the Rajasthan bound trains included in it; and

(d) the details of the trains departing from Sawai Madhopur?

Digi-Gaon Project

2456. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to implement Digital Village (Digi-Gaon) pilot project in the country;

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

(c) the number of villages targeted to be included in the Digital Village project in 2018-19, State-wise including Odisha;

(d) the amount provided for implementation of digital villages in schemes related to health education and skill development for the year 2018-19; and

(e) the details of facilities to be made available in such digital villages?

**Import of Weapons/
Military Equipment**

2457. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the world's largest importer of weapons and military equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of weapons and military equipment imported during the last three years and the current year along with the value/cost, country-wise?

Passenger Insurance

†2458. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has introduced any insurance scheme for the rail passengers and if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has entered into any agreement with the insurance companies for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of compensation to be provided to the said passengers in case of

any accident or any other untoward incident; and

(d) whether all the classes and trains are covered/likely to be covered under the said insurance cover and if so, the details thereof?

Ranking of States on Development Indicators

2459. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has made delta ranking of States on development indicators; and

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

ICT Services for Differently-Abled Persons

2460. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TRAI has recommended that all mobile manufacturers producing five or more handset models be mandated to bring out at least one handset that meets accessibility criteria for the differently-abled by 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the TRAI has also mooted that TV set top box makers or importers have at least one model "in accessible format" by 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the TRAI has suggested that telecom and broadcast operators have special desks in their call centres to handle calls from the differently-abled using "assistive technologies" and their staff be sensitised to handle such queries or issues and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the TRAI also suggested that all Government websites be made "accessibility compliant" and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the TRAI has also suggested formation of a Steering Committee to create guidelines, implementation and monitoring mechanism to improve ICT accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Two Time Zone

2461. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to divide the country into two time zones across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this move is not going to do injustice to the people of the North East India, if so, the details thereof?

Cooperative Federalism

†2462. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

courts to display the best performing courts in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken so far in this regard?

Mobile Towers by BSNL and MTNL

†2465. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mobile towers installed by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the target set for year 2018-19 in this regard, State/UT-wise?

Budgetary Allocation

2466. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Defence budgetary allocation has been on the rise in the last few years;

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

(c) whether allotted funds could not be utilized due to slow decision making and red-tapism;

(a) whether the promotion of cooperative federalism is one of the major objectives of the NITI Aayog;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts made by the Niti Aayog for the promotion of cooperative federalism in the country since its inception;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has been successful in promoting cooperative federalism through sustained constructive cooperation and policy guidance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Funds

2463. SHRI BAITE THANGSO:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of funds for the development of communication network, road and transportation in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of projects in this regard taken up in the North Eastern States during the last two years, State-wise?

Justice Clock System

2464. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to install justice clocks in the

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has a pragmatic plan to expeditiously spend the allocated fund so that the defence forces do not suffer due to non expenditure on crucial areas like high value purchase etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bullet Train Project

†2467. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the civil engineers of Japanese team working on the bullet train project, have refused to use saline water in construction activities and instead opted for use of R.O. water; and

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

Indigenous Alternatives

†2468. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invite youth to give ideas for indigenous alternatives for foreign equipments or weapons available to armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any committee of experts/mechanism to exchange and implement those suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of Security Check Equipments at Stations

†2469. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to install security check equipments such as metal detectors, CCTV cameras and other luggage checking equipments at all the railway stations of tier-II and tier-III category across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these equipments are likely to be installed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of Privacy of Citizens

2470. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government protects the privacy of citizens on internet and if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has allowed private entities, Indian and foreign, to access personal data of individuals stored under Aadhaar and other Government sponsored schemes;

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

(d) whether the Government will make arrangements to protect/secure the vast data of the public under the purview of Government?

Viability of Nuclear Power Projects

2471. SHRI CHARANJEET SINGH RORI:

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the target fixed by the Government for power generation through new nuclear power projects in the next three years;

(b) whether the cost of implementation of nuclear projects is higher with lesser power capacity through nuclear power plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government is planning an alternative source of power generation to reduce the cost input for implementation of nuclear power plants and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is of the opinion that atomic power is more eco-friendly than other power sources and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is facing any difficulties in installation of new atomic power plants; and

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

BSNL Services in Sindhudurg Region

2472. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that BSNL service is deteriorating day by day and there are several issues relating to BSNL service in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra including malfunctioning/collapse of landline, mobile and internet services;

(b) if so, the details thereof including average number of landline connections which remained out of order daily in Sindhudurg and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints/representations from the MPs regarding poor BSNL service in the said area and if so, the details thereof and the issues raised therein;

(d) the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether due to widening of Mumbai-Goa highway optical fibre cables are being damaged and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether patrolling party presently deployed in a stretch of 100 Km is adequate to detect and repair the damaged cables quickly in the aforesaid area and if so, the details thereof and if not, the alternative arrangements made by the Government therefor?

Deportation of British Lawmaker

2473. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India deported Lord Alex Carlile, British lawmaker and lawyer of former Bangladesh Prime Minister;

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

(c) whether India has any pressure from Bangladesh in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India-US Relations

2474. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the United States of America's recently published Nuclear Posture Review, National Defence Strategy and National Security Strategy;

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken on the implications of these on India-US relations and India's national security; and

(c) the Government perception on the impact on India's national security?

Transportation of Coal and Fertilizers

†2475. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any review regarding transportation of coal and fertilizers to ascertain timely transportation of the said commodities to their destination stations;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Employment Generation in Railways

†2476. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether commercialization of real estate and fast tracking of some of the current investment schemes of the Railways are likely to generate employment at large scale in the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is making efforts in the different sectors of the Railways to generate 10 lakh job opportunities in a year and if so, the details thereof and the zone-wise number of employment provided during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to generate more than 2 lakh employment for the maintenance of the railway tracks and security measures;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the schemes formulated in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to generate more employment in the Railways?

Doubling of Tracks in Kerala

2477. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new lines have been added and doubling of tracks have taken place during the last four years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in respect of Kerala?

Establishment of Ordnance Factories

2478. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to establish any ordnance factories/artillery/DRDO centres under Make-in-India scheme in any part of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has considered establishment of such factories at Jharsuguda, Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

Survey of New Rail Routes

†2479. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the survey of new railway routes conducted by the railways in Maharashtra has been submitted to the Railway Board and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to sanction these new railway routes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Miraj-Jat-Bijapur and Pandharpur-Umd-Bijapur railway routes are likely to be included in these railway routes; and

(d) if so, the details of action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Welfare of IT Employees

2480. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce legislation for ensuring employment stability and welfare of employees in information technology sector and if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the welfare of the employees working in IT sector is not ensured and if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to exclude the IT sector from the special economic zone privileges so as to implement labour laws in the IT Sector and if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement labour welfare laws in the IT sector and if so, the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the State-wise details of employees working in the IT sector; and

(f) the details of labour welfare measures implemented in the IT sector in each State?

Derecognition of Dormant Political Parties

†2481. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being taken to derecognize those political parties which are dormant and suspected of being involved in money laundering; and

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

Relation with Pakistan

2482. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral relations with Pakistan have been very tense during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government would review relations with Pakistan; and

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

Indians Kidnapped in Iraq

2483. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA: SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sent a delegation to Iraq to trace three Indian people who have gone missing after being kidnapped by IS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought DNA samples from the relatives of missing persons for their identification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for NPP from Madhya Pradesh

2484. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh with regard to setting up of nuclear power station in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the said proposal would be approved; and

(c) the reasons for not according priority to it despite severe shortage of power in Madhya Pradesh?

ROB/RUB at Kurukshetra

†2485. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned the construction of under bridge/ over bridge at railway crossing near old bus stand in Kurukshetra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has given approval for completing the construction work after holding discussion with the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the time by which the project is likely to be started/streamlined along with the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of Judges to SC

2486. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state the number of senior lawyers and senior judges of High Courts who have been elevated or appointed in the Supreme Court during the last two years?

Limited Stock of Coal for Power Projects

2487. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data available with the Central Electricity Authority shows that a few power projects have very limited stock of coal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is considering importing coal and directed States to do so to meet the demands of power plants; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Ministry to match the demand and supply of coal?

National Bio-pharma Mission

†2488. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement with the World Bank for development of bio-pharma under National Bio Pharma Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for providing financial assistance to carry out research and development in this regard?

Allocation to the Services

2489. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether to ensure that the allocations to the Services, under the Capital Head, match their demands, the allocation needs to be suitably enhanced at the Revised Estimate stage;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Criterion for Stoppages

2490. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway allows stoppages on the basis of any criteria;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has violated this criteria for allowing stoppages to certain trains; and

(d) whether the Government will ensure that stoppages will be given only on the basis of common criteria and there will be no violations?

Cyber Bullying

2491. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by the Government to curtail the growing incidents of cyber bullying and blackmail and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive mechanism to curb and monitor cyber crimes in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures to stop the incidents of circulation of videos of sexually abused children and women through social media; and

(e) if so, the details and the status thereof?

Private Catering Companies

†2492. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of complaints received by the Railways during the last three years against private catering companies for taking more price than prescribed and violating the guidelines;

(b) whether any inquiry is being conducted against such catering firms;

(c) if so, the names of such companies against which said inquiry is being conducted;

(d) whether some catering agencies are not serving eatables in terms of approved contract; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with details of the action taken against such agencies?

Post Offices in Rented Buildings

†2493. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices being run in the rented buildings in the country; State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to acquire land for the construction of post office buildings in the country;

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

(d) the funds allocated, released and spent in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?

Thorium Reserves

†2494. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether shifting over to the use of thorium as a nuclear fuel is likely to help end the dependence on imports of atomic fuel;

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

(c) the quantum of thorium reserves estimated to be present in the country at present, State/UT-wise along with the extraction potential of the same, State/UT-wise?

Capital Oriented Economic Development

†2495. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of economic development of country has become capital oriented with the introduction of liberalized industrial policy;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that assets of billionaires of the country have witnessed twenty percent increase during 2016-17;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether difference between the rich and the poor has been increasing due to current economic reforms and if so, the

details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to bridge the gap?

Trade with Russia

2496. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans to collaborate with Russia following rise in ease-of-doing business ranking by the World bank;

(b) the details of any correspondence between Indian and Russian Ministries of External Affairs on this matter;

(c) whether any progress has been made to create platform for easier trade between the two economies and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Ministry of External Affairs plans to deal internationally, with Russian sanctions and Indian position?

Delicensing of Airwaves in E and V Bands

2497. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of reports of telecom companies seeking to cease the delicensing of airwaves in the E&V bands for operating public

Wi-Fi space, through the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the details of different spectrum bands that can be used for providing public Wi-Fi hotspots, along with the problems in using the currently unlicensed 2.4 GHz to 5.8 GHz spectrum for the same; and

(c) the details of the loss to Government exchequer in case of decreasing of E&V bands?

Artificial Intelligence

2498. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to inculcate Artificial Intelligence (AI) for military superiority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which AI is likely to affect the overall capabilities of the armed forces?

Dilapidated Roads

†2499. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether defence officers are creating impediments despite guidelines by Ministry of Defence and Hon. High Court's order to get the dilapidated roads and houses habited densely near defence premises in various cities/metropolitan cities of the country repaired;

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

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

CCTV Cameras and Security Measures in Trains

2500. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has installed CCTV cameras inside compartments of all trains;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the emergency complaints mechanism established for reporting crimes inside railway compartments especially when the train is passing through regions with no network connectivity;

(d) the mandate for railway police personnel on every train and whether it has been revised in the past few years; and

(e) if so, the measures the Government is taking to strengthen security measures on trains?

Indians Working Abroad

†2501. SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian citizens working abroad as mere labourers along with

the names of countries where they are working;

(b) whether all such labourers are working as per the Government norms or they are being put to work illegally as well and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a labour cell under the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New Railway Lines in Rajasthan

†2502. DR. RAGHU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new railway lines sanctioned in Rajasthan, year-wise from June 2014 till date along with the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon so far, year-wise;

(b) the measures taken to provide basic amenities like modernisation of various railway stations, introduction of new trains and increase in other passenger amenities from June 2014 till date including expenditure incurred in this regard, year-wise;

(c) whether the department proposes to sanction Ajmer-Sawai-Madhapur (Chauth ka Barwada) via Kekari rail line;

(d) if so, the details of the action plan and survey report prepared so far by the department;

(e) whether the department proposes to sanction railway line from Pushkar to Medta, if so, the details of the action plan and survey report prepared by the Government as on date; and

(f) the extant rules for the allotment of tea stalls, book stalls etc. by the Railways at various railway stations of the country and the details thereof?

India-ASEAN Relations

2503. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken measures to introduce rules for services trade to ensure special and differential treatment for ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to bring down barriers to trade and enhance the capacity to engage with the ASEAN countries;

(c) the details of the number of agreements regarding trade, commerce, military, etc. signed with ASEAN countries recently; and

(d) the extent to which trade has increased and the manner in which the ASEAN countries and India are likely to get benefited at the international platform?

Luxury Trains

2504. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of luxury trains operated by the Railways and the income earned by these luxury trains

during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether these trains have incurred losses and if so, the reasons for such losses;

(c) whether the Railways is issuing complementary or free passes to various categories of people;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to improve the revenue of these luxury trains?

Coal Production in Private Sector

2505. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of coal during each of the last two years in the mines of Odisha;

(b) whether there has been any increase in the coal production after allowing private companies in this sector;

(c) if so, the ratio of coal production of Coal India Limited along with the details thereof in comparison to coal production of the private sector;

(d) the manner in which the Government has utilised the coal produced by the private companies and the revenue received therefrom; and

(e) the State/Union Territory-wise royalty paid to the Government by the above private coal companies?

OFC between Chennai and Port Blair

2506. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is laying Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) from Chennai, Tamil Nadu to Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(b) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Licence to Private Companies

†2507. SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways conducts inquiry at regular intervals after according licence to private companies for the construction of 'Yatri-Niwas' and budget hotels on the completion of tender process;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-limit fixed to float tender for giving licences;

(c) whether the Railways has designed model-contracts regarding the conditions of revenue-sharing of room charges accountability for issuing licence and conditions for cancellation thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Emission of Nano Carbon Particles

2508. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of a study which revealed that the CNG buses emit nano carbon particles which can cause cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

NRI Marriages

2509. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed a mechanism for timely disposal and redressal of grievances/complaints of Indian women married to NRIs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been providing adequate financial and legal help to the distressed Indian women married to NRIs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Test on Call Drop

2510. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) except few met the drop call benchmark in some areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the TRAI has conducted any tests on call drop across the country; and

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

Growth of Railways

2511. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth of the Railways during the last three years, section and year-wise;

(b) whether the Railways is suffering due to an outdated administrative machinery, archaic processes and complex rules, which hurt its efficiency and growth and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any measures to update the administrative machinery and rules to ensure better efficiency and growth of the Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating for organisational and structural reforms to transform the Railways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Export of DMU Trains Sets to Sri Lanka

2512. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is all set to establish its footprint in Sri Lanka with the export of six Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) train sets consisting of seventy eight modern coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all train sets have been equipped with state-of-the-art technology and manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been extending various lines of credit for funding railway projects for export of Indian Railways manufactured locomotives and rolling stock to foster regional cooperation and if so, the facts in this regard;

(d) the names of the countries benefitted by such credit for funding railway projects; and

(e) the details of the target set for manufacturing of coaches during the last year and the extent to which it has been achieved?

Hurdles and Obstacles in Implementation of Projects

†2513. DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of actual cost of projects being implemented, revised projects cost

as on date, the year of sanction of these projects, the total amount released and utilized so far for each project along with the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and

(b) the details of hurdles and obstacles responsible for slow progress in implementation of each project along with the steps taken to address each of these problems?

E-Court Facility

2514. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed for installation of E-Court facility in all the courts of the country;

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

(c) whether this initiative will help in transparent and speedy trial of cases; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any proposal for modernization of courts has also been approved for all the District Courts of Delhi/NCR and if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of Cases Related to Crime Against Women and Children

2515. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of courts functioning for disposal of cases relating to crimes against children and women in the country, including number of cases pending/disposed of by these courts during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the proposals under consideration of the Government for setting up of more such courts along with the present status thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up dedicated courts to deal with cases of crimes against women;

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(e) whether the Government also intends to appoint women judges/prosecutors in such courts and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Bio-Toilets

†2516. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bio-toilets set up in passenger coaches during the last two years as compared to the annual target fixed in this regard, year-wise and zone-wise;

(b) the year-wise and zone-wise details of the funds allocated and utilized

for setting up of bio-toilets in passenger coaches during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to set up bio-toilets in all the remaining trains/coaches with a view to maintain cleanliness and sanitation in the trains and at the railway stations;

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

(e) the cost to be incurred on each bio-toilet and the total number of bio-toilets to be set up; and

(f) the details of steps taken by the Railways to install the bio-toilets in all trains/coaches within the stipulated time frame?

Development Work in Islands

2517. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the development works in various islands of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise including the islands near Gujarat;

(c) the objectives and the benefits of this scheme to the islands and the mainland States therefrom; and

(d) the steps being taken to speed up the development work?

India-Korea Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting

2518. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fourth India-Korea Science and Technology Ministers' Steering Committee meeting was held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed in the meeting;

(c) the number of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed in the field of Science and Technology along with the terms and conditions thereto;

(d) the advantage that India will get out of these MoUs; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand and boost scientific collaboration with other countries?

Unmanned Level Crossings

2519. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of unmanned crossings across the country, zone-wise including West Bengal;

(b) the details of the number of accidents happened at these unmanned crossings during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise and the persons died in these accidents;

(c) the policy laid down for payment of compensation and the total compensation paid to the next of kin of those died in these accidents during the last three years, zone-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether the Government is planning/proposing to construct over bridges/underpass at these crossings or the Government has received any proposal in this regard from some of the States; and

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

Punctuality of Trains

†2520. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to compensate passengers in case of late running of trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the name of States/Zones in the country particularly in northern India where automatic signal system is being installed with a view to ensuring smooth and timely running of trains;

(c) whether the Railways does not provide any information to passengers regarding delay of trains despite having their mobile numbers and this results into 6 to 10 hours of waiting time by the passengers at stations; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to inform each passenger about late running of trains?

Non-Fare Revenue

2521. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
KUMARI SUSMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has sought new ideas and concept from the public regarding generation of more non-fare revenue;

(b) if so, the details of ideas and concept that came to the notice of the Railways and whether the Railways have examined the ideas and concept before bringing it into implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent of non-fare revenue expected to be generated in the next few years?

Commission for Minorities

2522. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where Commission for Minority Affairs has been constituted in the country during the last three years and where members and chairpersons of Minority Commissions have been appointed;

(b) whether those States have also constituted commission for Minority Affairs where Hindus are in Minority;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to protect rights of Hindus where they are in minority; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Students Enrolled in various Scientific Institutes of CSIR

2523. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students enrolled for research in various scientific institutes of CSIR during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the number of enrolment of research scholars;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, institute-wise during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to increase the number of students enrolled various scientific institutes of CSIR?

CSIR 800 Scheme

2524. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of CSIR 800 scheme and the funds sanctioned by the Government for implementing the same during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details regarding technologies that have been developed under the aegis of CSIR 800 since its inception, year-wise and theme-wise;

(c) the number of villages in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu where CSIR 800 scheme is being implemented; and

(d) whether the scheme has been successful in terms of creating opportunities for women entrepreneurs in the rural areas including in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details of men/women entrepreneurs utilising the technologies, State/UT-wise?

Digital Infrastructure and Net Neutrality

2525. SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the importance of digital infrastructure and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand and strengthen the same in the country;

(b) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) supports the principles of free and open internet and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the measures taken by TRAI in this regard;

details of the consultations held with political parties on the issue and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to amend the Constitution, Representation of People Act, etc., to make it a reality;

(d) if so, the preliminary/ground work that the Ministry has done in this regard along with the details of survey, if any, conducted to determine expense and subsequent savings if simultaneous election are carried out;

(e) the details of parties that are supporting and those opposing and the efforts being made to get unanimity on the matter; and

(f) whether conducting elections for Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies in the country, separately is likely to create hurdles in smooth functioning of the administrative system and the law and order related problems persist throughout the year and if so, the details thereof?

Special Tariffs for IT Startups

2527. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to give any special tariff exemptions to IT startups in near future;

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

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

(c) whether the TRAI has recommended the framework of net neutrality and if so, the details thereof along with the policy framework/norms, if any, laid down by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether any monitoring system has been put in place by the Government to ensure compliance of the said policy framework/norms and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of gram panchayats connected with WiFi network, State/UT-wise along with the expenditure incurred by the Government thereon; and

(f) the time by which all the gram panchayats of the country will be connected with WiFi network?

Proposal for Simultaneous Election

2526. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
DR. A. SAMPATH:
SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission is in favour of holding simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislatures in the country and if so, the details thereof along with changes proposed by them on electoral reforms;

(b) whether the Law Commission has recently held discussions/consultations with major political parties on the possibility of holding Lok Sabha and Assembly polls together and if so, the

**Telecom Services in Rural and
LWE Areas**

2528. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in rural areas and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the country which are yet to connect with mobile telephone and internet services, as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the schemes / programmes implemented by the Government to ensure mobile and internet services in each village of the country;

(c) the funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/ programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of such unavailability of mobile telephone and internet services on its Digital India Programme, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

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

Upliftment of Minorities

2529. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

NEW DELHI;

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the welfare schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of minorities have achieved the desired results in the country;

(b) whether the Government has increased central assistance to the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and scheme/programme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Ambulance Service in
Trains**

†2530. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any service for the transportation of serious patients along with an attendant on the line of ambulance service is available in trains;

(b) if so, the charges for transportation of such patients and the expenditure incurred on this service in comparison to service by road and air;

(c) whether any train ambulance service is being operated or proposed to be operated from Jharkhand and Bihar to neighbouring States and Delhi; and

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

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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