

## LOK SABHA

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019/Ashadha 19, 1941 (Saka)

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

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

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### Promotion of Digital Payments

2722. SHRIMATI RAKSHA  
NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage digital payments by enhancing the features of the ATM cards and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to internationalize the RuPay Card and BHIM UPI to ease remittances into the country and to help Indian travellers making payments abroad; and

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

### RoB in Farrukhabad

†2723. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state the time by which the financial sanction for the construction of Rail Over Bridge in the parliamentary constituency of Farrukhabad as announced in the Budget 2016-17 is likely to be granted?

### SEZ in Tamil Nadu

2724. SHRI SU.  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposed SEZ is likely to be set up and made functional;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of SEZs being set up by the Union Government in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise?

### Ban on Mobile Apps

†2725. SHRI DHARAMBIR  
SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that several mobile applications like Tik Tok are reportedly deteriorating our culture and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether it has come to the cognizance of the Government that the said application is having adverse effects on children and that girls and women have been killed in many families and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to ban such vulgar and indecent applications; and

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

### Proposal for Sainik Schools

†2726. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal/proposals regarding setting up of sainik school in Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether there is a long pending demand to set up sainik school in Churu, Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the view of the Government in this regard?

### Committee on One Nation, One Election

2727. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.  
UDASI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for One Nation, One Election in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has held discussions at various levels and took the opinion of the States and Union Territories in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to set up any committee to study the pros and cons of the said proposal and if so, the details thereof?

### Cases Sent by CBI to Anti-Corruption Bureau

†2728. SHRI HANUMAN  
BENIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various complaints/cases received by the CBI are likely to be sent/forwarded to the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the concerned States; and

(b) if so, the number of complaints sent to the concerned States by the CBI from 1st January, 2013 to 1st May, 2019 along with the details therefor?

#### Guidelines for Awarding Ashok Chakra

†2729. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines for awarding Ashok Chakra to the citizens; and

(b) the names of the people who have been awarded Ashok Chakra during the last five years and the current year?

#### Inflow of Foreign Currency from Export of Organic Outputs

2730. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has details of export of organic outputs to inflow of foreign currency reserves; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### SC/ST and OBC Quota in Government Departments

2731. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of vacancies for the SC/ST and OBC quotas in all departments of the Government;

(b) whether the Government plans to fill up 100% of the backlog within the next five years;

(c) whether there is dilution of the reservation system of the OBC, SC and STs in favour of the economically underprivileged; and

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

#### Establishment of Industry

2732. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish any industry in Bharatpur District of Rajasthan to provide employment to women and youth; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with roadmap for the same?

#### Promotion of Agro Exports

†2733. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously proposing to promote export of agro-products;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Affordable Justice

2734. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievement made by the Government to make affordable and easy justice available to the common man in the country;

(b) whether Government has evolved any scheme in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### GSP Benefits

2735. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY: SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government is ending the GSP benefits granted to India in 1976 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any discussions have taken place in this regard during the recently held Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is true that India is contemplating on joining China-Russia call for new Trading System; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Post Office Banking

2736. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started post office banking across the country;

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

(c) the time by which the service of post office banking will be available in all post offices of the country; and

(d) total vacancies, present strength of post offices and expected employment generation possibilities during the next five years, State/UT-wise?

#### Alternative Use of Atomic Energy

†2737. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR: SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any

scheme for alternative use of atomic energy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has been utilizing atomic energy in development of agricultural, biology, industry and medicine and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to encourage fundamental research for utilization of atomic energy in the above mentioned field; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for furtherance of studies in nuclear sciences and developing manpower for development of atomic energy programmes?

#### Delay in Repair Work of Old Bridges

†2738. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inordinate delay in sanctioning the repair work including the bridge work has severely endangered human life and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether most of the railway zones were not fulfilling their targets of renovation work including bridges;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the names of those railway zones which are behind their targets;

(d) whether speed of the trains have been restricted due to delay in repair work and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Railways have to suffer heavy loss by restricting speed of the trains due to delay in repair work; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the details of loss occurred as a result thereof, zone-wise?

#### Demand and Supply of Coal

2739. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of coal in the country;

(b) whether there is huge gap between demand and supply of coal in the country and domestic supply of coal is facing shortfall;

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

(d) whether the Government has any plan to tackle the situation and discourage imports in this regard; and

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

#### Digital Reservation Centres

2740. DR. ALOK KUMAR  
SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the digitization of Railways is providing smooth computerized reservation facilities in the remote districts of the country, especially in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding total number of reservation centres and counters at the railway stations of Gopalganj and Thawe junctions?

#### Promotion of Handicrafts and Handlooms from North Eastern Region

2741. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) if so, the details of the programme initiated and the outcome thereof, during the current year?

#### Illegal Sand Mining

2742. SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases pertaining to illegal mining of major and minor minerals especially sand mining reported in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken measures to check illegal mining of sand and if so, the action taken against the offenders during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Union Government has held any discussions with the State Governments in regard to illegal sand mining and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to check and control illegal sand mining in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the names of nodal officers, location-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to check the damage to the environment from illegal mining of sand from the river beds?

#### Competition in Manufacturing Field

2743. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industries in the country are facing severe competition in manufacturing field from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to safeguard domestic industrial sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the uncontrolled inflow of Chinese goods has negatively affected 'Make in India' programme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

2744. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA  
BORLAKUNTA:  
SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any National Exhibition Centre for Development of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the country including in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States; and

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

#### **SCs/STs/OBCs under-represented in Government Jobs**

2745. SHRI DIBYENDU  
ADHIKARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SCs/STs/OBCs are under-represented in the upper rungs of the Central Government jobs/employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the representation of these groups in

Government departments from Under Secretary to Secretary level in comparison to the general/un-reserved category, post and category-wise; and

(c) the reasons for under-representation of these groups at the upper rungs and the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap thereof?

#### **Medical Facilities at Stations**

2746. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is planning to open Primary Health Care and Basic Diagnostic Centres at many of the railway stations across the country including Punjab and Chandigarh;

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

(c) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for this purpose and the time by which these centres are likely to be opened;

(d) whether first aid facilities including enhanced first aid boxes are available in long distance trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure timely medical assistance/first aid to the needy passengers during the journey period?

#### **Non-functional Mobile Towers**

2747. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-functional BSNL mobile towers on account of non-payment of dues to the land owners; and

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

#### **Greenfield Freight Corridor**

2748. SHRI BALASHOWRY  
VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is planning to invest Rs. 44,000 crore to build 100 kms greenfield freight corridor on the East Coast between Vijayawada and Kharagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which railways is going to pool the resources for the above corridor; and

(d) the details as to how the above corridor is likely to be different from the 3,300 Kms Eastern and Western freight corridors?

#### **Trade War between US and China**

2749. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impact of trade war between the United States and China would have a spillover effect on India; and

(b) if so, the degree of adverse impact on Indian economy in the light of such trade war?

#### **Vacancy after Introduction of Flexi Fare System**

2750. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS  
SURESH NARAYAN  
DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of seats in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains are going vacant after the implementation of Flexi Fare System;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering a revision in the Flexi Fare System and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Penalty for Undeclared Baggage**

2751. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have decided to strictly enforce their thirty year old baggage allowance norms by imposing hefty penalty for undeclared excess baggage carried in the compartment;

(b) if so, whether this move is prompted by numerous complaints to Railways regarding excess baggage within the compartments causing inconvenience to travellers;

(c) whether Railways have launched special drive on all trains across all zones to carry out random checks on passengers carrying excess undeclared baggage; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

#### **Halt of 12470 at Mallawan**

†2752. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR  
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to provide stoppage of Jammu Tavi Express from Jammu Tavi to Kanpur Central Train No. 12470 at Mallawan railway station and to increase the number of coaches in Sitapur-Balamaru Passenger Train No. 54335-54336 and to provide the facilities of drinking water, electricity, waiting rooms at Chanbepur, Shivrajpur, Bilhaur Arole railway stations along with their beautification; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Concerns on 5G Spectrum Auction**

2753. DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
SHRI KANUMURU  
RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to conduct spectrum auction, including for 5G services in the current financial year and if so, the details thereof including the details regarding quantum of spectrum available and the quantum of spectrum to be auctioned along with the reserve price decided by the Government for the same;

(b) whether the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have raised any concerns on the reportedly high reserve price of the 5G spectrum and requested the Government to reduce the same and postpone the said auction to the next year and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the trials for 5G services have started in few cities of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to use 5G technology for deprived sections, social causes, education and health and for bringing technology to rural people and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to conduct fair and transparent auction of spectrum; and

(f) whether the Government is considering the request of BSNL for concession in payment for 5G licence and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Improvement in Railway Infrastructure**

†2754. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring in improvement in infrastructure, introduction of new high speed trains and increasing the speed of current trains in the objective of reducing travelling time between Delhi to Howrah and Delhi to Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said corrective measures are likely to be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Setting up of Benches of High Court**

†2755. SHRI RAMCHARAN  
BOHRA:  
SHRI GOPAL JEE  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms or procedure fixed for setting up benches of any high court;

(b) the details of high court benches and their jurisdiction, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of requests received from the States for setting up a separate high courts and benches, State-wise including Darbhanga in Bihar;

(d) the details of hindrances in their establishment along with the reasons for delay therein and the action taken in this regard; and

(e) the time by which separate high courts/benches are likely to be set up in States?

#### **Investment by NRIs**

2756. SHRI PARBATBHAI  
SAVABHAI PATEL:

SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of investment made by the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat State during the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;

(b) the extent to which the said investment has proved beneficial for the social and economic sectors of the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to attract more such investment in future?

#### **Delay in Completion of Railway Projects**

2757. DR. M.K. VISHNU  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increasing cost of projects due to delay in timely completion of railway projects;

(b) if so, the number of projects that has slipped the schedule during the last two years and its cost escalation, project-wise; and

(c) whether any monitoring committee has been constituted to take corrective measures and to expedite the completion of projects by removing the hurdles, if so, the details thereof?

**Mobile Telecommunication Services in Dahod District**

†2758. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire Dahod district of Gujarat has not been covered under mobile telecommunication services so far due to shortage of adequate number of towers of BSNL in the district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for unadequate number of BSNL towers in the said district;

(d) the efforts made by the Government to set up required and adequate number of towers in the aforesaid district of Gujarat; and

(e) the extent of success achieved by the Government as a result of the efforts made so far?

**Safety and Security of Digital Transactions**

2759. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of RBI report predicting rise of digital transactions by four times by 2021 and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government is taking steps to strengthen safety and security of

digital transactions to prevent online frauds and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any existing separate laws for regulation and governance of mobile wallets and all other facilitator of digital financial transactions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to enact any law in this regard?

**Telephone Advisory Committee**

2760. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any criteria to nominate Members of Telephone Advisory Committee (TAC) of the concerned telecom circles, especially in Bundelkhand, Bihar, U.P. and North East region;

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

(c) the details of mechanism to set up and monitor the nomination of Members of TAC along with the time limit, if any, for the entire process; and

(d) the details of locations where these nominations have been started?

**Optical Fibre in Saran District**

2761. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of optical fibre laid under Bharat Net Project in the Saran district of Bihar along with the target set and achieved in this regard in the said district; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to completely cover the district under the said project and the time by which it is likely to be done along with the fund allocation made by the Government in this regard?

**Projects for North Eastern Region**

2762. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects and the fund allocation for each project for the development of infrastructure in North East States including Assam; and

(b) the projects pending for approval in respect of infrastructure development of the State?

**Attacks on Fishermen**

2763. SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Indian Fishermen has been attacked by naval forces of neighbouring countries during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to protect Indian Fishermen?

**Irregularities in Station Development Work**

†2764. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of irregularities in the development works of railway stations from different States/Union Territories since the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the budgetary allocation made for these works by the Government; and

(c) the strategy/rules formulated by the Government for dealing with any kind of irregularities in development works?

**Setting of Space Station**

2765. SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to have its own space station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to work out the modalities for it and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has set any time frame for the setting up of space station;

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be materialized;

(f) whether the proposed space station is a habitable artificial satellite in low earth orbit; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Broadband Services in Banka and Jamui Districts**

†2766. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the broadband services in Banka and Jamui Districts of Bihar so that network facility may be increased in rural areas of these districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the works carried out regarding laying down optical fibre in the said districts so far?

#### **Supply of Drinking Water through Trains**

2767. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the Government of Tamil Nadu to bring drinking water in trains from other districts in the State to the capital of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government; and

(d) the terms and conditions laid down for this arrangement?

#### **Private Catering Services**

2768. SHRI SELVAM. G.:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether IRCTC has given catering services to private contractors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the eligibility criteria for getting contracts from IRCTC along with the number of private catering units presently operating;

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

(d) whether any inquiry is being conducted against such catering firms and if so, the details thereof along with the names of such companies against which inquiry is being conducted;

(e) whether some catering agencies are not serving eatables on terms of approved contract and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the action taken against such agencies; and

(f) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide quality food through IRCTC in all its trains and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Coal Reserves**

2769. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI GAUTAM  
GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantum of coal reserves in the country has been assessed and found to be the same as that of the coal reserves in China and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the views of the World Coal Association in this regard;

(c) whether the coal production in India is lesser in comparison to the coal production in China;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for the shortfall in coal production in India thereby failing to meet the demand of coal in the country?

#### **ROB in Punnampadi & Manapparai**

2770. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to build ROB (Railway Over Bridge) in Punnampadi and Manapparai in Perambalur district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of ROB's to be constructed by the Union Government in Tamil Nadu during this financial year; and

(d) the total funds earmarked and released to build ROB in Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

#### **Advanced Signalling System**

2771. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways' signalling system can be compared with other signalling systems in advanced countries;

(b) if so, the extent to which 'Indian Railways' signalling system can be made better than the European Train Controlling System;

(c) whether it is true that a pilot project has been started to test the above system;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of how ETCL Level-2 is different from Level-1; and

(f) the expenditure involved to implement ETCL Level-2 in the entire rail network of the country and the manner in which Railways is going to pool the resources for the same?

#### **Right-Sizing of Army**

2772. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR

TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a blue-print for right-sizing the Army;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to transform the armed forces into lean, mean, rapidly deployable and integrated forces?

**Employees in BRO**

†2773. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of regular personnel employed in Border Road Organisation who are on Government pay roll along with the facilities being provided to these employees;

(b) the total number of casual labourers employed in BRO, State-wise along with the facilities being provided to these casual labourers;

(c) whether the facilities to casual labourers being provided earlier have now been discontinued and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the benefits provided to women working in BRO; and

(e) the details of the facilities sought to be provided to the casual labourers, in future by the BRO Labour Associations and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Constitution of Anomalies**

2774. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR: SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/to be taken to remove constitutional anomalies prevailing especially in J&K since the independence;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to address the problem of one nation two Constitution concept in the country in near future;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ROB in Haryana**

†2775. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for extension of railway line from Farukh Nagar to Jhajjar and from Jhajjar to Jhadli in Haryana;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan of constructing railway flyover at the double railway crossing in Jhadli;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Ministry in this regard?

**Prisoners of War**

†2776. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether prisoners of war were taken during Indo-Pak war of 1965 and 1971;

(b) if so, the total number of such Indian prisoners who are still imprisoned in the jails of Pakistan; and

**Government Pensioners**

2779. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Government pensioners across the country, State-wise including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government is planning to appoint experts to guide the pensioners on and where to invest their money at the time of retirement;

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

(d) the time by which they are likely to be appointed?

**Monitoring Mechanism for Mines**

2780. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish a foolproof monitoring mechanism for inspection of mines in concerned mining areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise specially in Bundelkhand region and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the plan laid out to set up such mechanism in the near future?

**Unpaid Workers in Gulf**

2781. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

(c) the details of discussions held/decisions taken by both the countries to ensure release of prisoners and accord humane treatment to prisoners in jail?

**Use of EVM in Election**

2777. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received for holding elections through manual ballot paper instead of EVMs during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the action taken/being taken in the matter; and

(c) the names of the countries where EVMs are used and the countries where elections are held through manual ballot paper?

**IT Centre of Excellence**

2778. SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN:

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 establish an Information Technology Centre of excellence in Jamui or nearby areas in Bihar in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of mechanism being set up by the Government in this regard?



Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of migrant workers in Qatar and Gulf Nations have gone unpaid in past days and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to resolve this issue;

(b) the measures undertaken by the Government to ensure the protection of interests of Indian migrant workers in Gulf nations;

(c) whether the Government has identified the reasons behind such problems which persist despite reforms like the introduction of a Wage Protection System and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any special provision has been made to promote the welfare of women workers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Solar Powered Mobile Towers**

†2782. DR. BHARATIBEN  
DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether private telecom company operators have equipped most of their mobile towers with solar cells whereas no such initiative has been taken by BSNL;

(b) whether the Government proposes to equip each mobile tower of BSNL with solar cells and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which BSNL mobile towers in Gujarat are likely to be equipped with solar cells in Gujarat along with the details thereof?

#### **Rail Connectivity to Sonapat**

†2783. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no rail connectivity to the Parliamentary constituency Sonapat in Haryana as on date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in order to provide rail connectivity there;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for the completion of the same; and

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

#### **Per Capita Income**

2784. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.  
UDASI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the urban and rural per capita income differentials in the country during the current year; and

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

#### **Import Duty on Apple**

†2785. SHRI SURESH KUMAR  
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the import duty on apple keeping in view the problems being faced by the apple growers in Shimla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to mix 5% apple juice in all the beverages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal Mining**

2786. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of illegal mining registered during the last ten years;

(b) whether there has been an increase in illegal mining activities during the last ten years;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to curb illegal mining in the country;

(d) the details and the number of cases of non-compliance of forest and environment laws by mine owners/occupiers during the last ten years;

(e) whether there has been an increase in the number of mines that have not complied with or run afoul of environment and forest laws in the country during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures planned and in place to increase coordination between the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

#### **Mines in J&K**

2787. SHRI HASNAIN  
MASOODI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major mineral mines and minor mineral mines operational in Jammu & Kashmir; and

(b) the details of NOC's granted by various Ministries/Departments for mining leases in Jammu & Kashmir?

#### **Corruption by Diplomats and Staff**

†2788. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diplomats, lower ranking employees and officers or the staff employed on contract basis at the local level who came under monitoring under various charges including corruption;

(b) the details thereof, post and mission-wise;

(c) the number of diplomats who have been recalled/suspended/chargesheeted/sent on leave after the various charges against them were proved; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure compliance of code of conduct by the diplomats in various missions abroad?

#### Implementation of Standing Committee Report

2789. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement the 190th report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on Development of Tourism in Darjeeling and Sikkim in 2013 wherein it was recommended that the three districts of West Bengal i.e. Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar be included in the category of North East Region of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government plans to include these regions under the DoNER Ministry;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to rethink over this recommendation and implement it at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Tea Gardens

2790. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea gardens in the country along with the names of the companies operating them and total number of permanent/temporary labourers employed therein, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a number of tea gardens have fallen sick and have been closed in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the number of workers/labourers affected thereby, State/UT-wise along with the measures taken by the Government for revival/reopening of such tea gardens and rehabilitation of the affected workers;

(c) the details of schemes implemented by the Government for welfare and protection of small tea growers and their families and for redressal of their grievance and the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and scheme-wise;

(d) the structure and functions of Tea Board of India indicating its role in welfare of tea garden labourers along with the funds allocated to it during the said period; and

(e) the mechanism put in place by the Government for effective implementation of the schemes being implemented by the Government for the welfare of tea growers?

#### Black Box in Trains

†2791. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway proposes to place black box in 500 trains on the lines of the aircrafts within next ten months which would play an important role in emergency situation of accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Purchase of S-400

†2792. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether procurement of S-400 missiles from Russia by India has been opposed and has already been threatened with a ban;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of the country keeping in view the attitude of American Government?

#### STP in Kolar District

2793. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Software Technology Park of India in the country including in Kolar in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof including the details of areas identified for this purpose;

(b) the criteria for selecting the areas for setting up such parks; and

(c) the funds allocated and utilised by the Government in this regard?

#### MMTC

†2794. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC/MTC) has imported or is importing explosives, weapons, defence equipment and atomic waste through the Mundra Port;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any action in view of the hazardous impact of the said imports; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Incentives for Electronics Industry

†2795. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentives provided to the electronics industry and the incentives proposed in the National Electronics Policy;

(b) whether the Government proposes to announce any special package to promote the electronics export and remove the hurdles therein; and

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

### Space Station and Manned Space Mission

2796. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India proposes to establish its own space station and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of India's first manned space mission, Gaganyaan;

(b) whether the modalities regarding space stations have been worked out by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India also proposes to send first human mission to space by 2022 and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction; and

(d) whether ISRO has signed an MoU with Indian Air Force to select and train astronauts and if so, the details thereof?

### Survey of Railway Projects

†2797. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL  
CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rail projects which have not been started even after the completion of survey during the last three years;

(b) the zone-wise number of rail projects which have been sanctioned during the last three years and the funds allocated; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to complete these projects in the prescribed time-frame?

### Production of Natural Rubber

2798. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of natural rubber in the country during the last three years and the current year, year and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the increase in rubber imports has caused a decrease in the rates of natural rubber produced domestically causing economic hardship for small and medium rubber growers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government will address the problem by reducing the quantum of rubber imports or through moratorium on imports to address the crisis in domestic market and if so, the details thereof?

### Development of Aspirational Districts

†2799. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any next 100 days agenda for development of 112 Aspirational districts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Sikar, Nagaur, Churu, Jhunjhunu, Jaipur districts of Rajasthan and the Latur district of Maharashtra are also included/proposed to be included among the said districts and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has done a regular review of the works carried out so far out in these 112 Aspirational districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the level at which the review is being done; and

(e) the details of the development works done under various schemes in these 112 Aspirational districts during the last two years including Sikar, Nagaur, Churu, Jhunjhunu and Jaipur districts?

### SEZs in Karnataka

2800. SHRI ANNASAHB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and total number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which have been set up in the Karnataka State;

(b) whether the Government has plans to declare areas surrounding Chikkodi in Karnataka as a Special Economic Zone; and

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

### Killings of Tamils in Sri Lanka

†2801. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for early resolution of ethnic issues and restoring peace in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the incidents of killings of Tamils have repeatedly taken place in Sri Lanka recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether this matter has been raised before the authorities of Sri Lanka; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

### Frequent Shutdown of Reactors

2802. SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether power production has been stopped frequently in 1000 MW unit I of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) during the last three years;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to properly address the unusual problem of frequent multiple breakdowns and resultant shutdowns of reactors of KNPP; and

(d) the initiative taken to allay the concerns and fears of the local populace and general public in this regard?

**Electrified Railway Network in North East Region**

2803. SHRIMATI PRATIMA BHOMIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set any target and length in kms. of the new broad gauge rail network as well as electrification of existing network in the North East States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram;

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

(c) whether the Government has plans to run electric trains in the existing electrified tracks connecting these 7 States;

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

(e) the details of difficulties being faced by the Government in achieving the target set; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to overcome these difficulties?

**Nuclear Insurance Pool**

2804. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up nuclear insurance pool to speed up the pending projects of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it would help to start new projects; and

(c) the targets set for 2020 and the achievement made therein as on date?

**Tobacco Farmers**

2805. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delegation of Tobacco Farmers from Andhra Pradesh has met the Minister of Commerce and Industry requesting to protect the tobacco farmers in the State of Andhra Pradesh by reducing the penalty levied on them and sanction compensation to the tobacco farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision on the request of the tobacco farmers association and if so, the details thereof?

**Ongoing Railway Projects**

2806. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether south Central Railway (SCR) held any meeting to review new/ongoing railway projects and also to finalise new routes to be laid through Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof including demands received/action taken thereon, project-wise; and

(c) if not, by when such meeting is likely to be held?

**Shortage of Coal to NTPC**

†2807. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of coal in the NTPC plants and the quantum of coal supplied during the last three years, plant-wise;

(b) whether the electricity generation is reduced owing to shortage of coal supply to NTPC plants especially the plant situated in Nashik district; and

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

**Laying New Track between Thiruthuraipoondi-Velankanni**

2808. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work for laying of new rail track between Thiruthuraipoondi to Velankanni is on progress during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether action will be initiated to speed up the work and if so, the details thereof along with the time by when the work is likely to be completed and train service will begin on this route; and

(d) the total amount earmarked/allocated and spent for this purpose till date?

**Passport Offices in the Country**

†2809. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport offices functioning as on date, State-wise, especially in Maharashtra;

(b) the average number of applications scrutinised per month in these offices;

(c) whether the issuance of passports is delayed; and

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

**Defence Deals with Foreign Countries**

2810. SHRI H. VASANTHAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to enter into defence deals with foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of countries and total quantum of money involved in the deals;

(c) whether any Indian company is involved in the deals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Spectrum Auction**

2811. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to auction largest block of spectrum to ensure affordable 5G services in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether TRAI has failed to achieve the target users in the auction of 3G and 4G spectrum and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has not realised the reserve prices of spectrum auctioned in the past and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the past spectrum auction/sale in the country was reportedly poor and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **GDP Calculation Methodology**

2812. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

SHRI VENKATESH NETHA  
BORLAKUNTA:

SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA  
SHETTY:

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has over stated the GDP figures for the period from 2011-12 to 2016-17 as per the views expressed by some experts;

(b) if so, whether GDP rate has been over-estimated by about 2.5 percentage points per year post 2011;

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

(d) the real GDP figures for the period ranging from 2011-12 to 2016-17 and the figures as stated by the experts and the details of the rise and fall experienced by various sectors in the country during the said period; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to revisit the methodology for GDP estimation by an independent task force comprising national and international experts and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Compulsory Retirement of Government Officials**

2813. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ordered compulsory retirement to some of the Government officials across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ Union Territory-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the number of officials against whom charges have been proven and the number of officials against whom the case is under trial;

(d) whether the Government has ordered compulsory retirement to those officials also against whom charges have not been proven so far and their case are still under trial; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the ground on which they have been ordered for compulsory retirement?

#### **GDP Growth**

2814. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that World Bank has retained its forecast of India's growth rate at 7.5% for the FY 2019-20;

(b) if so, whether it is true that data from Central Statistics Office (CSO) showed that India's economic growth slowed to a five-year low of 5.8 % in fourth quarter of 2018-19, pushing the country behind China;

(c) the reaction of the Government to the above statistics and the average GDP growth of the Indian economy until 31 March 2019 as per the figures of the Ministry;

(d) whether growth in the tertiary sector has been slower than the initially estimated growth figures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **LTC to Foreign Countries**

2815. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH

RAWAT:

SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme for Central Government servants to avail Leave Travel Concession (LTC) to foreign countries, especially the SAARC countries keeping

in view the drop in air fares to these destinations which would be a great boost to the tourism of the country besides attracting reciprocal tourists from these countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **OROP Benefits**

2816. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that there are lot of complaints regarding implementation of one rank one pension scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is aware that several beneficiaries of one rank one pension are yet to receive their dues;

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

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

#### **Revival Plans for BSNL**

2817. DR. PRITAM

GOPINATHRAO

MUNDE:

SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH

SHINDE:

SHRI GIRISH

BHALCHANDRA

BAPAT:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the landline, mobile and internet services provided by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are deteriorating day by day resulting in shifting of consumers to other service providers, if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether both the companies are running in heavy loss despite having huge infrastructure and if so, the steps taken to provide revival package to BSNL;

(c) whether BSNL is unable to make/has not made payments for their electricity bills for energy utilised for their towers resulting in disruption and collapse of telecom services in various part of the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the number of non-functional telephone exchanges and mobile towers, if any, due to non-payment of the said electricity bills, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has received any representations/letters from the Members of Parliament with regard to the revival of BSNL during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

#### Mobile Network in Naxal affected Areas

†2818. SHRI. RAMESH  
CHANDRA  
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the naxal-affected areas in Nawarangpur, Malkangiri, Koraput districts of Odisha where expansion of mobile network has taken place; and

(b) the new efforts being made by the Ministry for expansion of mobile network in naxal-affected areas in the aforementioned districts?

#### Chief Minister's Meeting on Water Conservation

2819. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recently called meeting of the Chief Ministers of various States by NITI Aayog, water conservation was one of the top agenda;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken in the meeting to financially support the State Governments for water conservation and if so, the details thereof?

#### Go Green Initiatives

2820. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have undertaken major projects under its Go Green initiatives and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of major projects under the said initiatives;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of Go Green during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Railways is considering to float green bonds to fund its clean energy projects and if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(d) the details of training programmes conducted by the Railways on Go Green initiatives for its employees and relevant stakeholders on environmental awareness along with the number of participants of such training programmes and the amount sanctioned/spent for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise; and

(e) the other methods/techniques undertaken by the Railways to reduce carbon emission and generate clean energy?

#### Elevated Railway Tracks

†2821. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to build an elevated railway track in the Thanesar city of Kurukshetra and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also considering any scheme to lay a new rail track from Kurukshetra to Pehowa, Pehowa to Guhala Cheeka, Guhala Cheeka to Patiala (Punjab) with a view to promoting tourism and trade;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Organic Tea Farming

2822. SHRI PRADYUT  
BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board of India proposes to accord priority for the promotion and development of organic tea farming in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the climate of North Eastern States, particularly in the State of Assam is best for organic tea farming and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Tea Board has taken any action for promotion of organic tea farming in Assam by facilitating certification, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of licenses issued to the tea farmers/tea gardens of Assam and the funds allocated for promotion of organic tea farming in North Eastern Region during the last three years, State-wise?

#### Illegal Mining

†2823. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining has caused huge losses to the national treasury;

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

(c) whether the State Governments have been given the right to enact laws to prevent illegal mining; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the State Governments which have enacted laws in this regard so far?

**Violation of FDI Norms**

2824. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:  
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH  
SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows has considerably declined during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the impact of such decline on the country's balance of payments and value of rupee;

(c) whether the cases of violating FDI norms by many companies have been reported and forwarded to the Directorate of Enforcement (DoE) for investigation during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the DoE in such cases, company-wise; and

(e) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to keep a check on decline of FDI inflows and violation of FDI norms by the companies?

**New Railway Lines**

2825. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the new railway lines laid in the country during the last 3 years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the modernisation and extension of railway lines in the country has been slow as compared to other countries such as China;

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

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

**e-Cigarettes**

†2826. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rising trend of e-cigarette among the juveniles and youth in the country is proving extremely harmful for their health and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details and the quantum of e-cigarette or electronic nicotine delivery system imported in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the use of vaporizers or e-cigarette has been banned in various countries of the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to ban the import and use of e-cigarette or electronic nicotine delivery system and if so, the details thereof?

**Talks at SCO**

2827. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had talks with Russian and Chinese President during Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) high level meeting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the discussions reviewed all aspects of bilateral relations to further strengthen the strategic relations with these countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether America expressed any concerns on our relations with neighbouring countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**H1-B Visa**

2828. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:  
SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any official communication from US regarding the cap on H1-B work visa to Indian citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of Indian Citizens working in US; and

(d) the number of people who are likely to be affected by this move?

**Frequency of Trains in Kashmir**

2829. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Indian Railways has made a huge difference in making distances irrelevant mainly in Kashmir valley and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that lack of bogies create a lot of chaos to commuters who travel from South Kashmir to Central Kashmir on way to North Kashmir; and

(c) if so, whether the Government would increase the frequency of trains, increase the number of bogies and also spread the train stations in other areas of the valley and if so, the details of steps taken in this regard?

**Road Connectivity in Ladakh Region**

2830. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING  
NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Nimmu-Padam-Darcha Road project along with its estimated costs, actual starting year and actual completion target;

(b) whether the project is likely to be completed in 2019 as scheduled;

(c) if so, the details thereof including its funding and strategy and the reasons, if any, for delay and cost overrun;

(d) whether the Government is planning to handover the said road project to the Ministry of Road Transport and

Highways for declaring it as National Highway; and

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

#### T-18 Train

†2831. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:  
SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes any scheme to export the modern and high speed train 18 to foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has decided to export train 18 to other countries after meeting the domestic requirement, if so, the present status of the manufacturing schedule of train 18;

(c) whether the Government also has any proposal to replace all the Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains by T-18 type modern trains in the near future especially in Bihar region, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the time-frame for the completion of the project?

#### Mobile Towers in Villages

†2832. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of villages of the country where telecom towers have been installed during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and telecom company-wise;

(b) the number of such towers targeted to be installed in the rural areas during the next financial year, State/UT-wise and telecom company-wise; and

(c) the places where these towers are proposed to be established?

#### Ban on Photography in Military Stations

2833. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned taking pictures of the top-secret military stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is likely to consider and issue guidelines prohibiting the use of mobile devices inside military installations as the latest mobile technology has capabilities to collect and transmit sensitive data;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Misuse of Export Promotion Schemes

†2834. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified such companies which are misusing the export promotion schemes with an intention to cheat the Government during the last three years;

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

(c) the action taken against the said companies along with the rules under which action has been taken;

(d) the outcome of the action taken; and

(e) the reaction of the Government on the said outcome?

#### Reservation in Judicial Recruitment

†2835. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of reservation for various categories such as SCs/STs and OBCs in judicial recruitment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the category-wise number of such posts lying vacant in the courts;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for filling these vacancies in a time bound manner;

(e) whether the suggestions from various parties have been received for providing reservation in higher judicial recruitment and accordingly carry out amendment in the constitution of India is being carried out;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the follow up action taken in this regard?

#### Freight Traffic

†2836. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freight traffic in Railways is decreasing every year resulting in revenue loss;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether one of the major reasons attributed is cargo theft and lack of proper maintenance;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) whether any effective measures are being taken by the Government to promote Railway Freight traffic and plug the loopholes and if so, the details thereof?

#### Radhopur-Forbisganj Railway Line

†2837. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Radhopur-Forbisganj (Bihar) railway line was damaged in the 2008 due to catastrophic destruction brought by Kosi tragedy and as a result the traffic has been completely stopped on this line;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to restart the railway line to develop the basic traffic infrastructure in this important region; and



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

#### Assistance to Workers

2838. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had received a complaint that embassies do not provide adequate assistance or legal services when domestic workers in foreign countries, particularly in Arab countries, have to flee due to the harassment by their employers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to change labour laws to provide legal protection to domestic workers in cases of harassment of these women who are going as domestic workers to Gulf countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details and number of women who approached the Embassy/Consulate seeking assistance for repatriation in Gulf countries, country-wise?

#### Recruitment Process

†2839. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army proposes to bring about major changes in recruitment process and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also considering to launch a special campaign for recruitment of women;

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

(d) whether the Government is considering to set up free army camps for training youth for recruitment, as an experiment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Infrastructure Development in Bhutan and Bangladesh

2840. SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is funding/supporting any infrastructure development projects in Bhutan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian strategic investments in the region are comparable to the investments made by China and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken/planned by the Government to sustain and enhance bilateral infrastructure development co-operation with the above mentioned countries?

#### Countering Insurgency

2841. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advances made by India to have more comprehensive strategy on counter insurgency;

(b) whether India is aware that the gap of understanding between India and Pakistan is widening;

(c) if so, whether there is a necessity to add stimulus to country's diplomacy as most of the countries have limited their actions and are not ready to target Pakistan diplomatically; and

(d) if so, the details of measures being devised to reach out to Pakistan other than military operations and convince internationally to support India against terrorism?

#### Overhauling the Bureaucracy

†2842. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to overhaul the bureaucracy which is pending for a while;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the lateral entry has taken place in the past also;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for making lateral entry at this level;

(e) whether lateral entry at senior bureaucratic level is likely to bring down the morale of civil servants;

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

(g) whether the Government proposes to make recruitment in the Governmental

educational institutions through lateral mode; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

#### Safety in Train Operations

2843. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM  
S:  
SHRI GIRISH  
BHALLCHANDRA  
BAPAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Advanced Signalling System with Panel Interlocking/Route Relay Interlocking/Electronic Interlocking (PI/RR/EI) along with Multi Aspect Colour Light Signals is essential to enhance safety in train operations;

(b) if so, the number of railway stations that have been provided with Panel Interlocking/Route Relay Interlocking/Electronic Interlocking along with Multi Aspect Colour Light Signals so far; and

(c) the time by when the Advanced Signalling System is likely to be provided in railway stations like Mahoba of NCR Zone?

#### Mumbai Suburban Railway System

2844. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 3,000 people lose their lives every year on the railway tracks in Mumbai suburban railway system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Railways for the safety of commuters; and

(d) the details of the progress made on infrastructure front in Mumbai suburban railway system to save the commuter lives?

#### Promotion of FDI

2845. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT  
PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country;

(b) the salient features of the FDI policy in defence, banking and food products;

(c) the salient features of the Consolidated FDI policy and the rationale behind it;

(d) whether the Government has any data on the FDI received by small and medium size enterprises and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total FDIs received by the State of Gujarat in the current and previous year?

#### New Trains

2846. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains that are proposed to be introduced by the Government and also those which have been introduced in the State of Kerala during the last five years; and

(b) the number of persons likely to be benefited therefrom?

#### Ongoing Railway Projects in West Bengal

2847. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:  
DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR  
UALKA:  
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH  
BHABHOR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several railway projects in the country especially in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Gujarat have been progressing at very slow pace;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status, project-wise;

(c) the details of time, source of funding and cost overrun of rail projects, project-wise;

(d) the details of any pending proposals of new railway projects, State-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for the speedy execution of these railway projects?

#### Facilities for Disabled

†2848. SHRI BHANU PRATAP  
SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations across the country where adequate facilities for persons with disability (Divyangjans) are not available;

(b) the number of railway stations across the country where wi-fi facility has not been provided so far;

(c) the number of railway stations falling under my Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh where adequate facilities for Divyangjans are not available;

(d) whether there is any Action Plan to provide the said facilities in future; and  
(e) if so, the time-frame decided in this regard?

#### Upgradation of Dimapur Railway Station

2849. SHRI TOKHEHO  
YEPHOMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to upgrade Dimapur (Nagaland) Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Aurangabad-Bihta Rail Line

†2850. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Aurangabad-Bihta rail line;

(b) whether only Rs. 25 crore have been allocated for the said project in the interim budget whereas its estimated cost is Rs. 3500 crore and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and

(d) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Common Service Centres in Villages

2851. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is planning to expand Common Service Centres in villages to Gram Panchayats under Digital India Programme;

(b) the total number of Gram Panchayats of Rajasthan linked under this scheme, District-wise;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to link all Gram Panchayats of the country, including Rajasthan to this service and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of services available in these centres and the details thereof?

#### Sustainable Development Goals

2852. DR. AMAR SINGH:

DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the National Indicator Framework (NIF) for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is lagging behind to meet targets under the Sustainable Development Goals;

(d) if so, the details of India's progress in meeting the various targets set under the SDGs; and

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

**Monitoring of Social Media  
Users**

2853. SHRI P. PAVEENDRANATH  
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instituted any mechanism to monitor social media users who are indulging in spreading rumours with the intention of creating unrest among communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of reported cases registered by the Government during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent such kind of activities in future?

**Telecom Linkages in Diara Region of  
Bihar**

†2854. SHRI RAM KRIPAL  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to link the villages of Bihar including Diara region with internet and mobile network; and

(b) the number of villages of Diara region of Bihar linked with internet and mobile network during each of the last three years and the amount of fund spent by the Government during the said period in this regard?

**Conversion of Thorium into Uranium**

†2855. SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any success has been achieved in converting Thorium into Uranium and to use it as fuel in Atomic Energy production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the installed capacity to convert Thorium in the Country?

**Invest India**

2856. SHRI MANISH TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mandate of Invest India - the purported National Investment Promotion and Facilitation agency;

(b) the annual budget of Invest India and the amount paid for by the Government of India;

(c) the amount of foreign/domestic investment brought into the country by Invest India between 1-4-2014 and 31-3-2019 during each year/project and State-wise;

(d) the details of investment proposals explored/facilitated by Invest India between 1-4-2014 and 31-3-2019 have fructified into concrete and tangible projects that are operational on the ground, company/promoter, project and State-wise; and

(e) the total employment generated from the projects midwived by Invest India that are operational on the ground, white collar and blue collar-wise separately between 1-4-2014 and 31-3-2019?

**Railway Connectivity to Char Dham**

†2857. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the budget sanctioned for the rail line being laid to connect the Char Dham from Rishikesh, Uttarakhand as on date;

(b) whether the work of railway line has since been started and the details of the length of rail line laid so far; and

(c) whether the said project is likely to be completed on time and if so, the details thereof?

**Agreements between India and  
Mozambique**

2858. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 2016 when the rates of pulses rose sky high, India signed an agreement with Mozambique to double its import for the coming five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it was necessary for the Government to sign an agreement for such a long period of five years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether signing of such an agreement with a foreign nation has totally displeased the farmers and the miller community and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is now trying to strike a balance between the consumers and the farmers by imposing a quantitative restriction on the import of pulses and if so, the details thereof?

**Export of Grapes and its Products**

2859. SHRI HEMANT  
TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum and value of grapes and its produce exported from the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether grape owners and exporters of the country including Maharashtra region have incurred heavy losses on export of grapes;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes any relief measures for the grape owners and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate schemes in consultation with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority of India to export grapes to newer areas/countries;

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

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

#### Development of Railway Land

†2860. SHRI KANAKMAL  
KATARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have not achieved its various targets set during the last three years for the development of railway land and modernisation of facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for slow pace in achieving the set targets of doubling the rail tracks and electrification in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Railways to improve the rail infrastructure rapidly?

#### IT Park in Darbhanga

†2861. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an "IT Park" in the Parliamentary Constituency of Darbhanga (Bihar);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said park will be set up?

#### Upgradation of Railway Stations

2862. MOHAMMED FAIZAL  
P.P.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations that have been selected to be upgraded to provided facilities at par with the airports;

(b) whether Railways have fixed the criteria on the basis of which these railway stations would be redeveloped; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Extension of Work of Railway in Maharashtra

†2863. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the railway projects, operation of new trains and implementation of extension work of railways in Maharashtra and Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(b) the time by which each of these projects is likely to be completed?

#### Family Courts

†2864. SHRI MOHAMMAD  
AZAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of total number of divorce cases filed/pending in different family courts during the last 10 years along with number of cases in which final decision to close the case has been taken, year/State/court and district-wise?

#### New Intercity Train

2865. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR  
UALKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to start new Rayagada to Bhubaneshwar Intercity train, new Visakhapatnam to Jeypore Intercity train, Visakhapatnam to Mumbai *via* Rayagada train and Jeypore to Raipur Jn. Intercity train;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be provided or the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to augment the above train services;

(c) whether the Railways are considering stoppage of all express trains/important trains of Bissam Cuttack Ambadola (Rayagada district); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these stoppages are likely to be provided?

#### Pharmaceutical and Export Promotion Council

2866. SHRI HANS RAJ HANS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pharmaceutical and Export Promotion Council is playing an important role in promoting Indian Pharmaceutical Industry overseas;

(b) if so, the details of projects handled by the said Council during the five years; and

(c) the extent to which the Indian Pharmaceutical Industries have gained in this regard and foreign exchange that was earned during the said period?

#### Registration of Scan Machines in Hospitals

2867. SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of instances and reports that despite a stringent regulatory mechanism in place, several hospitals and healthcare diagnostic institutions are using scan machines and x-ray units without approval from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB);

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

(c) whether AERB is giving online registration without any physical verification and bypassing regulatory protocols;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review the process of registration comprehensively and if so, the details thereof?

**Nuclear Reactors**

†2868. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of nuclear power reactors operating across the country;

(b) whether the Government has recently formulated any plan for setting up of nuclear power reactors in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Anti-India activity on Indo-Nepal Border**

†2869. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anti-India activities have increased reportedly at Indo-Nepal border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check such activities?

**Mineral Concession Rules**

†2870. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Mineral Concession Rules;

(b) whether the expansion of mines have been limited by the amendment in

license renewal in mineral concession rules and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government gives permission to work in such mines which are more than 40 years old;

(d) if so, whether the production of steel has decreased especially in Odisha and Jharkhand due to the notification which affected iron ore production and supply thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of mines operating under 'Maanit Vistaar'?

**Cyber Crime against Women and Children**

2871. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of cyber crime against women and children in the country have increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such incidents reported during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to address this serious issue?

**Rail Coach Factory in Kazipet**

2872. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Railway Coach Factory in Kazipet, Warangal in the State of Telangana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Delay on Allocation of Funds in MPLADS**

2873. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI: SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the funds recommended by the Members of 16th Lok Sabha to provide for carrying out various works under Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme, Constituency-wise;

(b) the amount of the funds spent/ utilized during 16th Lok Sabha under MPLAD scheme, Constituency-wise;

(c) the reasons for MPLAD funds not being released and spent on time along with the period taken for sanctioning of funds recommended by MPs;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take action against officials for not utilising the funds on time;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to make any amendments in the rules for proper and timely utilization of MPLAD funds in future and if so, the details thereof?

**Under Trials**

2874. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides proper legal aid to under trials in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Osmanabad -Tuljapur-Solapur Rail Line**

†2875. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALLAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of districts in the country where transport facility is still not available despite the fact that the railway was introduced before independence in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to lay a new rail line between Osmanabad-Tuljapur-Solapur;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct railway line to provide facility to people coming to the various places of pilgrimage in this area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Appointment of Retired Bureaucrats

2876. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of retired bureaucrats at senior levels have been re-employed as consultants/advisers etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu?

#### National Digital Communication Policy

†2877. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National Digital Communication Policy, 2018;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the target fixed under the said policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government has fixed accountability of any person in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### Modern Technology for Controlling Crimes

†2878. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether modern technology of Electronics and Information Technology sector is being used to control crime in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote more usage of such technology for controlling crime in the country; and

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

#### Illegal Mining of Sand Minerals

2879. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prohibited the illegal mining and export of beach sand minerals and proposes to constitute separate mechanism for its prohibition and regulation;

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

(c) the details of licence issued by the authorities for mining of beach sand in the public and private sector;

(d) whether the Government proposed to impose separate licence and also to make an umbrella system for mining of beach sand containing different radioactive minerals and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to relax the terms and conditions of mining of sand by private undertaking and if so, the details thereof?

#### Gram Nayayalayas

2880. DR. AMOL RAMSING

KOLHE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI

SHARMA:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

SHRI MOHANBHAI

KALYANJI

KUNDARIYA:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY

TATKARE:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO

BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gram Nayayalayas have been established to provide speedy, effective and easy justice to the people and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government has requested States and High Courts for establishment of Gram Nayayalayas in the respective States;

(c) if so, the number of States/UTs that have established and operationalised Gram Nayayalayas;

(d) the details of financial assistance provided to each State Government and Union Territory during the last three years and the current year for setting up of Gram Nayayalayas;

(e) whether the delivery of justice through Gram Nayayalayas is faster than ordinary courts and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which Gram Nayayalayas are likely to be functional in all the States?

#### Nyaya Mitra Scheme

2881. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY

TATKARE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI

SHARMA:

DR. AMOL RAMSING

KOLHE:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO

BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated Nyaya Mitra Scheme, if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives thereto;

(b) the details of the number and particulars of cases disposed of under the said scheme;

(c) the names of the States in which the programme has been implemented;

(d) whether Government has taken any step to extend the scheme to other States of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has set any timeline for this purpose;

(f) whether the scheme has achieved the objective for which it was set up and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to provide free legal advice to the marginalised people?

**Appointment of Notary Public**

2882. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI  
SHARMA:  
SHRI MANICKAM  
TAGORE B.:  
SHRI SELVAM. G.:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING  
KOLHE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY  
TATKARE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO  
BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of notary public appointed by the Union Government in the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the services of these Notary Advocates are for a specific period/years and their services are to be renewed after their term ends and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of certificates of notaries that have been renewed during the last three years and the current year, State/Court-wise;

(d) whether there is adequate number of notaries in proportion to the population in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether proposals for appointment of notaries in various States are pending with the Union Government and if so, the details and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to appoint the notaries against the vacancies available in various States/UTs in the country?

**Growth in Manufacturing Sector**

2883. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI B. Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that in terms of growth, India's manufacturing sector has underperformed compared to the overall GDP growth in the past decades;

(b) if so, the details of the growth of that sector;

(c) the details of the share of manufacturing in India's GDP during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to make manufacturing contribute to sustainable economic growth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Policy for Lateral Entry in Bureaucracy**

2884. SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA  
NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced the policy of lateral entry in

the bureaucracy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such move without transparency, would increase the unaccountability and nepotism in the system and demoralise the civil servants and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to review the existing appraisal system for civil services;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has proposed to link service/cadre allocation for candidates who clear the Civil Services Examination to their performance in the 15-week foundation course and if so, the details thereof?

**Settlement of Disputes**

2885. SHRI VINOD KUMAR  
SONKAR:  
DR. SUKANTA  
MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAMCHARAN  
BOHRA:  
SHRI RAJA  
AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has examined the recommendations of law commission on amendments in Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof;

(b) whether the High Level Committee has recommended for amendments to encourage institutional arbitration for

settlement of disputes and if so, the details of the recommendations;

(c) whether Government has approved the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2018 to make India a centre of robust Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of Mediation Centres/ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) centres set up in the country during each of the last three years along with the number of cases disposed of by the said centres during the said period;

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such centres in near future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government has approved the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2018; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of commercial disputes?

**Pending Cases in Supreme Court**

2886. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:  
SHRI SU.  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:  
SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH  
KUMAR:  
SHRI A.  
GANESHAMURTHI:  
SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of court cases are pending in Supreme Court, High Courts and various subordinate courts for more than a decade, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of number of pending cases in which Government revenue is involved for the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has formulated an action plan and requested respective High Courts to expedite the disposal of cases which are pending for more than ten years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint more judges in various courts, including Supreme Court to dispose of these cases in a time-bound manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether setting up of benches of High Court at different locations in States is being considered for the purpose, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Message in Trains

2887. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:  
SHRI SU.  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:  
SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

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

(a) whether the Western Railway has recently taken a decision to provide messages in running trains to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the same decision was withdrawn by the Western Railway following stiff opposition from various quarters;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof;  
and

(e) the details as to on whose authority the decision was taken and later on withdrawn?

#### Revenue Earned from Auction of Mines

2888. SHRI MOHANBHAI  
KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:  
SHRI SELVAM. G.:

Will the Minister of MINES  
खान मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mines auctioned in the wake of Mines and Mineral Development Regulation Act, 2015 along with the quantum of revenue earned therefrom by the Union and the States during the last three years;

(b) whether the Union Government has conducted survey for the mines to be auctioned and if so, the number of mines identified for auction, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to assist such States for smooth auctioning of mines and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether some hurdles are being faced in the auction process of mines and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken to remove the same?

#### Telecommunication Facilities in Villages

2889. SHRI MAGUNTA  
SREENIVASULU  
REDDY:  
SHRI HANUMAN  
BENIWAL:

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

(a) whether all the villages in the country including tribal areas of various States have been linked with telecommunication facilities particularly mobile telephone facilities and if so, the details of the number of such villages and tribal areas thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the target fixed and achieved by the Government and action plan, if any, for extension of telecommunication services across all the villages during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated/spent by the Government in this regard?

#### Walls along the Tracks

2890. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN  
CHOWDHURY:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR  
TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

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

(a) the total number of people who lost their lives after being hit by trains during last three years, year and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government plans to identify and build fences along the tracks where the area is crowded and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways has also decided to build a wall to keep trespassers away from tracks in residential areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Railways in its 'Safety and Security in Railways' report observed that Railways have failed in maintaining safety standards of the rail tracks; and

(e) if so, whether recommendations of the Committee have been implemented by Railways, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Enhancement of Funds under MPLADS

2891. SHRIMATI SAJDA  
AHMED:  
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:  
SHRI ANNASAHAB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to include items of work of developmental nature based on local needs under MPLADS;

(b) if so, whether the Government has revised and issued fresh guidelines in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the delay in release of funds under MPLADS and if so, the details including the number of constituencies in Kerala that are yet to receive funds and the major reasons for delay in releasing funds;



(d) the amount of the MPLAD funds that remained unutilized during the 16th Lok Sabha; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to streamline the scheme at the level of district nodal agencies?

### Electrification/Gauge Conversion

2892. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI B.Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any target for electrification of all the Railway tracks throughout the country in the near future and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of Track Electrification targets and respective achievements specially in Jamui and nearby areas of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and North Eastern Region;

(c) whether the Government has proposed new broad gauge line and electrification of railway tracks in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details of the funds released by the Government for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise?

### Royalty of Mining Revenue

2893. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN:  
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
DUBEY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to compulsory share royalty of mining revenue with the local people of the concerned mining areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, especially in Bihar and particularly in the areas nearby Jamui;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the mechanism put in place to monitor the above proposal?

### Study on Threats of Mobile Radiations

2894. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH  
SHEWALE:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Cancer Institute in its study has concluded that there is a threat of cancer and other health problems to mobile phones users in the country on account of exposure to mobile radiations;

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

(c) the number of studies conducted by the Government to ascertain the effects of radiation disseminate by mobile phones on the health of its users during each of the last three years and the current year along with the outcome of such studies; and

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

### Licence to Private Telecom Operators

†2895. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDI:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for granting licence to private telecom operator;

(b) whether the private telecom operators are not operating as per the provision of the said rules and as a result the Government is loosing the revenue and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the mechanism in place to prevent such illegal activities of the private telecom operators and the manner in which private telecom operators are controlled through this mechanism; and

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of this mechanism and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which this review is likely to be done?

### Defence Corridor in UP

†2896. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct a defence corridor passing through Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh; and

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

### New Committees

2897. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new committees, one on investment and growth and other on employment and skill development;

(b) if so, the details of agenda likely to be forwarded by setting such committees;

(c) the issues likely to be addressed by the said committees; and

(d) the details of the composition of such committees?

### Closing of Firecracker and Matchbox Factories

2898. SHRI MANICKAM  
TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that large number of firecrackers and matchbox factories were closed down in the recent past across the country, particularly in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu due to various reasons and consequently large number of workers and laborers have lost their job;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government would take necessary steps to create a conducive environment/atmosphere to re-open all these closed firecracker and matchbox factories to solve unemployment problem in Sivakasi and its surrounding areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **e-Panchayats and Village Secretariats**

2899. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recommended the formation of e-panchayats as part of the Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the Digital India Programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target with regard to setting up of gram sachivalayas (village secretariats) to provide city like IT facilities in rural areas under the centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA);

(c) whether some State Governments have failed to set up IT-enabled gram

sachivalayas in the identified clusters, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided at village secretariats; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target set under the RGSA?

#### **Bio Toilets**

2900. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working towards installing bio-toilets in trains;

(b) if so, the details of the total number of bio-toilets installed under Western and Central Railway;

(c) whether the Government is looking towards vacuum based bio-toilets in order to provide a better overall experience and better hygiene solution for passengers; and

(d) if so, the details of the initiatives taken and the progress made so far in this regard?

#### **Luggage Trolley at Stations**

2901. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Railways is introducing the luggage trolley service system at various railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when this system is likely to come into force?

#### **Shortage of IAS Officers**

2902. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there is an acute shortage of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers in the country;

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

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of IAS officers in the country?

#### **Approval for Eateries and Kairana Shops**

2903. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to significantly cut down the number of approvals required for eateries and kairana shops;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of approvals at present required for these stores and shops;

(c) whether National Restaurant Association of India has urged the Government to bring down the laws required for running the business; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to reduce the number of laws/change in rules and start single window system for ease of doing business?

#### **Vacant Posts in North Eastern States**

2904. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of employees in different Central Government offices situated in North Eastern States, category-wise along with the present strength;

(b) the number of posts that are lying vacant for the last three years in different categories; and

(c) the details of measures taken to fill the vacancies in the past three years and the current year?

#### **Standardizing Trains**

2905. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to standardize trains in terms of number of coaches so that all trains can run on all routes;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether this would lead to any excess financial burden on Railways;  
 (d) if so the details thereof;  
 (e) whether the Railways has selected any routes or trains for the purpose on a pilot basis; and  
 (f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Patent Process

2906. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:  
 Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
 वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
 be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to strengthen the national and regional patent process particularly for medicine;

(b) if so, whether India has international compliance on patent examination process and the criteria thereof; and

(c) the proposal of Government on WIPO's plan for more stringent Intellectual Property Protection (IPP) patenting rights and access therein?

#### Impact of Global Slowdown on IT Firms

2907. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:  
 Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
 इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री  
 be pleased to state:

(a) whether global economic slow down may impact IT firms in the country including in Hyderabad;

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

#### Data Theft and Misuse of Mails

2908. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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

(a) whether the Government has received numerous complaints of data theft and misuse of mails;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such complaints received by the Government during each of the last three years and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the stringent steps and legal course proposed by the Government to maintain the customer privacy?

#### Fingerprint Authentication

†2909. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

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

(a) whether the Government has given any suggestion to introduce digital fingerprint authentication in messaging platform of facebook keeping in mind the fact that investigation agencies are unable to collect correct information in case any user logs a complaint regarding objectionable messages sent through facebook in the country; and

(b) if so, the extent to which these type of crimes are likely to be checked by introducing this system?

#### Laying New Rail Lines in Punjab and Haryana

2910. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:  
 SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

(a) the details of the New Railway Lines introduced in the country especially in Punjab and Haryana during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has conducted survey of all the new railway lines proposed during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated adequate funds to carry out the work to expedite the laying of railway lines and if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has set any time-frame for the completion of the new railway lines and if so, the details thereof?

#### Water Reactors in Co-operation with WEC

2911. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER  
 प्रधान मंत्री  
 be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects proposals in AP for setting up of water reactors (LWRs) in co-operation with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) have been finalised and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of WEC being acquired by Brookfield Business Partners on the said project including time and cost overrun, if any; and

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

#### NRI Husbands

2912. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken necessary steps to protect Indian Women facing abandonment or divorce or other problems from their NRI husbands;

(b) if so, the number of complaints lodged by women in this regard during each of the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the said complaints?

#### FDI Hosting Countries

2913. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

(a) whether India has moved to top ten FDI hosting countries in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of projects, MoUs signed during the last three years and the actual progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the last three years the average FDI inflows in the country is less than the targeted investments and if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of FDI projects with investments during the last three years and the current year, State and department-wise?

#### Radiation Technology for Food Loss

2914. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research is going on to develop radiation technologies that can prevent food loss in post harvest stage and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether use of radiation techniques has helped in increasing the food production in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### New Trains

2915. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry plans to start/launch new trains to combat the burden of increasing number of travellers; and

(b) if so, the details about such trains and the time by when these are likely to be commenced, zone-wise?

#### Women Employees in Railways

†2916. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the participation of women employees in the Indian Railway Services currently;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the participation of women in the Indian Railway Services;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the women employed in the Indian Railway Services, as on date?

#### Ration to Officers in Peace Stations

2917. SHRI SU.

THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has suspended the supply of military rations to officers posted in peace stations;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to resume supply of ration to them, and if so, the details thereof?

#### e-Migrate Registration

2918. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had made e-Migrate registration mandatory for Indian expatriates in ECR countries from January, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and  
(c) the total number of expatriates registered so far, country-wise?

#### Broadband Services in Dahod District

†2919. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Gujarat including Dahod district which have not been connected with broadband service as on date, along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) the efforts made by the Government so far to provide broadband connectivity to all the villages in Dahod district of Gujarat?

#### Scholarship from NDF

†2920. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government grants scholarship to the children of working, retired and deceased defence and paramilitary force personnel through 'National Defence Fund' (NDF);

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

(c) whether the amount of National Defence Fund has been increased or propose to be increased and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total amount paid as scholarship so far through the 'National Defence Fund' across the country, State-wise; and

(e) whether Government proposes to extend the facility to the children of State Police officers who die in terror and maoist attack and if so, the details thereof?

#### Policies Governing Coal Sector

2921. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal sector in India is facing high stress from excessively strict laws and policies governing coal sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to boost competitiveness of coal producing entities in international market;

(c) whether the domestic production of Coal is sufficient for domestic consumption in India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of amount and cost of total coal imports by the country during the last five years?

#### Rajdhani Trains

2922. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rajdhani trains operating from the National capital to various destinations, train-wise;

(b) the total number of seats in 3AC, 2AC, 1AC available on each of these trains;

(c) the number of emergency quota available each day for Union Ministers, Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court/High Courts of various States, Members of Parliament, Railway Board and other emergent demands, category and train-wise; and

(d) the process for confirmation of tickets for the waitlisted passengers?

#### Decline in FDI

2923. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:  
SHRI GAUTAM  
GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in the country has declined during the last one year and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of FDI proposals approved and actual FDI inflow during the said period;

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the investment environment in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to review FDI policy, particularly in pharmaceuticals, agricultural land, multi-layered marketing and direct selling industry to attract more foreign investment in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the study, if any, conducted by the Government to ascertain its impact on

various sectors including rural development works and pharmaceuticals companies in the country?

#### Industrial Park

2924. DR. T.R.  
PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government would take necessary steps to set up an industrial park and industries in the industrially backward area of Thuraiyar in Perambalur parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) whether such proposals would be considered favourably and to be set up in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Autonomous Constitutional Status

2925. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands from many quarters to give autonomous constitutional status to National Statistics Commission on the lines of Election Commission to avoid controversy over data and statistics;

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

(c) the effective steps taken by the Ministry to achieve the same?

#### RUBs/RUPs

†2926. SHRI HANUMAN  
BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criterion to sanction Rail Under Bridge/Rail Under Pass has been prescribed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals lying pending with the Government pertaining to sanction of Rail Under Bridges/Under Passes in Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government intends to accord sanction to the said proposals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Voter List

†2927. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA  
SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed the Election Commission not to register the names of foreign nationals in voting list at any cost and include only the names of Indian Citizens in voting list for independent and fair elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the election commission has directed the State Governments to strictly comply with the High Court's orders;

(d) whether cases of inclusion of names of foreign nationals in voters list during the last three years and current year have come to the notice of the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken in this regard?

#### FDI in Multi Brand Retail

2928. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV  
RAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms for permitting multi brand retail trading in the country;

(b) the number of foreign companies which have applied/registered to open multi brand stores in the country at present, State/UT and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering any increase in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in multi brand retail sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any study on the impact of FDI in retail market and on the employees attached thereto; and

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

#### MoU with Poland

2929. SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Energy, Republic of Poland recently;

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

(c) the details of the fund estimated for this;

(d) the details of the States likely to be covered initially under this programme within the country along with the details of the targets set; and

(e) whether the Government has included Gujarat in this programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Forgery in Installation of Mobile Towers**

2930. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints of forgery in mobile tower installation;

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

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

#### **Revoked Passport of Nirav Modi**

2931. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had revoked the passport of Mr. Nirav Modi to prevent him from evading the criminal justice system in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the date of revocation;

(c) whether Mr. Modi travelled multiple times to foreign countries on an Indian passport which had been revoked; and

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

#### **Post Offices for Financial Inclusions**

2932. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to leverage post office network and enhance the role of India Posts in the financial inclusion process, especially of the poor and backward classes living in villages in most backward and minority concentration districts of the country, especially in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a task force has been set up in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the composition, its major recommendation and the status of its implementation;

(d) whether any district with high population of tribals and backward communities has been selected as a pilot district for specific analysis and study; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **BSNL Mobile Network**

2933. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that BSNL mobile network is reportedly ineffective even in urban areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Information on Corruption by Switzerland**

2934. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the Government has decided to reveal the names of the accused persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Use of Defence Airports**

2935. SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Airports/Air fields in Jammu and Kashmir under Defence jurisdiction;

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to transfer Awantipora Airport to Civil Aviation Ministry for civilian air traffic; and

(c) the details of facilities provided to civilians by the Ministry to far flung areas/hilly areas/snow bound areas during winter for air travel?

#### **NWB for Traders**

†2936. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT: SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Welfare Board (NWB) for traders and National Policy for Retail Trade;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Darjeeling Himalayan Railways**

2937. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop the Darjeeling Himalayan Railways (DHR), which is a UNESCO

World Heritage site and everything that is associated with DHR as a World Heritage property and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for shutting down Kurseong Railway Press, which is an integral part of the UNESCO World Heritage;

(c) whether the Government is likely to reconsider the decision and help in reviving a very important part of one of Darjeeling's and World's heritage; and

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

#### Price Stabilisation Fund

2938. SHRI DEVUSINH  
JESINGBHAI  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme for the plantation crops indicating the commodities and the facilities which are being extended thereunder;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has established/proposes to establish any PSF for mitigating the price volatility in agricultural produces and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the said scheme and proposes to modify it;

(e) if so, the details and present status thereof indicating the proposed changes; and

(f) the time by which the modified scheme is likely to be finalised?

#### Digital Transaction

2939. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
MONDAL:  
SHRI HEMANT  
TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a noticeable increase in the use of the digital payments in the country since demonetization and if so, the details thereof along with the volume and percentage of digital transactions during each of the last three years

(b) whether the said growth in digital transactions has met the target fixed by the Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any comparative study on the digital transactions carried out across the world and if so, the details and the findings thereof, country-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring safe and secure digital transactions; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to incentivise digital transaction and promote digital economy/literacy, especially in rural regions of the country?

#### Posts in Higher Judiciary

†2940. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the members of certain few families reportedly are dominating in the Supreme Court;

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

(c) whether at present there is no need to conduct any examination for around two-third posts in the higher judiciary as these posts are filled through the Bar Council which promotes the practice of selecting members from certain few families for posts in the higher judiciary;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce All India Judicial Service on the lines of Central Services; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Communication Network Coverage in Madhya Pradesh

†2941. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding communication network coverage in Madhya Pradesh;

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

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to increase communication network coverage in remote forest areas of the said State?

#### Separate Railway Zone

2942. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the traditional criteria fixed by Railways for creating a separate Railway Zone for a new area;

(b) whether there is any requirement of a minimum amount of traffic and income to be generated for a proposed zone if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any weightage is given to the backwardness of a particular area to create a new Railway Zone; and

(d) if so, the number of Railway Zones in the country and the respective gross income generated by them during the last three years?

#### Increase in the Number of Courts

2943. SHRI ANNASAHEB  
SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the existing pace/speed at which the cases are resolved in the Lower Courts, High Courts and Supreme Court; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of courts in the country and upgrade the courts in Athani & Nippani towns of Belgaum district, Karnataka State to a district court bench and if so, the details thereof?

**e-Commerce Policy**

2944. SHRIMATI RAKSHA  
NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes  
formulation of e-commerce policy to check  
malpractices including predatory prices and  
deep discounts by e-retailers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to  
constitute e-regulatory authority to regulate  
and monitor e-commerce business and to  
delegate more powers to penalise and take  
actions against the violators of the policy;  
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Change in System to Start New  
Industries**

2945. SHRIMATI RATHVA  
GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a  
need to bring huge change in administrative  
system of the country for starting a new  
industry;

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

(c) whether India currently stands at  
132nd position in the list of 185 countries  
at the world level in the terms of ease of  
doing business;

(d) if so, the reaction of the  
Government in this regard;

(e) whether these bottlenecks are  
turning out to be hindrances in foreign  
capital investment in Indian industries; and

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

**Construction of Railway Flyover**

2946. DR. ALOK KUMAR  
SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to  
construct railway flyover at all major  
railway crossings of the district Gopalganj  
of Bihar for smooth running of vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken  
any decision to construct railway flyover  
at NH-85 near Hathuwa railway station of  
Mirganj-Gopalganj road; and

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

**OTT Streaming Service Providers**

2947. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH  
BITTU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government  
proposes to enact a law for regulating or  
censoring certain types of content on Over-  
The-Top streaming service; and

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

**Improvement in GDP**

2948. DR. M.K. VISHNU  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present GDP growth rate and  
employment growth rate, according to the  
latest NSSO data;

(b) the reasons for low GDP growth  
rate during the last six months;

(c) the slew of measures proposed to  
be taken to improve the GDP growth rate;  
and

(d) the efforts made to improve the  
job growth rate from the present level,  
which is all-time low in the last twenty  
years?

**Triple Talaq**

2949. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ  
JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has  
pronounced its judgement that triple talaq  
practice is invalid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
reasons advanced by the Court in support  
of its judgement;

(c) whether the Government proposes  
to bring forward a legislation in this regard;

(d) if so, whether all the stakeholders  
were consulted before drafting such  
legislation and their views incorporated in  
it;

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

(f) the way in which Muslim women  
are likely to be benefited by drafting the  
new legislation?

**Marine Products Exports Development  
Authority**

2950. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made  
any review on the basis of achievements  
made by Marine Products Exports  
Development Authority in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Unit-Run Canteen**

2951. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Unit-Run Defence  
Canteens in the country, location-wise;

(b) the norms/criteria laid down for  
establishment of a new canteen in a specific  
area;

(c) whether the Government plans to  
set up a new canteen in Rajsamand district  
of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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