

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

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<p><b>Creation of Indian Judicial Service</b></p> <p>231. DR. UDIT RAJ:</p> <p>Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE</p> <p>विधि और न्याय मंत्री</p> <p>be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for creation of an All India Judicial Service on lines of the Indian Administrative Services;</p> <p>(b) whether creation of such a service was ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2009; and</p> <p>(c) if so, the status of implementation of the proposal?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whistleblowers Act</b></p> <p>232. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:</p>	<p>Will the PRIME MINISTER</p> <p>प्रधान मंत्री</p> <p>be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the time by which the Government intends to bring the Whistleblowers Act, 2011 into force;</p> <p>(b) whether the Act does not provide any incentive to disclose any information under the private sectors;</p> <p>(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to afford similar protection to whistleblowers in the private sector;</p> <p>(d) whether the Government is taking any step towards including 'anonymous disclosures' under the purview of the Act; and</p> <p>(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?</p>
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### Expenditure in Election

†233. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to put the burden of expenditure incurred in elections on the candidate contesting from two seats in State Assembly and Parliamentary elections in case he/she resigns from one seat;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard so far and if so, the details thereof?

### Momo Challenge Game

234. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:  
DR SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'The Momo Challenge Game' is creating havoc among children and students and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) the number of persons who have fallen prey to the Momo Challenge Game so far;

(c) the details of the instructions or advisory that have been issued to schools and colleges on Momo Challenge Game;

(d) the details of the feedback that has come for controlling or checking the spread of Momo Challenge Game;

(e) whether the concerned Ministry is coordinating with Ministry of Home Affairs to control and stop the spread of Momo Challenge Game among children and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government is taking any active steps to regulate the information spread through whatsapp including the menace of fake news and spread of games like "Momo Challenge Game" and if so, details thereof?

### Fast Track Courts in M.P.

†235. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds are not being released for the proper operation of fast track courts along with the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the amount of funds released for the said purpose to Madhya Pradesh during the last three years?

### Coastal Security

236. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct full spectrum exercise of coastal security;

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

(c) the time by which the said exercise will commence and the number of agencies/stakeholders involved in such exercise;

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen the coastal/maritime security in the country; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to acquire modern equipments for coastal security and if so, the details thereof?

#### Poor Network Connectivity

237. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:  
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:  
DR. THOKCHOM  
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:  
(a) whether the Government has noticed that call drop phenomenon was common in all networks in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has received numerous petitions/representations about call drops;

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

(d) whether the call drops are common in BSNL networks;

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

(f) whether the Government has any concrete action plan to improve the situation and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether there is a gap between the norms laid down for quality services and the actual service provided and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, operator-wise and State-wise?

#### Allotment of 4G Spectrum

238. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:  
(a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to allot 4G spectrum to BSNL and MTNL;

(b) whether it is also true that BSNL has already submitted a detailed project report to the Government seeking 4G spectrum allocation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that survival of both BSNL and MTNL without 4G spectrum is tough;

(d) whether it is also true that the Government is working on a strategy to settle issues that have emerged due to some decisions of the apex court; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Meeting with Telecom Operators

239. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:  
(a) whether it is a fact that the Government held discussions with telecom operators on worsening call drop situation in the month of November, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that a similar meeting was held in the month of January, 2018 on the same issue and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the operators had informed the Government that they will be investing more than Rs. 74,000 crore in financial year 2019 on networks including telecom towers and base transceiver station; and

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

#### Educational Scholarship Scheme

240. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY

AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:  
(a) whether the Union Government is implementing any educational scholarship schemes exclusively for the Christian students across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the last three years, scheme-wise; and

(c) the total number of the Christian students benefited out of this scholarship scheme for the last three years, State-wise?

#### Mobile Towers

241. SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of mobile towers are being added every year in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of mobile towers added during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any regulatory mechanism is in place to check on the telecom companies in selecting the locations for their mobile towers so as to minimize the mobile radiations especially in residential areas; and

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

#### Bank Loan for Minority Communities

242. SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH

SHANKARRAO:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI DHANANJAY

MAHADIK:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR

GAVIT:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Nationalized banks are providing loans and advances exclusively for minority communities;

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

(c) whether the Government has identified minority concentration districts for this purpose;

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

(e) whether the Government's attention is drawn to the difficulties faced by minority community in getting loans for business/enterprises and if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Internet Service in Gram Panchayats

†243. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been planned to connect every gram panchayat of the country to the internet service;

(b) if so, the State-wise details including Rajasthan at present;

(c) the time by which the gram panchayats will be connected with internet;

(d) whether it is true that internet work is not done smoothly in gram panchayats connected with internet;

(e) whether the Government has prepared any work plan for its monitoring; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Derailments/Accident

244. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents/derailments occurred including accidents on tracks that took place during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the loss of life and property caused therein;

(c) whether the Railways is planning to construct boundary walls to prevent encroachment, movement of cattle and trespassing;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the routes identified therefor along with the target fixed for construction of walls and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the manner in which the funds are mobilized for construction of walls and the other steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such train accidents/incidents on tracks?

#### e-Migrate Registration

245. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of expatriates registered so far, country-wise;

(d) whether the Indian missions concerned in those countries have taken steps to help the expatriates and address their concerns; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Hindu Marriage Act

†246. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI  
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and Special Marriage Act, 1954;

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

(c) the details of various Acts and Laws regarding disposal of matters related to divorce/null marriages in the country;

(d) the number of divorce cases filed/disposed of, court-wise by various courts

in the country including those of Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years;

(e) the procedure followed by the Government to dispose of the divorce cases in a time-bound manner;

(f) whether any maximum time-limit is fixed for the disposal of divorce cases, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other measures taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of such cases?

#### Mobile Train Radio Communication

247. SHRI ANURAG SINGH  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains that use Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC) system on its complete routes;

(b) the details of the number of trains and routes that are yet to avail the MTRC system completely and/or partially; and

(c) the time by which all major train routes are going to use the MTRC system ?

#### Losses in MTNL

248. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government-owned telecom operator MTNL continues to post losses and has failed to provide required facilities to their customers, both landline and mobile users;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the loss suffered by the MTNL during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) has classified MTNL as 'Incipient Sick Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE)';

(d) whether DPE has issued guidelines on how to deal with the revival and restructuring of incipient sick Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE);

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government for the revival and restructuring of MTNL;

(f) the success achieved so far; and

(g) the steps taken by the Union Government for providing better services to MTNL customers?

### Digital Villages

†249. SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of villages in Jharkhand made digital at present, district-wise;

(b) the funds allocated to Jharkhand so far to digitise the said villages along with year-wise details in this regard for the last three years;

(c) the details of various facilities being provided in the said digital villages presently; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the impact on the development of villages as a result of the facilities provided?

### VVPAT

250. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rising incidence of failure of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) have become a major area of concern for Election Commission of India (ECI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the reasons for such rising failures in VVPAT's and if so, the details of remedial action taken by the Government in this direction; and

(d) whether the Government would extend all possible assistance to the Election Commission to substantially increase its reserve of the machines?

### PMGDISHA

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has recently launched PM Grameen Digital Saksharta Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Festival Special Trains

†252. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the special trains on festivals and special occasions, the Railways is charging the fare equivalent to tatkal ticket, which is putting extra burden on passengers; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which the extra burden is likely to be on the passengers because of it?

### Integrated Legal Division

253. SHRI KONDA  
VISHWESHWAR REDDY:  
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government seeks to create an integrated legal division;

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

(c) the details of the clubbing of Ministries in the proposed plan and the reasons for clubbing Ministries in the said manner; and

(d) the challenges that might arise in the implementation of the proposed plan and the steps being taken to remedy the same?

### Contractual Appointment of Judges

†254. SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to appoint judges on contract to speed up the process of providing justice in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take the services of retired judges in order to settle the pending cases;

(d) if so, the details of the schemes prepared by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be implemented in all States ?

### Conference of Minority Community

255. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **National Commission for Minorities**

256. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review of implementation of central schemes by National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has revealed that of the 44 districts with significant minority population in Uttar Pradesh, nearly 10 have not send any proposal till October this year under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of such districts and reasons put forward by them;

(c) whether NCM is also reviewing the implementation of such schemes in other States also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that States follow the development schemes in minority concentrated districts in the country?

#### **Black-Box Facility in Trains**

257. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to have black box facility in all/some of the trains running across the country;

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

(c) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned along with the target likely to be set for this; and

(d) whether the Government is also planning to add some more facilities including smart coaches in all the trains running across the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Convention Against Torture**

258. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for torture prevention following the Law Commission's 273rd report;

(b) the comments received from State Governments on Law Commission's 273rd report;

(c) the steps taken towards ratification of Convention Against Torture after India accepted recommendation of 24 countries in the third Universal Periodic Review in 2017;

(d) the status of the proposal to amend section 330 and 331 of the Indian Penal Code; and

(e) the action taken in the case of G.N. Saibaba based on the statements made by the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Special Rapporteur on situation of human rights defenders, Special Rapporteur on right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, on 28 June 2018 ?

#### **Rollout of Wi-Fi Hotspots**

259. SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Indian telecom industry will rollout one million Wi-fi hotspots in the country by December, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that Bharat Wi-fi would be a country wide common inter operable platform for these million hotspots which would be owned and operated by telecom service providers, internet service providers and virtual network operators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Post Offices in Rural Areas**

†260. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in the country at present along with the number of post offices located in villages and cities out of the same;

(b) the State-wise number of post offices set up in villages, tehsil and at district level during the last three years;

(c) the total budget allocated for the said purpose during the last three years;

(d) the population based international norm for providing facility of post office and the rank held by India in this regard;

(e) the details of facilities provided to public at post offices; and

(f) the number of digitized post offices in the country along with the details thereof?

#### **Indians Saved from Punishment**

261. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian people who have been saved from severe punishments in several countries since April 2014;

(b) the country-wise data along with their punishment; and

(c) the details of the total number of Indian people rescued from troubled areas since April 2014?

#### **PSK in West Bengal**

262. SHRIMATI SAJDA  
AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new PSK in Uluberia PC in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals for the same for the locations in Bagnan and Howrah in West Bengal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of PSKs set up during the last two years across the country including West Bengal?

#### Bio Toilets

263. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has installed Bio-toilets in trains;

(b) if so, the total number of toilets installed so far and the number of toilets remaining to be installed; and

(c) the cost of each bio-toilet and the total amount so far spent on installing bio-toilets in trains, Zone-wise?

#### Recycling of Plastic Waste

264. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain countries are producing crude oil from plastic waste and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any research has been undertaken in the country in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Punctuality of Trains

265. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chronic train delays are the common problems of the Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons behind late running of trains;

(c) the zone-wise delay reports of trains during the last two years with quarterly average; and

(d) the action taken by the Railways to maintain punctuality of trains particularly during the winter/foggy season?

#### New Website for Online Booking

266. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways has started new ticket confirmation process through website and has decided to withdraw dynamic ticketing system;

(b) if so, the details of the new confirmation process and chances with cancellation probability of last two years trend therefor;

(c) the proposal of the Government to issue confirmed tickets to passengers whenever and wherever the person need it;

(d) the year-wise collection details of dynamic system and berth confirmation since 2015;

(e) whether the Government proposes to issue confirmed tickets to the patients travelling for treatment purpose for all the trains; and

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

#### Launch of India Post Payments Bank

267. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER: SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA: SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL: SHRI GEORGE BAKER: SHRI ARVIND SAWANT: SHRI ANIL SHIROLE: DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the India Post Payments Bank;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned for this, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(c) the details of the number of branches and access points opened across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal, Kerala and Maharashtra;

(d) the details of the number of facilities being provided under this bank across the Country;

(e) whether the Government has set any target to connect the post offices with the postal bank;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether there is any proposal to open more such banks in remote and rural areas in States in including Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

#### Agreement with France

268. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently signed new agreements in strategic areas of security, nuclear energy, protection of classified information and also in the field of education, environment, urban development and railways with France;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered all aspects and their impact on domestic economy before entering into these agreements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Funds Released in 16th Lok Sabha

269. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding funds released and utilized in the 16th Lok Sabha as on date;

(b) the under-utilization and subsequent lapse of funds and non-release of funds, if any, visualized due to slow pace of implementation of the scheme, if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether the Govt. has any proposal for relaxing existing conditions for release of annual MPLAD funds for a constituency, if so, the details thereof?

#### Invitation to Trump

270. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstance under which an invite was sent to the US President Donald Trump to visit India in January, 2019; and

(b) the reasons for sending an invite without ascertaining the willingness/ability to come?

#### Pilgrimage Trains

†271. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request for expansion of the railway network in the famous pilgrimage and tourist destination Chitrakoot Dham in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of new action plan formulated by the Government for

improving rail services in this world famous religious place Chitrakoot Dham?

#### Satellite of Foreign Countries

272. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER  
प्रधान मंत्री  
be pleased to state:  
(a) whether ISRO has given its facilities to launch satellites of foreign countries regularly;  
(b) if so, the details of the countries having used ISRO's facilities so far;  
(c) the total revenue earned through such launchings;  
(d) whether the Government is keen to provide ISRO's facilities on commercial basis to foreign countries; and  
(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Internet Broadband Facilities

273. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS  
संचार मंत्री  
be pleased to state:  
(a) whether the Government proposes to provide internet broadband facilities to non-electrified villages and the villages which have less than 100 population;  
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the villages so far connected, State-wise;  
(c) if not, the State-wise reasons therefor; and  
(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the broadband services?

#### Illegal Encroachment of Wakf Land

274. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:  
Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS  
अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री  
be pleased to state:  
(a) the quantum of wakf land which has been illegally encroached by corporate houses/public till date in the country, the State-wise details thereof;  
(b) whether any action has been taken to make the wakf land free from encroachers during the last three years;  
(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor;  
(d) whether Government has any plan to use the wakf land for the welfare of the community; and  
(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Fare of Luxury Trains

†275. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री  
be pleased to state:  
(a) whether the Railways has decided to slash the fare of its luxury and popular trains namely Palace on Wheels, the Golden Odyssey due to rapid decline noticed in their popularity and if so, the details thereof;  
(b) the total number of people who travelled by these trains during the last two years along with the revenue earned by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is planning to terminate their service due to loss being incurred by these trains;  
(d) if so, the details thereof; and  
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### MoU with US

276. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
रक्षा मंत्री  
be pleased to state:  
(a) the details of the MoUs signed with US with respect to defence technology in the past two years;  
(b) the details of the development projects and progress of technology under such deals along with the budgetary allocations made to such projects; and  
(c) the steps taken by the Government to foster technological progress in defence and the projects, if any, taken up by the Government in this regard?

#### Real GDP Growth

277. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:  
Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:  
(a) the details of the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth during the last one year on quarterly basis;  
(b) whether the rate of GDP growth in the country has been on the rise and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the growth rate of services, manufacturing and agriculture sectors separately during the last three quarters?

#### Defence Training Centres

278. SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up defence training centres in the country;

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

(c) the time by which they are likely to be set up?

#### Air Defence System

279. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has picked Russia's Igla-S missile system as choice for its multibillion dollar contract for Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that this deal is under shadow of US financial sanctions for arms purchases from Russia under Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) law that restricts defence purchases from Russia, Iran and North Korea;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to couple this with Make in India initiative and if so, the details thereof?

#### Visit by Dignitaries

280. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign trips undertaken by the Prime Minister of India, External Affairs Minister and other dignitaries during each of the last four months and the current month, country-wise;

(b) the areas identified for co-operation and discussions held during the said visits;

(c) the agreements and MoUs signed and the advantages to the country as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the bilateral relations with foreign countries?

#### Space Activities Bill

281. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has invited suggestions from the public or stakeholders regarding the draft Space Activities Bill, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the objectives and salient features of the draft Space Activities Bill, 2017;

(c) the details and number of suggestions on the draft bill received by the Government from various stakeholders including organisations and individuals; and

(d) the timeframe by which the Government is expected to approve the draft Space Activities Bill, 2017 and introduce the same in Parliament?

#### IT Awareness in Rural Areas

282. DR. P.K. BIJU:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken by the Government to increase IT awareness in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the internet connectivity in various States including the State of Kerala and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to use IT for helping villagers in the areas of education, training, healthcare, agriculture, etc., and if so, the details thereof?

#### Composite Sleepers instead of Wooden

283. SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to replace wooden sleepers with composite sleepers which are not only lighter but also stronger and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has preferred them over wooden sleepers because of environmental issues that cropped up over the cutting of trees and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all wooden sleepers will be replaced with composite sleepers and if so, the details thereof?

#### G2C Services

†284. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to integrate Government to Citizens (G2C) services with State e-Government applications;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Joint Coordination Among Three Defence Wings

285. SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:



SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an institutionalised structure for joint coordination/planning among all three defence wings has been planned or set up;

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

(c) whether it is proposed to create a joint commission of such nature; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Shortage of Coal

286. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal required per day in Karnataka for its thermal plants;

(b) whether power generation is steadily declining in all the three thermal power plants of Karnataka due to severe shortage of coal supply;

(c) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Ministry to ensure supply of Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) quantity in full for sustainable power generation to the State's thermal power plants;

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto and the quantum of coal supplied to TPSs in Karnataka during the last three years; and

(e) whether coal is supplied to Karnataka from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL), Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL); and if so, the details thereof?

#### Coal Exploration

287. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:  
SHRI K.N.  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking up measures to expand coal exploration in the country and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance to the fact that India's coal reserves will be exhausted in a few decades and if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken to address the issue?

#### Electrification of Railway Network

288. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of electric rail-lines against total length of rail-lines in the country in percentage terms;

(b) whether the Railways has any action plan to achieve total electrification of its network, if so, the details thereof

and the time by which the target may be achieved; and

(c) the details regarding progress in the on going rail-line electrification works?

#### Indian Passport in Passport Index

289. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH  
DEO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for Indian passport scoring poorly amongst all Asian countries on the passport index as released for the year 2018-19;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any measures to improve the global rating of the Indian Passport; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures planned and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Corrupt Bureaucracy

290. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a survey, Indian bureaucracy is the most corrupt and inefficient;

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

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to make the bureaucracy of the country efficient and if so, the details thereof?

#### Live Streaming of Court Proceedings

291. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes live streaming of court proceedings for the benefit of all including the litigants and the lawyers;

(b) if so, whether the Government is framing up comprehensive guidelines for live streaming of court proceedings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### BPL Beneficiaries

†292. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present income limit for qualifying as BPL beneficiary in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the income limit for BPL category keeping in view the rising inflation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Cost Overrun of Infra Projects

293. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 358 infrastructure projects across the country have shown cost overruns of over Rs. 3 trillion;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof, project and year-wise including those of Railways;

(c) the State and year-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized on infrastructure projects worth Rs. 150 crore and above from 2014 to 2018; and

(d) whether any corrective framework has been implemented for effective monitoring and to reduce cost overruns of all Central Government projects including those of Railway and if so, the details thereof?

**Compulsory Military Service**

294. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any constitutional constraint in introducing compulsory military service for young aspirants for Government service, elected public representatives such as M.P./M.L.A. and Member of Panchayat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the initiative taken by the Government to remove the obstacle on the way to the mission of compulsory military service for the youth?

**Encouraging Young Scientists**

†295. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running any programme to keep young scientists connected with scientific activities during their studies or after completion of their studies to encourage them;

(b) if so, the time by which the Government is considering to implement this scheme; and

(c) if not, the future plan of the Government in this regard?

**Installation of Latest Signalling Equipments**

†296. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation and CIDCO have taken a decision to bear the cost of installing latest signalling equipments under the Central Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) has not made provision of funds for the installation of signalling equipments for new rail routes under the Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP);

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation is capable of bearing the expenditure of installing signalling equipments alongwith providing basic facilities to citizens; and

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

**First Solar Powered Station**

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

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Guwahati railway station has become the first solar powered railway station;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to convert railway stations of Jharkhand also to solar powered stations;

(c) if so, the targets set by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the approximate yearly expenditure of railways on diesel and electricity?

**Setting up of Mobile Towers**

†298. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mobile tower is proposed to be set up in Margoda and Seria of Giridih district;

(b) if so, the current position of setting up tower in both places; and

(c) the time by which the said mobile tower is likely to be established?

**Non-delivery of Parcels**

299. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is aware that the complaints of non-delivery of parcels of goods booked on the Railways are on the increase and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways are paying huge amounts as compensation for non-delivery of goods to the consignees and if so, the region-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is also aware that non-delivery of valuable goods is alleged to have reached the proportion of a scam in the Southern Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Objectionable Content on Social Media**

300. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed any social networking media websites to remove certain objectionable contents from their websites;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such requests made to these

websites during each of the last three years and the current year and their response therein along with the details of web pages blocked by the Government recently and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of individuals booked in the country under section 66-A of the Information Technology Act during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any monitoring mechanism in place to regulate the contents posted on social networking sites; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government to check the posting of objectionable contents on such sites?

#### Committee on NDCP

301. ADV. M.  
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has constituted Committees to work on objectives set by National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that according to private service providers, the telecom sector remains highly taxed just like tobacco industry in addition to the GST at 18 per cent which is almost at the higher tax bracket; and

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

#### Recruitment in Defence Services

†302. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the new recruitment made in Army, Navy and Airforce in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any State-wise details of the recruitments made in Defence services is maintained; and

(c) if so, the details of the new recruitment made State-wise including Rajasthan?

#### Improvement in Railway Security

†303. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for improvement in Railway Security;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of rail accidents and people injured and killed in these accidents during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has any scheme for expansion of rail network in Bundelkhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Army Recruitment Centre

†304. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open more Army recruitment centres specially in East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum, Jharkhand to encourage the youth of the adjoining districts to join the Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Flap Gates at Stations

†305. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install flap gates with barcode at the railway stations;

(b) if not, whether the Government has prepared any plans to reduce the existing workload on ticket checker and to provide any facility to the persons without ticket; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Railway Projects in Bihar

†306. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the railway projects approved for Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the details of the projects out of the above where work has been started; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated/ utilized for the projects which have been started during the last three years?

#### Wi-Fi at Stations

307. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH  
PATEL:  
DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railways stations that have been provided with wi-fi facilities in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh so far and the reasons for not providing the same in the Damoh and Khandwa Railway Stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Wi-fi facilities have been extended not only to 'A-1' and 'A' category railway stations but also to 'B' category stations; and

(c) if so, the details of 'B' category railway stations in Gujarat and by when Wi-fi facilities would be provided there?

#### Rise in Coal Imports

308. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for rise in India's coal imports by 38.2% to Rs.1,38,477 crore in 2017-18;

(b) the details of steps taken to address the increasing dependence on coal imports;

(c) the details of the latest coal production data by Coal India Limited (CIL); and

(d) whether the target to produce one billion tonne of coal by 2020 by CIL will be achieved and if so, the details thereof?

### Stoppage of Trains

†309. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains stoppage at stations provided by the Government during the last five years in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of trains and names of stations where train stoppages have been provided with special reference to Maharashtra; and

(c) the number of trains out of said trains that have been given stoppages in Jalgaon, Chalisgaon, Pachora, Dharangaon, Amalner stations of Jalgaon district of Maharashtra along with the details thereof?

### Data Protection Bill

310. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has sought suggestions and feedback from the General Public on the Draft Personal Data Protection Bill, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the bill;

(b) whether it is also true that the draft of Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018, restricts and imposes conditions on the cross border transfer of personal data, and suggests setting up of Data Protection Authority of India to prevent any misuse of personal information and to assure citizens of safe and secure digital communication and infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Incursions in Doklam

311. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of incursions recorded in Doklam during 2014-2018;

(b) the details of steps taken by the Government to prevent future incursions in Doklam and other North-Eastern areas of the country; and

(c) whether any bilateral dialogue was held to resolve the standoff witnessed in Doklam and if so, the details thereof?

### Rafale Jet

312. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had entered into an agreement with the French Government for the procurement of Rafale Jets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Minister of External Affairs or any other officials from the Ministry has any involvement or signed any agreement with the French Government or any other institutions/companies for the procurement of Rafale Jets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Leadership Development of Minority Women

313. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose for launching the scheme;

(c) the salient features of the scheme and its training module along with details of enrolment of organisations/institutions for conducting training programmes for minority women;

(d) whether there has been an increase in budgetary allocation in the year 2018-19 as compared to 2017-18 with respect to the implementation of schemes on leadership development of minority women, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any initiatives are intended to be taken by the Government to increase participation of non-muslim minorities in the Nai Roshni Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being undertaken by the Government for further widespread implementation of the "Nai Roshni" scheme?

### Cyber Physical System Mission

314. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch Cyber Physical System Mission;

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

(c) whether cyber security has emerged as a very important and challenging field for the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to strengthen cyber security in the country?

### Defence Corridor in Tamil Nadu

315. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has earmarked any area/sector/SMEs for providing support for the upcoming Defence corridor projects in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to include SMEs in Erodes, Tirupur and

Coimbatore for Defence production and supply of ancillaries to Defence corridor projects?

### GDP of India

316. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that among all countries the GDP of India is now the seventh largest and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a roadmap to strengthen India's position further;

(c) whether the Government plans to work towards further increasing the GDP of our country; and

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

### Vacant Posts of Scientist

†317. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the laboratory-wise number of vacant posts of scientist in top scientific institutes of the country and the steps taken by the Government to fill these vacancies;

(b) the details of the scheme formulated by the Ministry to encourage women scientists in the country and the outcome of the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide opportunity (fellowship) to the school and college students to work in premier top laboratories of the country on the lines of America and Europe; and

(d) if so, the number of young scientists who have been invited for this purpose and the details of the laboratories which have given their participation in this regard?

### Launch of Satellites

318. SHRI NALIN KUMAR

KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has planned to launch more state-of-the-art satellites to cater to the needs of emerging applications and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set any timeframe for the launch of the satellites and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial allocation made by the Government for the said programme; and

(d) the details of areas identified/to be benefited with the launching of the said satellites?

### Redevelopment of Stations with Foreign Countries Help

†319. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to redevelop the Railway Stations which are crucial from the Urban Development perspective and have become crowded over a period of time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some foreign countries have shown interest in the redevelopment of these stations; and

(c) if so, the names of such countries and the cost of redevelopment of such railway stations?

### Air Squadrons for Air Force

320. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the requirement of the Air Squadron for Indian Air Force and submarine of Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of Officers in Defence

321. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there is acute shortage of officers in Army, Navy, Air Force and para-military forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total sanctioned strength as well as shortage of officers in Army, Navy and Air Force as on date; and

(d) the number of soldiers who took the extreme step of taking their own life in the last four years and the steps taken by Government to improve the morale of soldiers?

### Providing Good Quality Coal to Thermal Power Station

322. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to provide adequate coal of good quality to Thermal Power Stations in the country especially in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide Thermal Power Stations in Tamil Nadu with imported coal in the case of any shortage of high quality coal in India?

### Railway Projects

323. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) the timeframe set for the completion of these projects ?

### Scholarship Schemes

†324. SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to continue pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means scholarship schemes till the year 2019-20 for the students belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount likely to be spent by the Government on the said schemes; and

(d) the number of students likely to be benefited under the said schemes, scholarship/category-wise?

### Coal Linkage Committees

325. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to abolish the Coal Linkage Committees governing the distribution of Coal to the companies;

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

(c) the details of the method being adopted by the Ministry for allocation of coal in the absence of Coal Linkage Committees?

### Adequate Supply of Dry Fuel to Power Plants

326. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a long term planning for mining operations and concrete steps to ensure adequate supply of dry fuel to power plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering mine-wise detailed plan for atleast 20 years of operations and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government is considering to undertake mine-wise review regarding tier coal dispatch capability, if so, the details thereof?

### Profits of BSNL

327. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) total annual profits of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) from its telecommunication and broadband services for last ten years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to make BSNL competitive with highly expanding market of telecommunication; and

(c) respective share of BSNL in India's telecommunication and broadband service market?

### Scam in Children Hospital

328. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of complaint addressed to the Chief Vigilance Commissioner pertaining to financial irregularities/scam in Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action to bring public money looted in the back said scam in KSCH;

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

(d) the other corrective steps taken/ being taken by the Government to make good the losses to the exchequer due to the said irregularities/scam in KSCH?

### Policy on Nutrition

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

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has constituted a working group on nutrition with a view to evolving a policy on nutrition in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the working group has given any timeframe to submit its recommendations on the said issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has taken all precautionary measures to do a

background check on those involved to safeguard against vested interests hijacking public policy and if so, the details thereof?

### Tara Initiative

330. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organisations that have been identified in the last 4 years under the Core Support Programme of the Technology Advancement for Rural Areas (TARA) initiative;

(b) the details of some of the novel and adaptive technologies that have been developed and deployed under this initiative; and

(c) the details of the mechanism that ensures a 'bottom-up' programme planning with full community involvement in this initiative?

### Issuance of Coal Permits

†331. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the price of coal per metric tonne fixed and extracted so far during this financial year;

(b) the guidelines and terms/conditions fixed by the Union Government for giving

coal permit to the Government and private industries and organisations;

(c) the details of complaints/information received regarding issuance of coal permits in violation of the guidelines and terms and conditions as on date; company-wise; and

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

#### **Development of Station under PPP Mode**

332. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are planning to invite private participation in the development works of Railway stations through Swiss Challenge Method;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the railway stations selected for development under this method; and

(d) whether any Railway stations in Telangana are identified for development under this method and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Unused Spectrum**

333. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of spectrum with the Defence Ministry which is not being utilized;

(b) whether Ministry has considered taking spectrum from the Defence Ministry and other Departments and using them for commercial purposes;

(c) if so, specific steps taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the same?

#### **Telecommunication Facilities in Andhra Pradesh**

334. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there are some villages/habitations which do not have telecommunication facilities in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such villages and districts in which they are situated; and

(c) efforts being made by the Ministry to cover those uncovered villages with communication facilities?

#### **CCTV Cameras**

335. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install CCTV cameras in passenger coaches and other places so as

to improve safety and security of the passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified places/spots prone to dacoity, loot, robbery, etc. on train routes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to augment security at such places and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines for intense patrolling in areas vulnerable to looting; and

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

#### **Triple Talaq**

336. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of the Supreme Court's order, the practice of Triple Talaq continues;

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

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

(d) the State-wise details of the number of cases field under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Marriage) Ordinance 2018?

#### **Manned Mission to Space**

337. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to achieve the ambitious manned mission to space by 2021 and attempt to send an astronaut to space on board during the successful launching of GSLV-MkIII-D, a communication Satellite by ISRO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Share for Soldiers Welfare**

338. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Sainik Board has been reimbursing its share for Soldiers Welfare to State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reimbursement for the year 2011-12 to 2014-15 have not yet been reimbursed to Rajasthan; and

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

#### **Construction of Kartarpur Corridor**

339. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to build Kartarpur Corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab's Gurdaspur to the international border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

#### Release of Scholarships

340. SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not released even a single scholarship under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) and the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for minority students for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether scholarship schemes are especially formed for providing scholarship to minority students who undertake research studies;

(c) if so, the reasons behind for not releasing any single scholarship under this scheme; and

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

#### Cases Pending in High Courts

†341. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than ten lakh cases have been lying pending in various High Courts for more than ten years as on date;

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

(c) the reasons for the said cases lying pending for more than ten years; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

#### Completion of Baiyappanahalli Terminal

342. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of work of Baiyappanahalli Terminal in Bengaluru and its estimated completion date;

(b) whether the Railways has sought any land from the State Government for expansion and if so, its present status;

(c) whether the Railways is considering for developing other stations around Bengaluru to improve connectivity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

#### Jeypore-Malkangiri Project

343. SHRI BALABHADRA  
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether land acquisition papers have been submitted to the Government of Odisha for Jeypore-Malkangiri Project for acquisition of land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay, if any?

#### Digital India Programme

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

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Digital India Programme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this programme since its inception in the country, State/ UT-wise including that of Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal;

(c) the details of the target set and achievements made under this programme so far;

(d) whether the instances of phishing sites misusing the Government's flagship schemes and debiting amounts from bank accounts have come to the knowledge of the Government;

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

(f) whether the Government has identified these sites and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Disabled Friendly Stations

†345. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities being provided to various categories of disabled persons at the railway stations and in trains as well along with the details of the railway stations of various categories;

(b) whether the Railways proposes to develop 'B' category railway stations in the country as disabled friendly railway stations;

(c) if so, the zone-wise names of the railway stations identified for this purpose including the details thereof;

(d) whether escalators/lifts are being set up at railway stations throughout the country to make the foot over bridges accessible to senior citizens; and

(e) if so, the names of railway stations in the country where these facilities have been provided along with the details in this regard?

#### Cyber Crime

346. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are growing incidents of cyber crimes, including financial frauds, using bank cards and e-wallets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and



(c) the measures taken by the Government to deal with such cyber crimes?

**Irregularities in Providing Communication Facilities**

†347. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which irregularities have been found during extension of communication facilities during the last three years till date;

(b) the details of contractors provided with contracts during the last three years till date, State-wise; and

(c) the State-wise total amount spent for laying telephone cables during the above period?

**Investigation Agencies under RTI**

†348. SHRI RAM KUMAR  
SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Information Commission has suggested that the Intelligence and Investigation agencies should be brought under the ambit of the Right to Information law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to implement the said suggestion;

(d) if so, the decision thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

**Visit of Former Nepali PM**

349. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Prime Minister of Nepal and Chairperson of the recently merged Communist Party of Nepal had paid a visit to New Delhi in the month of September this year and discussed various issues with the Minister of External Affairs and Prime Minister of India;

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

(c) whether the various activities of China have increased in Nepal and whether the steps taken by the Government of India to counter such Chinese activities are adequate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of fresh efforts made by the Government to reduce influence of China in Nepal and build a strategic relationship with Nepal?

**Explosion at Central Ammunition Depot at Wardha**

350. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some people were killed and many injured in a massive explosion at Pulgaon-based Central Ammunition Depot at Wardha in Maharashtra recently;

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

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard so far and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of aids provided to families of victims; and

(e) whether proper procedures are being adopted in the disposal of various unused ammunitions and if so, the details in this regard?

**Creamy Layer**

†351. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether before the issuance of original office order of creamy layer dated 8.9.1993, the Government had discussed the matter in Parliament and also consulted the then Law Ministry, Welfare Ministry and Prime Minister Office (PMO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the then Government had issued a wrong clarification of the original office order dated 8.9.1993 regarding creamy layer in an illegal manner on 14th October, 2004 to deprive the wards of group 'C' employees belonging to creamy layer from the reserved benefit of OBC category;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken into cognizance the wrong clarification of dated 14th October, 2004; and

(f) if so, the date-wise details of the action taken in this regard and if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**LHB Coaches**

†352. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of LHB coaches being manufactured by using new technique;

(b) the manner in which they are different from old and conventional coaches;

(c) whether the Railways is contemplating to attach LHB coaches in all the express trains keeping in view the safety of passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the various steps being taken by the Railways to check the accidents and to ensure passenger safety and whether any scheme is being worked out for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

**Ban on Criminals Contesting Elections**

†353. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any step to check criminals from contesting election;

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

(c) whether the Government has received proposals in this regard from various political parties; and

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

#### Physiotherapists in Armed Forces

354. DR. TAPAS MANDAL:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of physiotherapists employed in the Ministry including in Armed Forces, allied offices and autonomous organisations;

(b) the details of recruitment rules for physiotherapists in the said organisations;

(c) whether a uniform recruitment rule and procedure is being adopted for the said recruitments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission with respect to physiotherapists and the pay scale given by the Ministry at the entry level presently?

#### Upgradation of Security Criterion in Railways

†355. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of effective steps taken to upgrade various security criterion of Railways during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has set up a mechanism/taken any steps for safety of passengers and to check recurrence of accidents by taking cognizance of the accidents during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### AFSPA in Arunachal Pradesh

356. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to discontinue AFSPA in the area of Tirap, Changlang and Longding in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of 18th November incident in Longding area and the action taken on the matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken on the recommendation of Jeevan Reddy Commission on AFSPA?

#### Law/Rules regarding Appointment and Reservation

357. DR. BHAGIRATH  
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) is responsible for enforcing and monitoring law/rules regarding appointments and reservation to SCs/STs and OBCs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of current reservation and the backlog posts in different ministries as provided in the Constitution of India; and

(c) the time frame to complete the current reservation and also for filling up the backlog posts as per the roster system evolved by the department?

#### Starting of New Trains

358. SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new trains introduced in the gauge conversion completed railway lines during the last two years;

(b) the details of action taken for maximum utilization of newly constructed Kollam-Schenkottah railway line;

(c) the details of new trains introduced and the action taken for restoring the old trains stopped during the time of starting the gauge conversion work in Kollam-Schenkottah railway line; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to introduce more trains in Kollam-Schenkottah railway line?

#### Defence Contracts to Private Agencies

359. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has awarded any defence manufacturing

contract to some private agencies in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the current status of such projects, so far?

#### Rail Connectivity

360. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the demand for more rail connectivity between Calicut and Bengaluru and Calicut and Kolkota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to meet the heavy demand of more trains between these cities;

(d) whether the Government proposes to run the existing weekly trains on daily basis on these routes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Atomic Energy Production

†361. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target for atomic energy production in the next 20 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the way in which the Government is likely to achieve the said target?

**BSNL Towers in Villages**

362. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down by the Government for installation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) towers in villages located in remote/inaccessible areas especially in hilly regions;

(b) whether population of villages is the basis for the said norms and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement any scheme to address the problems being faced by the residents of naxal affected and farflung villages who do not have access to phone facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Scholarship to Minorities**

363. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of scholarships and aid granted to minorities under all schemes State-wise including Andhra Pradesh for the past four years;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the number of minority students in the premier institutions of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Meteorological Analysis**

364. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted a meteorological analysis of the recent rains and floods in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether any report has been prepared on the analysis and its findings; and

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

**Websites Releasing Film Content Illegally**

365. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that new film contents are being released online illegally in the country;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received from film producers regarding release of film contents illegally during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken on the websites releasing content of films illegally?

**Defence Expenditure**

366. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of defence expenditure from 2015-18 till date;

(b) whether 'Make in India' initiative in defence sector has helped to increase indigenous manufacturing of weapons and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any efforts have been taken to extend quality research and development in army, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allocation of Coal Reserves**

367. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only approximately 16% of the total allocated coal reserves have been auctioned this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other channels of allocation of coal reserves in the country;

(c) whether the fourth and fifth round of auctions were cancelled owing to lack of bidders and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of coal mines auctioned over the years, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure precise policies, transparent transactions and transformative outcomes?

**Irregularities in Sahayak System**

368. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain irregularities or misuse of the 'Sahayak' system in the defence mechanism of the country have come to light in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to make this system more transparent and consonant with the genuine need for such a system in the defence forces; and

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

**Swasth North East Initiative**

369. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Swasth North East initiative of the Government;

(b) whether the improvement in public health facilities achieved has been tangible in the North East;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Solapur-Tuljapur-USmanabad Rail Line**

†370. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been approved and funds have been allocated

for laying new track for Solapur-Tuljapur-Uzmanabad railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the construction of this railway line is likely to start and the time limit fixed for the completion of construction work of this new railway line;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred in the construction of this new railway line and the action plan being prepared by the Government for the completion of this project at the earliest?

#### Completion of Critical Military Projects

371. KUNWAR  
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking necessary steps to expedite timely completion of critical military projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Deputing Employees

†372. SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise details of employees in Railways who have been deputed at one place on different posts for many years along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the time for which a Government employee is deputed at a place along with the details of the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether corruption is not being encouraged by deputing an employee at a place for a long time and if so, the details thereof?

#### Coal Sold by Public Sector Coal Companies

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of coal sold by the Public Sector coal companies during the last three years and the current year and quantum of revenue earned therefrom;

(b) whether the income of these companies has not increased as compared to the target set;

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

(d) whether the Public Sector coal companies have any proposal to take over coal mines from the private companies, if so, the details thereof along with revenue earned from selling of coal mined from those mines; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to augment the revenues of Public Sector Coal companies?

#### Vacancy in Lower Courts

†374. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the vacant posts of judges in lower courts of the country;

(b) whether the process of filling the vacant posts of judges is going on;

(c) if so, the time by which this process is expected to be completed; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to take any measure to fill the vacant posts of the judges at the earliest keeping in mind the large number of pending cases across the country?

#### Decline in Profit of CIL

†375. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the net profit of coal India Limited during the last five years and the current financial year;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the net profit of Coal India Limited at present;

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

(d) whether Coal India Limited has sent any suggestion on proposal to the Government for increasing its net profit; and

(e) if so, the details of the decision taken by the Government on the said proposals?

#### Broadband/Internet Facility

†376. SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of gram panchayats in Rajasthan where broadband connectivity has not reached so far;

(b) the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the names of cities in Rajasthan where 4G facility is being provided by BSNL;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) the work plan chalked out by the Government to extend internet facilities in tribal areas of Rajasthan?

#### Pantry Car Facility in Trains

†377. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that pantry car facility is not available in long distance trains connecting two distant cities;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide pantry car facility in long distance trains;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Redevelopment of Railway Stations under PPP Mode**

378. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

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

(a) whether the Government has redeveloped various railway stations across the country in a phased manner under the PPP mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of railway stations redeveloped during each of the last two years;

(c) the response received from private players in this regard, so far; and

(d) the timeline finalized for the purpose?

#### **Judiciary under Pressure**

379. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE  
विधि और न्याय मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the judicial system in the country is working under pressure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the reasons for recent controversy with Hon'ble Supreme Court Judge; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to resolve this unrest?

#### **E-District Programmes**

380. SHRI GODSE HEMANT  
TUKARAM:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to cover all districts under e-district programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount of funds allocated for the said project; and

(c) the State-wise and district-wise details of the proposed district to be included under the said scheme during the year 2017-18 along with the budget allocated for the same?

#### **Review of Flexi Fare Scheme**

381. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:  
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the introduction of the flexi fare scheme, the premium trains were running with a large number of vacant seats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently reviewed the flexi fare system with a view to rationalise the fares and make them more passenger friendly;

(c) if so, the outcome of the review; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

#### **Decline in Agriculture and Manufacturing Sector**

†382. PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:

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

(a) whether it is true that in the second quarter of the year 2018-19, the rate of Gross Domestic Product has declined;

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

(c) the comparative decline in production in agriculture and manufacturing sector;

(d) whether it is possible to assess the permanent negative impact on the country's economy due to decline in these production sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Death of Workers**

383. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:  
SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alarming number of Indian workers die in Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is maintaining a publically available data of

such deaths and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent workers' death in Gulf countries and address such incidents with authorities in those countries; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to do an investigation/study to find the causes of such unusual deaths of Indian workers and if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Use of Aadhaar for Verification**

384. DR. K. GOPAL:

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

(a) whether it is true that the Government has ordered telecom companies to stop using Aadhaar for electronic verification of existing mobile phone customers as well as for issuing new connections to comply with the Supreme Court order;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the order permitted the use of physical Aadhaar card for giving new connections, provided the customer voluntarily offers it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Attack on Advocates**

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

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attacks on properties and lives of practicing advocates have increased in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT and year-wise;

(b) the number of such cases filed in courts during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether delay in investigating such cases have been reported on part of the Police of the respective States during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide safety to practicing advocates in the country?

#### Government Websites

386. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Central Government department websites lack transparency and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the remedies being taken to rectify them; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to create any single agency for maintaining all Government Department websites and to make them public friendly and if so, the details thereof?

#### Registration of ECR Passport Holders

387. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data of the number of Emigration Check Required (ECR) passport holders that have travelled to any of the six Gulf Cooperation Council nations for taking up jobs there in the past three years;

(b) whether there has been a decrease in the number of ECR passport holders travelling to the Gulf Cooperation Council nations since the introduction of the e-migrate website in 2015; and

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

#### Role of ASEAN in Indian Ocean

388. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Ocean region is strategically important for India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the role of ASEAN countries in India's Strategic Vision on Indian Ocean; and

(c) the extent to which the partnership with ASEAN has helped the country?

#### Charges in Kumbh Mela Trains

†389. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional surcharge is being charged on rail tickets from poor devotees coming for Kumbh mela;

(b) if so, whether it will cause problems to devotees and incur financial burden on them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not condoning additional surcharge while the Government is spending crores of rupees in the name of Kumbh; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Railways to facilitate devotees coming for Kumbh mela?

#### Theft of Coal

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads by which coal is transported round the clock in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether theft of coal is being carried out by truck drivers in the mid-way; and

(c) if so, whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard along with the number of persons found guilty and action taken against them?

#### Removal of Women Coaches

391. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to stop the unreserved coaches exclusively for women in long-distance trains and set-aside a few seats for women as practised in buses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways has decided to remove such coaches from LHB coaches and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the manner in which the railway plans to ensure safety of women in the general coaches; and

(e) whether the Government is ready to continue the *status quo* in all trains including those using LHB coaches and if so, the details thereof?

#### Cancellation of Trains in South India

392. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the train services in South India and especially in Kerala are very frequently cancelled;

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

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to regularize the train services in the South India?

**Optical Fibre Network**

393. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP  
RUDY:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and UT-wise details regarding the Optical Fibre Network (OFN) laid by different companies in the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has estimated the disruptions/damage to the OFN caused due to digging or constructive activities by various agencies like Public Works Department (PWD), NHAI, Railways, Municipal Bodies, water works department, State electricity boards, irrigation department etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise and the measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details regarding the total length of OFN along with the number of stations, cities and towns that have been connected through the OFN, State-wise?

**Extradition of Criminals**

†394. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:  
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing trouble in bringing those criminals back in the country who have escaped to other countries;

(b) if so, the details of the troubles being faced by the Government; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government at international level to remove these problems during the last three years with the outcome thereof?

**Annual Plan Outlay for Bihar**

395. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual plan outlay for Bihar for the last three years;

(b) the details of proposals under which the money was spent, project-wise; and

(c) the mechanism of monitoring of the same by the Union Government?

**Role of ICG in Cyclone**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has initiated pre-emptive and proactive measures to prevent loss of fishermen lives and to reduce impact from Cyclone Gaja and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of ICG ships and Dornier aircraft that were pressed into action during pre and post Gaja cyclone;

(c) the number of community interaction programmes conducted by ICG to sensitise fishermen and coastal population for taking safety measures for the Gaja cyclone;

(d) the number of fishermen rescued and the number of fishermen missing along with the action taken by the Government to find out the missing fishermen;

(e) the mechanism followed by the defence department in co-operation with the State Government to speed up the disaster management; and

(f) further steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to introduce a better mechanism for permanent disaster management system with the co-ordination of all the concerned departments of Central/State-Governments?

**Station Cleanliness Survey**

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

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Quality Council of India (QCI) has conducted a station cleanliness survey for the Railways recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of the survey;

(c) the number of stations included along with the expenditure incurred in the survey, State/UT-wise;

(d) the criteria fixed by QCI to evaluate the stations for their cleanliness; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any action against the officials who are responsible for lack of cleanliness at the stations and if so, the details thereof?

**Use of Bangladeshi SIM Card**

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

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that BSF personnel were forced to use Bangladeshi SIM cards in the north-east due to connectivity problem;

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

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any steps to improve the mobile connectivity in border areas of North-Eastern region and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the mobile connectivity in border areas?

#### **Strengthening of Academics and Industry Interface in Science**

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

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been formulated by the Government to strengthen the academics and industry interface in science and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether several large scale science projects are being undertaken at various national institutes by the Government and private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering to augment investment in this field and if so, the details of estimated investment likely to be made during this year and the coming years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the academics and industry interface in science?

#### **Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme**

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Prime Minister's 15-point programme being implemented for the welfare of minorities along with its implementation status in the minority concentrated districts in the country especially in the State of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has evaluated the physical and financial performance of the programme since its inception;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made under various schemes included in the programme during the above period;

(d) whether the Government proposes to remodel the said programme for its effective implementation, if so, the details thereof and the changes likely to be made in the said programme and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any step under 15- point programme so that the unemployed persons of the minority community could register themselves to get employment and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lignite Coal Production**

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the grade, quantity and value of lignite coal produced from various operational mines in Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited during the current year, and its value in international market;

(b) the total income earned during the above period;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to produce more quantity of high grade lignite coal from Neyveli coal mines;

(d) the total quantity and quality of coal supplied to the thermal power stations during the current year together with its performance in generation of power; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide adequate infrastructural logistic and technological facilities to NLC Limited?

#### **National Digital Communication Policy**

402. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether regulatory barriers and regulatory burdens hampered the investment, innovation and consumer interest in telecom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has notified the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 for improvement in the regulatory framework for attracting investment and ensuring fair competition, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the aforesaid policy proposes to amend the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and related acts including restructuring of the legal, licensing and regulatory framework;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the aforesaid amendment is likely to be made;

(f) the other major features of the policy; and

(g) the time by which new policy is likely to be implemented?



**Over-The-Top Service**

403. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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

(a) the details of the Over-The-Top (OTT) communication service in the country;

(b) whether lawful interception of Over-The-Top (OTT) communication service is required in the interest of national security, if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether there are no statistics available in the public domain about the effectiveness of mechanism adopted by communication service providers to deal with the cases of multiple complaints against same number, if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether telcos have sought regulatory framework for OTT players;

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

(f) whether the Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued another consultation paper as issued three years back to seek views on regulatory framework for OTT players;

(g) if so, the response of OTT players thereon; and

(h) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Affordable Cancer Care**

- †404. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancer is a global epidemic that requires radically new approaches through inter-disciplinary and multi-national efforts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had signed any MoU for partnership between Department of Biotechnology and Cancer Research, UK for the India - UK Cancer Research Initiative for Affordable treatment of Cancer;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India-UK Cancer Research Initiative will provide a cataloging platform for scientists and researchers in UK and India to co-create solutions for affordable cancer care that improve cancer treatment outcomes around the globe;

(e) if so, whether India-UK Cancer Research Initiative provides an opportunity to tackle the global epidemic of cancer by opening new pathways for international knowledge exchange and research base;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the amount of investment proposed by both the countries in this initiative?

**Universal Service Obligation Fund**

405. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:  
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected by way of charging Universal Access Levy (UAL) on telecom operators, since 2014, year-wise, to date;

(b) the details of the figures of balance amount in the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) starting from FY 2013-14 till FY 2017-18;

(c) the year-wise list of projects introduced that are being funded through the USOF since 2014 and disbursement of funds project-wise for each year;

(d) whether Telecom Companies currently pay 5% of the AGR (Adjusted Gross Revenue) towards maintaining USOF;

(e) whether the Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) has been set up to fund projects to boost connectivity in rural and remote areas and the details of the main functions of USOF; and

(f) the measures being taken to promote progressive technologies to enhance rural infrastructure?

**Coal Linkage**

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government at present to rationalise coal linkage;

(b) whether CIL has streamlined the coal linkage sources of public sector power plants at present;

(c) if so, the benefit derived by the Government due to it; and

(d) the cost incurred in washing coal in public sector power plants at present including the details thereof State-wise, plant-wise for the past three years?

**Defence Cooperation with Foreign Countries**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which discussions were held on defence co-operation during the last three years and the current year along with the details thereof;

(b) the countries with which agreement for exchange of defence equipment and technology has been signed during the last three years along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has signed a defence equipment and technology agreement with any country for the jawans posted at Siachen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Crime in Trains

†408. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in the number of cases of burglary, looting and other crimes against passengers in various long distance trains;

(b) if so, the number of such instances reported during the last three years, zone-wise and the details of relief given to the affected families/passengers by the Government; and

(c) the action taken and efforts made by the Railways to check such incidents and ensure fear-free journey of passengers in trains?

#### Establishment of New Railway Zone in AP

409. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:  
SHRI KESINENI NANI:  
SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:  
SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the railway zone to be established in Andhra Pradesh (AP);

(b) the reasons for the long delay that has been caused and steps the Government is taking to expedite the process; and

(c) whether the Government has set any deadline for the establishment of new railway zone and if so, the details thereof?

#### Call Drop Situation

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

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of concerns over the worsening call drop situation in the Country, the Union Government has recently decided to have a meeting with telecom operators to discuss the situation and explore avenues to counter it;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with the telecom operators and strategies formulated to counter call drop situation; and

(c) the number of complaints in regard to call drops received from consumers during the current year and steps taken to check call drops?

#### Awareness about Welfare Schemes

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of its awareness campaign initiated to create awareness among the minority communities of the schemes/programmes meant for their welfare in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether there is an increase in beneficiaries of the said schemes/programmes after such awareness campaign, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government in this direction?

#### Recruitment of Female Personnels

†412. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy for recruitment of female personnels in each of the three services of armed forces the Navy, the Army and the Air Force;

(b) the service-wise and year-wise number of females recruited in these services during the last three years;

(c) the service-wise percentage of female personnels as compared to male personnels in the three services as on date;

(d) whether the Government is running any special scheme to increase female participation in defence forces; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Launch of Satellites by ISRO

413. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has launched several satellites in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details along with the features of each of them;

(c) whether the launch of Chandrayaan 2 has been postponed by ISRO again and whether it proposes to work on smaller launch vehicles;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the salient features of the mission; and

(e) the time by which the said mission is likely to be launched?

#### Internet and Broadband Facility in Rural Areas

414. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unsatisfactory usage of internet and broadband penetration, especially in rural areas has received attention of the Government ;

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

(c) whether there is reluctance in investment thereof in the rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise including the position in Odisha; and

(e) the measures taken up by the Government to ensure better internet and broadband penetration network, State-wise especially in Odisha ?

#### Signals of Indian Service Providers at Border

415. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has taken steps to jam signals from neighbouring countries as also to provide signals of Indian Service providers going across the border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the department has taken steps to locate towers on the India side in a manner that their signals are not available across the border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Import of Arms

†416. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:  
PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is ranked number one in import of weapons from other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure made on import of weapons during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review the implications of such imports on national security and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to augment the defence preparedness to meet the challenges in this regard; and

(e) the role played by make-in-India and digital movement in indigenous manufacturing of weapons so far and the outcome thereof?

#### Aim of New Telecom Policy

417. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:  
DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new telecom policy aims to provide broadband access to all by 2022 and create at least

40 lakh new jobs in the sector in the next four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the policy has called for a review of levies and fees, including licence fee, universal service obligation fund levy and spectrum usage charges on the other and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that this is expected to help the debt laden telecom sector and proposes to attract 100 billion US dollar investment, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### Conference of Heads of Missions

418. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:  
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently conducted a Conference of Heads of Missions in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of Indian Ambassadors and High Commissioners who attended the said conference;

(c) the agenda discussed in the said meeting and the purpose and motive to conduct such conference;

(d) whether the conference comes at the time when India is monitoring several important global developments including sanctions imposed by the United States on Russia and Iran and China's new assertiveness in Indo-Pacific region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Special Courts

419. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to set up special courts to settle the cases of crimes against women and children in a speedy manner;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to increase the number of courts in the country with a view to settle backlog of such pending cases; and

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

#### One Rank One Pension

†420. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether One Rank One Pension (OROP) has been implemented by the Government for the personnel of Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any resentment among the personnels of Armed Forces in this regard;

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

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

### Climate Change

†421. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done any scientific study on climate change due to global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the mining activities in habitat is one of the main reasons for climate change and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government considers establishing a national institute with regard to climate change and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has done any study regarding impact of climate change on monsoon; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

### Infrastructure in Courts

422. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has issued some guidelines with regard to improving the infrastructure of Courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has initiated any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Commercial Coal Mining

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to develop commercial coal mining in the country by involving the States and the private mining companies;

(b) whether any State Government have come forward to commence this commercial coal mining, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has identified coal mines which are to be used for commercial mining, if so, the details thereof?

### Agreement Signed between Railways and SBI

†424. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI: SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between the Railways and the State Bank of India regarding collection of cash received from sale of railway tickets at the station itself;

(b) if so, the names of zones which have signed this agreement;

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued to the Railways from this agreement; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Overseas Manpower Agencies

†425. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian workers are being sent to foreign countries through overseas manpower agencies recognised by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of workers imprisoned in foreign jails along with the number of workers who died during the current year so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the general amnesty of illegally detained Indians in foreign countries?

### Pending Rail Projects

426. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of ongoing and pending rail projects in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;

(b) whether many ongoing rail projects are getting delayed causing huge escalation in cost;

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

(d) the project-wise and State/zone-wise details of funds expected for completion of such projects and the amount spent till date on these projects; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to complete these projects at the earliest in order to avoid further cost escalation?

### Judgement on Writ Petition

427. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon. Madras High Court ruled that employees retiring on 30 June are entitled for increment on 1st July of that year for pensionary benefit as they retire after completion of that year's full service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Hon. Supreme Court has dismissed the petition filed against the Madras High Court's above judgement;

(d) if so, whether the Government has issued orders regarding granting annual increment to those employees who are retiring on 30th June after completion of one year of service;

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

(f) the time by which such orders are likely to be issued in this regard?

**Coal Reserves**

428. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is using latest techniques to explore the fresh coal reserves;

(b) if so, the details of fresh coal reserves in the country State-wise since 2014;

(c) whether Government has slowed down the exploration of fresh coal reserves in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for Government not taking initiative to avail technical know how from the specialised agencies of other countries having proven record for coal exploration?

**New Rail Lines**

†429. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total rail lines in kilometres replaced by new rail lines along with the details of rail lines yet to be replaced, zone-wise; and

(b) the time by which the target of renovation of all the rail lines is likely to be completed?

**Kartarpur Corridor**

430. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the construction and manning of the Kartarpur Corridor and the future costs associated with the project;

(b) the authority which will have legal jurisdiction over the corridor;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that pilgrims are under no security threat;

(d) the details of cooperation mediums that have been established between local authorities in the concerned areas to ensure a seamless visit to the Gurudwara in Pakistan; and

(e) the reciprocal steps taken by India for Pakistani situations to ensure goodwill and brotherhood?

**Elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings**

431. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:  
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:  
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Railways has managed to either man or remove all level crossings in major routes across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that as on April this year there were 3470 unmanned

level crossings across the Indian Railways network and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has stepped into more effective action to eliminate unmanned railway crossings in the country after the incident of 13 school children were killed in April when a train rammed into a school van at an unmanned railway crossing near Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Agartala-Akhaura Broad Gauge Line**

432. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the Imphal railway station and Agartala-Akhaura broad gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any deadline for the completion of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Coal Production**

433. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:  
DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA  
RAO(AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of coal at Power Plants being run in the Public Sector as well as in the Private Sector;

(b) if so, the details of shortage during the last three years, State-wise especially Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the Government is considering to import coal from other countries to meet the shortage of coal at power plants;

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

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to augment the production and productivity of coal to meet the requirement of the power sector; and

(f) the further steps taken by the Government to encourage private investments for coal development particularly for acquiring new technologies?

**Defence Contracts under Make in India**

434. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of manufacturing/production contracts signed by the defence ministry under "Make in India" programme;

(b) the details of project and companies awarded contracts therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the defence manufacturing units in the country have the potential to fulfill the Government target under the above programme; and

(d) if so, the sector-wise details under which Indian Armed Forces is working towards PM's vision and the details of the project under implementation therefor?

**Strategy against China and Pakistan**

435. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has taken any special project in defence strategy for combating the aggressive activities of China and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Artillery Gun System**436. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:  
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army propose to induct 3 artillery gun systems recently after the Bofors artillery gun system procured from Sweden in early 1980s;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these new systems are fully imported or developed indigenously;

(d) if so, the details thereof in each gun system; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to couple this with 'Make in India' initiative and if so, the details thereof?

**Services Provided by Telephone/  
Mobile Operators**†437. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the services being provided to the customers by the telephone/mobile operators of private and public sectors and the capacity expansion made in mobile/telephone sectors by each of the said companies in the country;

(b) whether the Government has collected the details of funds allocated and spent for the expansion of telephone/mobile and internet connection in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and Union territory-wise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Agreement with Roscosmos**

438. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos have agreed to work together for first manned space mission 'Gaganyaan';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under the agreement Roscosmos has offered ride to Indian astronauts short visit to International Space Station (ISS) onboard Soyuz spacecraft for short training mission in 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**LED Lights at Stations**

439. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to provide 100 per cent LED lighting at its all stations and service buildings by the end of this financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that 100 per cent LED lighting across railway stations will improve the energy scenario and will reduce energy consumption by about 10 per cent of its non-traction energy consumption; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Aadhaar Enrolment  
Centres**440. SHRI R.P.  
MARUTHARAJAA:Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of aadhaar enrolment and updation facility at post offices available in the country, State-wise;

(b) the facilities available at aadhaar enrolment centres in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the list of sub-post offices, head post offices and general post offices across India where enrolment facility is available, location-wise; and

(d) the details of total aadhaar enrolment/ updation done in year 2017-2018, State-wise including those in Tamil Nadu?

**Cleanliness Standards in Trains**†441. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the train passengers can lodge complaints regarding cleanliness standards in trains through ratings;

(b) if so, the trains in which passengers will be able to lodge complaints regarding cleanliness levels through ratings;

(c) the measures taken by the Railways to ensure proper monitoring of the above services;

(d) whether any initiative is being taken to spread awareness about cleanliness among railway passengers so that they do not litter in trains; and

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

**Track Renewal**

442. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to carry out a track renewal exercise;

(b) if so, the criteria being used to identify stretches of tracks that have completed their lifespan or carry heavy traffic;

(c) the total kilometres of track expected to be covered under the track renewal exercise, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the total cost expected to be associated with the track renewal exercise?

**Ramping Up Job Creation**

443. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government's Economic Advisory Council has recently spelt out a 'clear roadmap' to ramp up job creation and infrastructure financing avenues;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the sectors in which job creation and infrastructure financing avenues have been identified; and

(c) the timeline for implementation of roadmap and the expected job creation in the next five years?

**Dead Bodies of Workers**

444. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by the Government regarding missing bodies of Indian workers who died abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up this matter with the countries concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of such countries thereto?

**Rounding-off Charges**

†445. SHRI BHARAT SINGH: SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competition Commission of India has ordered investigation of the practice of the Railways to charge higher prices allegedly through 'rounding off' in multiple of Rs. 5 for rail ticket booking; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**National Supercomputing Mission**

446. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Supercomputing Mission including its roadmap, nodal bodies responsible for implementation, application groups of the Mission and the amount of funds sanctioned since the inception, year-wise;

(b) the composition and terms of reference of various committees that have been constituted for implementing the Mission; and

(c) whether supercomputers have been installed under the aegis of the Mission since its inception, year-wise and if so, the details thereof, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Upliftment of Kannur Railway Station**

447. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed, sanctioned and ongoing projects for the upliftment of Kannur railway stations; and

(b) whether there is any delay in the implementation of these projects and if so, the reasons therefor?

**CCTV Cameras**

448. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to install CCTV cameras at all manned railway crossings and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has identified vulnerable spots across the railway network where security deployment and CCTV coverage need to be provided; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Gauge Conversion of Udaipur-Ahmedabad Rail Line**

†449. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct new railway stations after the gauge conversion of Udaipur-Ahmedabad *via* Himmatnagar railway line;

(b) if so, the names of new railway stations under construction on this railway line;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct a new railway station on Salubar route (near Rishabhdev);

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

(e) the total number of over-bridges and under-bridges constructed on this gauge converted line along with the details of locations; and

(f) the total amount spent for the construction of these under and over bridges?

**Survey of Railway Projects in Karnataka**

450. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has carried out any survey in Karnataka for laying of new railway lines, gauge conversion of old lines, electrification and construction of ROBs and RUBs since 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the Government's plan for the current year for laying of new lines, gauge conversion, electrification and construction of ROBs and RUBs in Karnataka?

**El-Nino Weather Patterns**

451. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES  
पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to emerge unscathed from the El-Nino weather patterns as it is expected to set in only during the latter part of the four month monsoon season;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country would have timely arrival of rains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Ayurvedic and Unani System in Army Hospital**

452. DR. UDIT RAJ:

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

(a) whether the medical facility for personnel of Armed Forces including ex-servicemen and their dependents under Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicines have been introduced in Army hospitals (R&R) Delhi Cantonment; and

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

**Fishermen in Neighbouring Countries Jails**

453. SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian fishermen and their boats in the custody of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at present;

(b) the total number of fishermen released during the current year from these countries;

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to secure release of all the fishermen; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to rehabilitate fishermen and their families whose boats have been confiscated by these countries?

**Popularising Hindi**

†454. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to make Hindi popular in other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of the fund allocated in this regard for the current financial year along with the details of the programmes being implemented for the said purpose;

(d) whether people from other countries are taking special interest in learning Hindi and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the countries at present where Hindi is being taught as a subject?

**Ongoing Railway Projects**

455. SHRI BADRUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sanctioned and ongoing railway projects pertaining to new lines, gauge conversion, electrification and route doubling during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and spent therefrom, zone-wise/State-wise;

(c) the total number of projects running behind schedule along with those pending due to financial constraints, zone-wise;

(d) whether any committee has been set up to monitor the implementation of the aforesaid projects and find out the reasons for the delay therein and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to generate extra budgetary support for the purpose and expedite completion of the said projects?

**Foreign Aid to Kerala**

456. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has refused to accept the help from various countries and organizations for revival of devastated Kerala State by the torrential rain and flood in the month of August, 2018; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries and organizations offered financial as well as technological help for reconstruction of Kerala and reasons for not accepting such help from friendly countries?

**Regional Cooperation**

457. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's efforts to promote regional cooperation will continue to focus on the Bay of Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether initiatives were taken for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in the recently concluded summit in Kathmandu and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase community and revive Bay of Bengal in India?

**National Telecom Service Policy**

458. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD  
DATTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS  
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put in place or proposes to put in place the National Telecommunication Security Policy in the country;



(b) if so, the details thereof including salient features of the said policy;

(c) whether all the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are following the instructions issued by the Government regarding security audit of telecom equipments, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action taken/being taken by the Government against erring TSPs, TSP-wise?

### Passport Offices in Kerala

459. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would set up passport offices in all divisional headquarters of Kerala especially in Thrissur and Palakkadu; and

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

### Cyclone Forecasting and Management System

460. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyclone Titli and Gaja have wrecked havoc across various States resulting in loss of lives and properties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any new initiatives to bring in technological advancement in cyclone forecasting system;

(d) if so, the details thereof including international cooperation/agreement signed in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to develop cyclone forecasting and management system in the country?

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Secretary General

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