

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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कामिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 230

Per Capita Income

†1381. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS
AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per capita income in different States *vis-a-vis* the national average for the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is any disparity in the per capita income of people living in rural and urban areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to remove this disparity?

Cyber Attacks

1382. SHRI OM BIRLA:

SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that incidents of cyber attacks including ransomware etc. have increased in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year including the measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether foreign Governments are behind any such cyber attacks, if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether lack of trained professionals is proving to be an impediment in curbing such challenges, if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to augment the

capacity of existing experts and for training of new experts?

Hindu Marriage Act

1383. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939, so as to hold child marriages void, instead of requiring either of two contracting parties to opt for annulment and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government intends to amend the Muslim personal law which allows minor girls who have attained puberty to get married and if not, the reasons therefor?

Railway Electrification

†1384. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway is ready to expedite electrification process and to run all train with electric engines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railway has identified the rail divisions/rail routes where electrification work is pending;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete electrification work in the country?

Coal Mines

1385. SHRI ABHIJIT
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of output from Bengal coal mine during the last four years;

(b) the terms and conditions laid down for acquiring Bengal coal mine from the Rio-Tinto group; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred for the takeover of Bengal coal mine from Rio-Tinto Group?

Section 377 of IPC

1386. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHVAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the striking down of section 377 of the IPC by the Supreme Court and if so, the reaction of the Government to the same;

(b) whether the Government is taking steps to make sexual harassment laws gender-neutral in recognition of the rights of the community and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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Chief Whip

1387. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered amending the 10th Schedule of the Constitution to reduce the role of the Chief Whips and ensuring freedom in voting of every member and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government has realised that India joins a small number of countries which ensure that only the Chief Whips have power in deciding a Member's vote and if so, the reasons for not amending this Schedule?

War Museum

1388. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a museum and a war memorial in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether it is proposed to set up more such museums/memorials in other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said museum is likely to be set up?

Budget Allocation for Defence

1389. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any deficiency in the Defence Budget allocations for 2018-19 to the projections made by the armed forces;

(b) if so, the service-wise breakup of the same;

(c) the details of the deficiency, if any, in the revenue and the capital allocations; and

(d) the manner in which the services are likely to make up the deficiency in the budgetary allocation?

Compensation to Affected Persons1390. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate compensation and job opportunities for the persons belonging to the families of those who have provided lands for NLC, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any efforts to find a permanent solution to

the contract labourers who are badly affected by the NLC decision of reducing the number of working days per month; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

Nuclear Arsenal by Pakistan1391. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is expanding its nuclear arsenal and has developed warheads for its delivery as well as converting some of its fighter jets to deliver nukes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Pakistan will become the world's fifth largest nuclear weapon state in 2025, if the current trend continue;

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

(d) the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government to meet the country's defence requirement and enhance the nuclear capability?

Broadband Connectivity in Gram Panchayats1392. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Bharat Net Project to extend High Speed Broadband connectivity infrastructure to remaining 1.25 lakh panchayats out of total 2.5 lakh gram panchayats would be completed on time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the villages where broadband facilities are likely to be provided in the year 2017-18;

(c) whether it is also true that the broadband connectivity would offer e-health and e-governance services to the rural people;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is working on the scheme called Wireless Broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of villages included under the scheme along with the time by which remaining villages are likely to be included, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh ?

Outstanding Payments1393. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has huge outstanding payments to diesel and electric power supply PSUs and other companies;

(b) if so, the details of outstanding with different companies and State Governments since 2014 onwards; and

(c) the proposal of the Government to clear those dues?

Coal Royalty

1394. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to revise the coal royalty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is charging clean environment cess per tonne production of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the coal bearing States have a share in this; and

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

Inadequate Coal Transport

1395. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road as well as the rail mode of coal transport are not performing upto the expectations which is leading to

inadequate coal stock at power plants that are located at far distances from mines;

(b) whether road transportation of coal faces significant issues including environmental concerns and resistance from local population;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to tackle the problem and to ensure efficient transportation of coal; and

(d) whether it is also true that the coal companies should focus on increased use of conveyor belts of overhead ropeways, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Timely Promotion

†1396. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether timely promotion on vacancies created in all groups of employees in several Central Government Ministries, Departments and Autonomous bodies is not given;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such employees in the Ministries/Departments and autonomous bodies who have not been awarded promotion despite vacancy on retirement during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to fill the vacancies on retirement within a fixed period in future?

Earthquake Forecasting

†1397. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is on the verge of an earthquake especially in the hilly & north-eastern areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of laboratories working to study the earthquake in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to establish an electronic system to measure the intensity of earthquakes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which new system is likely to give better earthquake forecast through implementation of this system and the time by which the said system is likely to be established;

(e) whether our country is capable of forecasting the disasters like earthquake and if not, the reasons therefor and the concrete workplan in place to forecast such disasters; and

(f) the details of guidelines issued for the construction of houses especially in the earthquake prone areas of the country?

Reusable Rocket Technology

1398. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Agency, ISRO is working on reusable technology that would drastically cut the cost of the

space missions carried out by ISRO and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ISRO has created any technology demonstrator using reusable technology and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ISRO is working on the technology to enable orbital re-entry of the space vehicle, to land the reusable vehicle on airstrip and on reusable rocket stages, etc. and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether ISRO has any proposal to increase the payload capacity of GSLV Mk III from the present capacity of 4 tonnes to 6.5 tonnes so that its dependence on European Spaceports is done away with and if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Coal

†1399. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the position of India in the world in coal production;

(b) whether there is shortage of coal in the country at present;

(c) the production, demand, supply and import of coal by Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote private investment in coal sector and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to stop the import of coal in the country; and

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

Installation of RFID Tags

1400. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to install Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) tags in all its coaches and wagons to track Cargo movements;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons for this initiative and the details of expenditure thereof, so far, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to give hand-held terminals to TTE to give timely information of cancelled tickets and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of expenditure incurred on this new initiative, zone-wise?

Stock of Coal

1401. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main reasons for shortage in coal production in the country;

(b) whether the number of non-pitched plants that have either 'critical' or 'super-critical' stock of coal has risen during the last six months and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to increase the production of coal by Coal India to help ameliorate the coal shortage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

e-Drishti Software

1402. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently unveiled 'e-Drishti' software that will help Union Railway Minister to keep track of punctuality of trains as well as freight and passenger earnings and much more from anywhere in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is of the opinion that this will improve the time schedule and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has noticed that the delay in keeping time schedule makes train journey very uncomfortable and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of corrective measures taken till date?

Increase in Cyber Crime

†1403. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one cyber crime takes place in every 10 seconds in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per cyber experts a strong infrastructure is being put in place to give prior information of cyber crimes and to check planning/execution of such crimes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Wi-Fi Access Points under Bharat Net

1404. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that provision has been made for last mile connectivity under Bharat net in all 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats through viability gap funding and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that every Gram Panchayat will have on an average, five Wi-Fi access points, including three meant for public institutions and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that a tender for provisioning of Wi-Fi services has been floated by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) after consultation with telecom service providers and internet service providers for wider participation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Space Technology based Tools

1405. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the current utilisation of space technology-based tools in each Ministry or Department to explore new potential application areas following the National Meet on Promoting space technology based Tools and Applications in Governance and Development organised on 7th September 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details and number of projects identified under various themes for effective utilization of space technology to enhance functional effectiveness, facilitate planning and decision making;

(c) the current status of implementation of the projects, theme-wise; and

(d) the timeframe by which all the projects are expected to be completed and the total amount of funds spent on the projects, project-wise?

Promotion on Public Rating

†1406. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote the Government officials based on public rating/feedback and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said system is likely to be put into place;

(b) whether the Government is considering adoption of some other system for the promotion of Government officials who do not have direct dealings with the public and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has started Aadhaar based authentication of life certificates for pensioners and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of pensioners who have availed the benefit of the said scheme along with the State-wise details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has formulated any policy to prevent misuse of Aadhaar based authentication of life certificates and if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of Casual Labourers in BRO

1407. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the casual labour under Border Road Organisation (BRO) do not have good living shelter with required minimum basic amenities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the labourers working on contracts under BRO are not getting due wages and arrears *w.e.f.* 01.04.2017 and they do not have social security and other medical benefits and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to implement disbursement of arrear and wages and leave proposal with other benefits to casual labourer including women workers in BRO?

Appointment of Lokpal

1408. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not taken steps to appoint Lokpal till date despite Supreme Court order and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the time frame for appointing the Lokpal?

ITAT

1409. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state the month-wise number of cases filed, disposed off and pending from January 2014 till September 2018 at each Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) bench in India, under the following categories:

- (i) Transfer Pricing cases;
- (ii) Income Tax Appeal;
- (iii) Wealth Tax Appeal;
- (iv) International Taxation Cases; and
- (v) Cross Objection Appeals?

Vacancies of Judicial Officers

1410. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength and vacancies for Judicial Officers and Prosecutors, State, Rank and Court-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the gap between their sanctioned and actual strength;

(c) the total number of training academies/institutes with their trainee capacities available for the training of Judicial Officers and Prosecutors, State-wise;

(d) the total number of Judicial Officers and Prosecutors who have been imparted basic training during the last three years, State-wise and rank-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that the appointment of Judges and Judicial Officers in the District and Subordinate Courts fall within the domain of the High Courts and State Governments concerned; and

(f) whether the Government has suggested certain options to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for creation of a central selection mechanism to expedite and rationalise the process of selection and the responses/suggestions of States and UTs in this regard?

Stopping Services by Companies

†1411. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecom companies are stopping services despite sufficient balance in the account of mobile subscribers in the country;

(b) whether telecom companies are unnecessarily threatening the subscribers by sending text message in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has issued directions to such companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Indians Trapped Abroad

1412. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Indians being trapped in various countries particularly in war torn countries, is on the rise and if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the number of Indians still trapped in these countries as on date;

(b) the number of rescue missions led by India for the evacuation of Indians and others during the past one year and the current year along with the number of people saved through such operations, country-wise and the response of the other countries in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has taken/ is taking effective steps in consultation with other countries for the safe evacuation of the rest of the persons trapped/held captive in these countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved in this regard, so far?

Vacancies in Tribunals/Commissions

†1413. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several vacancies of Chairman and members in various judicial, semi-judicial and administrative tribunals and commissions;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any recommendation from the officers concerned to fill these vacancies;

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

(e) the details of such appointments made during the last three years?

Relations with Southeast Asian Countries

1414. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to enhance economic and strategic relations with the Southeast Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has a Project Development Fund to set up manufacturing hubs in Cambodia,

Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam (CMLV) through separate Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the SPVs are functioning properly with economic return and if so, the details thereof?

Survey of New Rail Lines

1415. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and outcome of surveys for three new railway lines in the Mysore Division of South Western Railway, envisaged in Rail Budget 2017-18;

(b) the present status of proposed Railway Line connecting Mysore to Kushal Nagar;

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds for establishing a Rail Museum in Mysore and if so, the present status of the proposal;

(d) whether Konkan Railway has completed three major projects in Udupi District, including a crossing station at Innanje between Padubidri and Udupi and two traffic stations at Mirjan and Murdeshwara; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the cost of these Projects?

New Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

1416. SHRI S. SELVAKUMARA
CHINNAYAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start new railway projects in Tamil Nadu especially Erode-Palani Railway project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

High End Skill Development Centres

1417. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Research Laboratory CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (CSIR-IMTECH) proposes to establish High End Skill Development Centres on the principle of "no-profit, no-loss" basis in collaboration with German science and technology company, Merck;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of High End Skill Development Centres proposed to be set up;

(d) whether the Union Government has identified the places where these centres are to be set up;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the facilities proposed to be provided in these centres; and

(f) the extent to which it will help in scaling employability skills for graduates and post graduates who are aspiring to make a career in life science sector?

IAS Officers in Chhattisgarh

†1418. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IAS officers deployed in Chhattisgarh at present;

(b) the number of vacant posts along with the steps being taken by the Government to fill the said vacancies;

(c) the number of those officers of Administrative Service of Chhattisgarh who are serving in States other than their home State;

(d) whether such officers are serving in the States of their choice despite the ruling given by the courts and the Central Administrative Tribunal regarding serving in their home States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the penal action which the Government proposes to take against such officers?

Financial Grants to Minority Educational Institutions

1419. SHRI NABA KUMAR
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant given to the Minority Educational Institutions in North East States under the Maulana Azad Foundation during the last three years; and

(b) the number of educational institutions benefited under the scheme all over the country including Assam, district-wise during the last three years and the current year?

Bullet Train

1420. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bullet train plan stalls on law row;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has fixed a deadline for completing the land survey and acquisition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard as on date?

NMJDLR

1421. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms

(NMJDLR) has been set up to streamline and quicken the disposal of crores of pending cases in courts including High Courts and Supreme Court;

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

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

Model Dalit Villages

†1422. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating or proposes to formulate any scheme for transforming dalit majority villages into model dalit villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the said scheme by the Union Government; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented by the Union Government?

IRCTC's In-House Payment Gateway

1423. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IRCTC is proposing to launch its own in-house payment gateway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not launching Railways own in-house payment gateway; and

(d) the steps being taken to launch own in-house payment gateway?

Bharat Net in MP

†1424. PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation has the internal capacity of implementing Bharat Net project in Madhya Pradesh but the final shape has not been given to the project by the Government;

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

(c) the time by which the project report is likely to be approved along with the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the funds are likely to be made available for this work?

Consular Access

1425. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a prescribed format in which the Embassy/High

Commission has to apply for consular access and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time taken for an embassy to receive permission for consular access and duration of its validity; and

(c) the list of embassies that have been granted access to Indian nationals *via* consular access from January 2017 to June 2018?

Developmental Assistance Programme

1426. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the Indian projects running under country's developmental assistance programme abroad and which are of strategic importance are lagging behind in terms of completion;

(b) if so, the details of such projects along with the reasons for such slow pace, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government plans to launch more Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in East Asia and other countries under its developmental assistance programme;

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

(e) the other steps taken/ being taken by the Government to complete the foreign projects under its developmental assistance programme in time bound manner?

Neutrino Observatory

1427. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is progressing with the India based Neutrino Observatory (INO) at Pottippuram and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any Court interventions are impeding the progress of the project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Green Tribunal has also interfered in the project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints from the residents of the nearby areas against the INO and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any radiation, structural damage to the mountain or emission of hazardous chemicals risk in INO and if so, the details thereof?

Women Working in Coal Mines

1428. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of women working in coal mines has declined drastically compared to men workers in the last three years;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of women workers in coal mines?

Outstanding Dues of Contractors of MES

1429. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contractors of Military Engineering Services (MES) have threatened to stall work and go on indefinite strike unless the Government clears their dues which is in crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that no payments have been made to them in the past six months and the backlog goes upto two years;

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

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

Revamping Vendorship Licensing

1430. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revamp the vendorship licensing process at railway platforms;

(b) if so, the detailed list of nodal agencies and officers appointed for it, UT and State-wise specially in Delhi;

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

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

Project under "Make in India"

1431. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no defence projects have been taken up under the "Make in India" framework during the last four years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such delays render India strategically vulnerable and also disadvantaged in being greatly dependent on large military hardware imports and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any "Defence Production Policy" to herald a new era in providing domestically manufactured Military Hardware for the Indian Armed Force and if so, the details thereof ?

Construction of Parking Plaza at Thane Station

†1432. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of parking plaza for the railway passengers outside Thane Railway Station under the Central Railways has been stopped for want of funds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds proposed for the said parking plaza so far; and

(c) the time by which the said construction work is likely to be completed?

Misuse of Social Media

1433. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the misuse of social media is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb the misuse of social media?

Reservation for Women in Lok Sabha

1434. KUMARI SUSHMITA
DEV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has plans to introduce legislation in this winter session for reservation of 33% seats for women in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies; and

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

Failure of Computers/Servers in Post Offices

†1435. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the computers/servers installed in head post-offices/ sub post-offices, particularly in the North Avenue post-office, are not functioning due to which account holders are facing delays in the process of withdrawal and deposit of money and are sometimes not able to withdraw money at all;

(b) if so, whether any officer of the post department has been held responsible in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Number of Internet Users

1436. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data collected about the use of internet in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the number of internet users is increasing in the recent times and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the usage of internet in the country and enable people to have better access to e-governance and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note that the quality of internet services is very poor and people suffer due to it; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to address the issue of providing better internet services?

Ongoing/Pending Rail Projects

†1437. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the ongoing/pending railway projects in the country especially in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh zone-wise and division-wise;

(b) the total funds earmarked and allocated for execution of each of these projects, as-on-date;

(c) the details of funds spent thereon, so far;

(d) the list of projects getting delayed and the reasons therefor along with the escalation of cost due to delay in completion of these projects; and

(e) the time-frame set for the completion of these projects along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Upgradation of Rail Infrastructure in Kerala

1438. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new projects and upgradation of present infrastructure are being taken up in Kerala and if so, the details thereof, and

(b) the details of new projects sanctioned and the estimated cost of the projects announced in Kerala during the last three years?

Cost Escalation

1439. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 216 Indian railway projects face cost overrun by 150 per cent;

(b) if so, the details of time and cost overruns of railway projects, zone-wise;

(c) whether any mechanism has been put in place in the Railways for regular monitoring at various levels to avoid cost and time overruns;

(d) if so, the details thereof and its impact thereon; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite execution of railway projects?

Indian Fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

1440. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether seventeen Indian fishermen were arrested on 31.10.2018 by the Sri Lankan Navy for fishing off Neduntheevu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether their boats were also impounded by the Sri Lankan Navy; and

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

Railway Emergency Response Team

1441. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average time taken by the Railway Emergency Response team to arrive at the rail accident site;

(b) whether such teams are equipped with sufficient tools and man power; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Solar Plants on Vacant Land

1442. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways is planning to set up solar plants in its vacant land and along the tracks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any public sector undertaking has been roped in to carry out this project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has been able to receive NOCs from various State-Governments as it will have to share the infrastructure of the State Government and if so, the number of State Governments which have provided NOC; and

(d) the status of earlier target of 500 MW of solar power from roof-top installations on the Railway stations?

Elephants Killed in Rail Accidents

1443. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wild life including elephants killed on the railway tracks during the last three years and the current year in the country, zone-wise;

(b) whether the Railways have conducted any inquiry in the matter;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check recurrence of such incidents on the Railway tracks in the country in future?

Deaths at Unmanned Level Crossings

†1444. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people including women and children died in the accidents which occur while passing through the railway level crossings or the culverts on small rivers, drainages, etc. or while walking on the tracks in the absence of pedestrian way and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Railway proposes to formulate any effective scheme as early as possible to save the lives of the people in view of the above points and if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Religious Status to Lingayat Community

1445. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Telangana for granting separate/independent religion status to Lingayat community in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to consider the said proposal from the State of Telangana; and

(d) if so, the time by which the separate/independent religion status to the Lingayat community of the State is likely to be granted?

National Commission for Minorities

1446. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of complaints received by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has increased over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of complaints received during the last three years along with the reasons therefor, community-wise;

(c) the number of such cases which have been addressed during the said period; and

(d) the measures taken or being taken by the Government to redress the grievances of the minorities?

Coal linkage

1447. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:
SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the corrective measures taken or been taken by the Government to rationalize coal linkage;

(b) whether CIL has facilitated Government-owned power plants and if so, the details thereof and the benefits therefrom; and

(c) the current cost of transportation of coal to the electricity plants, State-wise and plant-wise for the last 5 years?

RUB in Shamli

†1448. SHRIMATI TABASSUM BEGUM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of underpasses constructed in Shamli and Saharanpur District on Delhi-Saharanpur *via* Shamli rail route;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the faulty design of these underpasses lead to problems like water logging and traffic jam during monsoon; and

(c) if so, the measures likely to be taken by the Government to correct faulty design of said underpasses and to drain out rain water from these underpasses?

National Aerospace Laboratories

1449. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of National Aerospace Laboratories across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal, Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized by these laboratories during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(c) the details of the target set and achievements made by these laboratories during the above-said period;

(d) whether the Government is planning to develop drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) by these laboratories;

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

(f) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for this purpose along with the details of the target likely to be set for this?

All India Bar Council

1450. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the existing guidelines to admit/register advocates as a member in the All India Bar Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of advocates who were registered as members in the All India Bar Council in the last three years; State-wise; and

(d) the minimum qualifications required/prescribed to register as a member in the All India Bar Council?

Shortage of Fighter Aircrafts

†1451. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Fighter Aircrafts and Light Combat Aircrafts (LCAs) in the Indian Air Force;

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

(c) whether such shortage of Fighter Aircrafts including LCA has an adverse impact on National Security;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make up the shortage ?

Demand and Supply of Coking Coal

1452. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire demand of Cooking Coal is not met indigenously as the supply of high quality coal/coking coal (LOW-ASH-COAL) in the country is limited and whether India is expected to become the largest coal importer through sea route by 2022;

(b) if so, the quantity of Coking Coal imported into the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) the impact of the cost of coking coal on the steel producers;

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to improve the supply of coking Coal in the country;

(e) the number of Coking Coal Washeries in the country, including their capacity and number of Washeries CIL proposes to construct by the year 2020; and

(f) the steps taken for rationalizing the procurement procedure for Coking Coal, acquisition of Coking Coal mines abroad and optimizing the use of Coking Coal by the Steel Companies?

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to permit the use of demographic data and the AADHAAR number of parents to generate AADHAAR number of children below five years;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

First Aid Box in Trains

†1454. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the First Aid facilities including improved First Aid Box are available with the long distance trains;

(b) if so, whether Railway employees are trained to provide first aid to the sick/injured passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the pilot project for providing life saving drugs as well as doctors and para-medical staff in the Duronto and Rajdhani trains has been successful;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Loss in Telecom Sector

1455. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the telecom sector is likely to experience three more quarters of losses, hurt by high levies and unsustainable tariffs; and

(b) whether it is also true that 2018-19 will certainly be a tough year in terms of financial performance of the industry, stating that the high incidence of levels like license fee and spectrum usage charges, compounded by upfront payment for radiowaves have added to the operators woes and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Doubling of Jhansi-Manikpur Rail Line

†1456. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the formalities completed so far regarding the proposed doubling of Jhansi to Manikpur and Khairad to Bhimsen rail line;

(b) the time by which the work is likely to be started on the said project; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard?

Separate Time Zones

1457. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been demands from North-Eastern States for having a separate time zone since the sun rises at 4.00 am in the North-East and sets at 4.00 pm and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether National Physical Laboratory has also recommended to have two separate time zones in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that in the absence of a second time zone, there is a huge consumption of electricity, reduced productivity in factories, etc. and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any methodology for having two time zones when smaller countries like France has 12 time zones, Britain has 9 time zones and if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of Handicapped and Blind Persons

1458. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government in consultation with the State Governments is going to launch a special recruitment programme for handicapped and blind persons in Government, Semi Government, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and PSU Banks as a large number of such posts are lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of posts that are lying vacant and the action taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts, State-wise; and

(d) the time that would be taken to complete such recruitment?

Construction of ROBs in Chhattisgarh

1459. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Station-wise pending proposals for construction of under bridges and over bridges in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the present status of the said proposals; and

(c) the time period fixed for completing their construction work?

Defence Land for Secretariat Complex and Highways

1460. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from Telangana State Government for giving No Objection Certificate (NOC) for constructing secretariat complex at the bison polo grounds which is defence lands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has agreed to give defence land to facilitate the expansion of Medchal highway and the Karimnagar Rajiv Rahadari; and

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

Construction of Koderma-Ranchi Rail Line

†1461. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the underconstruction Koderma- Ranchi rail line *via* Hazaribagh is facing unnecessary delays;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the time schedule for its completion; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the pace of construction of the said rail line?

Power Generated by NPCIL

†1462. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power in MW being generated by NPCIL at present along with the nuclear power plant-wise details thereof;

(b) whether there has been any rise in power generation by NPCIL during the last three years;

(c) if so, the quantum of increase in power generation and the location where such increase has taken place; and

(d) the number of the nuclear power plants sanctioned by the Government for being set up along with the number of the nuclear power plants proposed to be set up?

Integrated Legal Division

1463. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned an Integrated Legal Division (ILD) with the aim of reducing litigation and providing competent legal advice to stem huge losses to the exchequer and if so the details thereof;

(b) whether such move will reduce the number of pending cases and if so the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government can provide the timeline for the Cabinet deliberation and release of final proposal; and

(d) whether the Government would clarify if such a mechanism is intended to be established at the State level?

Indigenous Defence Production

1464. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of defence equipment developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and other Indian institutions during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of the total defence exports that are indigenously produced during the said period; and

(c) the policies/schemes undertaken to encourage indigenous development of defence equipment in the country ?

ROBs and RUBs in Kerala

1465. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from Kerala State Government for cost sharing of ROBs and RUBs;

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

(c) if so, the details of the proposals cleared during the said period and the proposals awaiting clearance along with the reasons for pendency?

Common Standard of Containers

1466. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for a common standard of containers in order to handle the goods to

shipment in multi modal transportation system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of common transit hubs established along National Highways ?

Pending Proposals for Welfare of Minorities

1467. SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending proposals for welfare of minorities along with the reasons for their pendency and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government, State-wise;

(b) whether there is unequal distribution of funds meant for the welfare of minority communities;

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

(d) the steps taken by the Government to allocate funds for the welfare of minorities in proportion to their population?

Illegal Transfer of Wakf Board Land

1468. DR. A. SAMPATH:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of the wakf properties (eviction of unauthorized occupation) bill;

(b) whether a large part of the Wakf Board's immovable properties have been illegally transferred, sold, leased or encroached in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to release unauthorized occupation of wakf land by persons, public and private institutions, departments/organizations?

Railway Infrastructure Development Projects

1469. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding different types of funding patterns available for railway infrastructure development projects in the country;

(b) the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for each of the last 5 years and during the current financial year;

(c) the rate of funds-utilization and reasons for underutilization of funds, if any; and

(d) the details regarding action plan to meet the high funds requirement for undertaking railway infrastructure development projects in the country?

Freight Cost on Coal

1470. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freight cost on coal is higher than the actual coal cost resulting into higher cost of generation of power as the State of Gujarat is at a distance of 1600 km from the eastern coast and if so, the steps taken by Government to reduce cost of coal and burden of imported coal;

(b) the steps taken by the Government regarding the rationalization of coal linkage;

(c) the steps taken to allocate more coal to State Government/ GSECL in view of large requirement of coal; and

(d) the steps initiated regarding swapping of coal to Government of Gujarat/GSECL, keeping in view the suggestion that domestic coal may be handed over at mine and imported coal at port and swapping to be based on heating value terms based on third party sampling and analysis at loading end?

Women in Indian Navy

†1471. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide opportunity to women in Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard so far; and

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

Advisory Committee Meetings

1472. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the advisory committee meetings being held between concerned railway General Managers and Members of Parliament are projecting dissatisfaction among MPs as none of the advices are taken into consideration, while taking up railway projects in their respective States;

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

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve fruitful results of such meetings in future?

Status of Work on GCNEP

1473. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of work of the Global Centre of Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) at village Jassaur Khedi in Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana;

(b) the set target date for completion of work in order to fully start the centre;

(c) the total investment made to fully start the centre;

(d) the details of CSR activity the department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has started/planning to start in Jassaur Khedi or nearby areas; and

(e) whether any change was made in the DPR of GCNEP in the last one year as compared to the one approved by the previous Government and if so, the details thereof?

Internet Connectivity in Rural Areas

1474. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of provisioning of internet connectivity in rural areas which constitute 68.86 percent of the total population of the country, including in State of Gujarat;

(b) whether Government has initiated special drive to educate rural people in order to obtain e-services by using smart phones on their own instead of obtaining services from entrepreneurs; and

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

Guidelines for Government Websites

1475. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has specified guidelines for Government websites;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines are in consonance with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and World Wide Web Consortium (W3C); and

(c) the details of Government websites which are complying with these guidelines?

Loss of Territory

1476. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the territory India lost as a result of International agreement and wars since independence;

(b) the bilateral or multilateral efforts made by India to regain the lost territory;

(c) whether India has gained any foreign territory through international agreements or wars since independence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Smart Phone Market

1477. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has overtaken US to become second largest smartphone market in the July-September quarter of 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the smartphone market faces unprecedented challenge, while its dynamics are changing rapidly at both vendor and country level;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to reduce the internet tariffs across the country; and

(f) if so the details thereof?

Impact of Radiation on Food Products

†1478. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use radiation technology for processing and storage of agricultural produce and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any primary report has been prepared by the Government regarding impact of radiation on food products; and

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

Bilateral Relations with Sri Lanka

1479. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held discussions with the Sri Lankan Government recently covering the entire gamut of bilateral relationship and ways to deepen the historically close relations between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether the two sides, reviewed the progress made in implementation of various decisions taken during the high level exchanges in the recent past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram

1480. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether after revising the scheme of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme into Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, community-wise data regarding the number of families benefited by the projects under the scheme has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the impact of the scheme on minorities;

(c) the list of minority concentration blocks, towns and cluster of villages in the northeastern States; and

(d) the details of the progress of these projects in the northeastern States?

Modernisation of Post Offices

1481. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of modernisation/ up-gradation of the Post Offices particularly in rural areas;

(b) the new scope of activities assigned to the Post Offices under the modernisation process;

(c) the total investment made in the project during each of the last three years and the current year, States/UTs-wise;

(d) the number of savings accounts of girl child opened in post offices under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, States/UTs-wise; and

(e) the other facilities proposed to be provided to the girl child under the scheme?

Green Policy Initiative

1482. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria for Green Certification of railway establishments that is envisaged as part of a green policy initiatives of railway; and

(b) the details of the policy framework that has been put in place for undertaking environmentally sustainable works by zonal railways through CSR?

BPO in Rural Areas

†1483. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service sector based on information technology in the rural areas *i.e.* the rural BPO is not only promoting infrastructure development based on I.T. but also generating new employment opportunities in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the total number of BPOs functioning in the rural areas of the country including Rajasthan along with the jobs generated by them;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote BPOs in the rural areas; and

(d) the details of the amount of grant which is given for setting up of BPO?

Open Skill Centres

1484. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has finalised open skill centres for minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the focus areas of these skill centres;

(c) whether the Ministry has identified the places to open first skill centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the first skill centre is likely to open?

Deployment on Sensitive Posts

†1485. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines of CVC and the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions are being followed regarding deployment of railway officers/ staff on the sensitive posts;

(b) if so, the number of such officers and employees working in the vigilance department of Railway Board who are still there despite completing their tenure as

fixed by CVC and the Department of Personnel along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to transfer such officers/staff as per the extant transfer policy; and

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

Seva Kendras

1486. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) propose to setup Seva Kendras all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these Seva Kendras will be opened;

(c) the details of locations that are proposed to be covered in the first phase;

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish such Kendras in remote and hilly areas also; and

(e) if so, the time by which these are likely to be opened?

Water Management

1487. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of water, particularly its recycling and reuse is crucial for future urban planning and policy;

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

(c) whether there is a need for effective cooperation between the centre and States in water management and if so, the steps taken by the NITI Aayog in this regard;

(d) whether NITI Aayog has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Singapore Cooperation Enterprise to develop recycled water as part of sustainable and diverse water portfolio; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof?

Renovation of Shades and Sidings

†1488. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to renovate shades and sidings in view of the difficulties being faced by the farmers and traders due to the absence of shades at rake loading/unloading points and uneven sidings at Mahmudabad (Awadh) of North Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said renovation is likely to be carried out?

Growth Rate

1489. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of economic, industrial and agricultural growth rates of the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the estimated growth rate of the country and if so, the results thereof;

(c) the existing growth rate and the targeted growth rate of various sectors of the economy including the agricultural sector; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targeted growth rate in various sectors of the economy?

Coordination between Civil and Military Medical Authorities

1490. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) in case such coordination is being carried out whether any data on the beneficiaries from the civil as well as military is being maintained and if so, the details of such data?

Construction of RPF Barracks

†1491. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing any scheme to construct one hundred RPF barracks for security purposes;

(b) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the details of the other works likely to be done apart from the said RPF barracks for security purpose?

RTI Applications

†1492. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of applications under the Right to Information (RTI) Act are pending in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the Government has made assessment of the reasons for inordinate delay in the disposal of RTI applications;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken in this regard;

(d) whether one can apply online under the RTI Act; and

(e) if so, the details of the procedure to be followed and the assistance provided to the States for the purpose?

Representation of Muslims in National Commission for Minorities

1493. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Muslims constitute around 73% of all the minorities in the country;

(b) whether Muslims have not been given adequate proportionate representation in National Commission for Minorities (NCM);

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide full representation to Muslims in NCM?

Upgradation of Grade Pay

1494. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to upgrade the Grade Pay of the Chemical and Metallurgical Superintendents (CMS) in the Railways from Rs.4600/- to Rs.4800/- as per the recommendation of the Seventh Central Pay Commission;

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

(c) whether the Government has any plan to financially upgrade the present working CMAs and promoted CMSs in the Railways when CMSs are directly recruited, since both previously joined

CMA and new recruited CMS having same qualification but there is difference in the basic pay; and

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

Coal-based Thermal Power Plants

1495. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog is stressing on tough steps to reform the power sector and asking Government for phasing out 25 years or older coal-based thermal power plants and creating of open access power market, commercial coal mining and promoting renewables; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Bullet Proof Jackets

1496. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of bullet proof jackets available to soldiers in the front line in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether high quality bullet proof/life saving jackets are made available to them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these jackets are manufactured indigenously or imported;

(d) whether casualties of soldiers are reported due to lack of bullet proof jackets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to provide quality bullet proof jackets to soldiers?

Passport Seva Kendras

1497. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government aims at establishing Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time frame in which PSKs will be established throughout the country;

(d) whether the existing PSKs are facing staff crunch; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bio-Technology Parks

1498. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present bio-technology parks/Science and technology parks operating in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the achievements of such parks after its commencement;

(c) whether Odisha Government has sent any proposal to establish such parks in Bargarh district of Odisha;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to establish such parks in near future?

Acquisition of Sharang Cannon

†1499. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contract has been signed for the acquisition of Sharang Cannon indigenously manufactured in the Ordnance factory in Kanpur; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the ordnance factory is likely to benefit from this contract and the extent to which the Army's strength is likely to be enhanced after its induction?

Blue Collar Workers

1500. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to impart training to Blue Collar workers of India to work in various countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also decided no emigration without taking orientation programme for those looking for job abroad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the purpose and usefulness of taking orientation programme by job seekers in abroad?

New Rail Lines

†1501. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Neora-Daniyawar-Sheikhpura rail line;

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

(c) the present status of Azeria-Supaul new rail line;

(d) the present status of proposed third new rail line on Kiul-Mughalsarai route; and

(e) the present status of Chhapra-Muzaffarpur *via* Rewaghat new rail line?

Inconvenience caused by Change of Platform

†1502. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inconvenience being caused to the passengers due to change of platform for Train No.12224 Lucknow Mail from Number 1 to NER at Charbag station;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for change of platform;

(c) the details of instructions given to maintain *status quo* in this regard on the requests of MPs; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be maintained?

Nuclear Waste Management System

†1503. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any transparent or comprehensive nuclear waste management system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the new steps taken by the Government to set up a balanced and transparent nuclear waste management system?

Aircraft Crash

1504. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force trainer Aircraft crashed near Yadagirigutta on the outskirts of Hyderabad recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that this was the third IAF trainer aircraft crash in Hyderabad in the past one year and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken as per the report of Court of Inquiry conducted in each aircraft crash?

Blacklisted Companies in Supply of Defence Equipments

1505. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

Coal Imports

1507. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's coal imports rose by 7.9% to 134.46 million tonnes in the first seven months of the current fiscal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India's thermal coal demand remained high due to the coal shortage in the power sector and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether there was a 6.8 per cent drop in coal and coke imports in October compared to 19.77 million tonnes imports during the same month last financial year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Human Genes

†1508. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed / is considering any policy efforts to promote modern research in human genes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Coal Mines

1509. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to do away with the decision of blacklisting the companies engaged in supply of defence equipments and materials on petty issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of companies blacklisted for indulging in irregularities in supply of defence materials and equipments in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the names and details of the companies removed from the blacklist during the said period;

(d) whether the Government proposes to review the performance of the blacklisted companies on the basis of their merits and demerits; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in Immigration

1506. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large decline in immigration of Indian workers to Gulf countries since 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of immigration clearance granted to Indian workers for Gulf countries in the last four years and the current year, country-wise; and

(c) the reasons for such a huge decline in the immigration of Indian workers to Gulf countries?

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has undertaken any study to examine the rationalisation of coal mines in view of safety and financial viability and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has set up a Committee to look into the closure of unsafe mines and if so, the details thereof?

Waiver of MDR Charges

1510. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges have been waived by the Government on transactions upto Rs. 2000 to promote cashless economy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether cashless payments are likely to be a challenge for certain Government to Consumer (G2C) and Customer to Customer (C2C) services where payment is above this limit;

(c) whether the Government is considering to completely waive MDR for cashless payments for G2C and C2C services to encourage cashless economy; and

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

Risk of Cyber Fraud

†1511. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to check the risks of Cyber fraud in the economy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of complaints received related to Cyber security; and

(c) the details of the complaints received from the State of Bihar in this regard?

Supply of Coal to Steel Companies

1512. SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel companies, either PUC or Private, are not getting required amount of coal and if so, the details thereof along with the companies name and short fall of coal quantity; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problem?

Charges for Aadhaar Authentication

1513. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UIDAI is levying heavy charges on bankers for

Aadhaar authentication services and if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Powers to CBI

1514. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimate Committee of Parliament has recommended that the CBI should be given statutory status and legal power to investigate cases with inter-State ramifications and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government feel the need for an exclusive act for CBI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Special Category Status

1515. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to accord Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the Union Government is contemplating to bring amendments in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014 (APR) on this issue; and

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

Fire Accidents in Coal Mines

1516. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire accidents occurred in various coal mines in the country particularly Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu along with the loss of life and property caused during each of the last five years, company and State-wise;

(b) the reasons for repeated fire accidents in the coal mines;

(c) whether the Government has considered any investigation in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons, company-wise till date;

(d) the funds allocated and spent for ensuring the safety and security of workers in these coal mines during the said period, company-wise along with the funds released to compensate the victims of accidents during the last three years, company-wise;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such accidents in future; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government for improvement in the fire-resistance system of coal mines and factories particularly of Maharashtra State?

Sampling Activity

1517. SHRI R.P.

MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sampling activities carried at different Subsidiaries of CIL and SCCL by different Government/institutions/laboratories under the supervision of CCO Kolkata and its regional offices; and

(b) the details of name of coal company, name of sampling agencies and total no. of teams deputed for sampling activities?

Procurement Orders to PSUs

†1518. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement orders to Defence Public Sector Undertakings are on a decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue more licenses to private sector for manufacturing and supply of various defence equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Uranium Production

†1519. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total uranium production in the country and its yearly requirement for nuclear power generation;

(b) the total quantity of uranium being imported and the names of the countries from which it is being imported;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to make the country self sufficient in the area of uranium; and

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

Post Retirement Medical Benefits to SSC Officers

1520. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reneged upon the provisioning of Short-Service Commission (SSC) officers with post-retirement medical benefits;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government would reconsider the decision as it affects a large number of officers engaged in SSC and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Army has proposed to the Government to make SSC more attractive to bridge the widening recruitment

gap between officers in permanent commission and SSC; and

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

Haj Act

1521. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the Haj Act to include visits to Islamic pilgrimage sites other than Mecca and Medina in Haj and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the name of Haj is going to be changed to Ziyarat; and

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

Calicut Station as World Class Station

1522. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposal for converting Calicut railway station into a World Class station;

(b) whether any time frame has been fixed to complete all the procedures and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the proposal for development of platform no. 4 at Calicut station including provision of VRR/ restaurant, shifting of parcel office, PRC, etc.?

Non-Transparent Performance Appraisal

1523. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of performance appraisal is non-transparent, except in respect of communicating "adverse" entries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it gives feedback to officers about their areas of strength/potential and also does not motivate officers through recognition of good work accomplished and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the monitoring system for the timely writing of the reports is extremely weak resulting that there is considerable delay in the writing of annual reports and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the evaluations of Reviewing Officers and Accepting Authorities are often not available on account of their having demitted office, in which case the reports are deprived of valuable inputs and if so, the details thereof since last five years?

Corruption Cases in CVC

†1524. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases regarding corruption sent to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the number of cases on which reports have been presented;

(c) the number of cases returned in lack of evidences and the number of cases in which officers have been found guilty;

(d) the number of cases where recommendations have been made to punish the guilty persons/officers; and

(e) the number of cases where no action has been taken till now and the reasons therefor?

Improvement of Railway Infrastructure

†1525. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made to improve the Railway infrastructure during the last three years in view of the increasing rail accidents in the country;

(b) the plan for the next five years in view of the increasing load on Railway infrastructure;

(c) the details of the specific steps taken to mobilise resources for the development of Railway infrastructure; and

(d) the details of the specific steps taken to augment the capacity of human resources in the railway during the last three years and to bring it at par with the international standards?

Fake Websites

†1526. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people are reportedly being cheated by creating fake websites;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of fake Government websites;

(c) the number of people cheated by creating fake websites during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the rules under which the Government has taken action in this regard along with the number of people apprehended during the last three years; and

(e) the outcome of the said action?

Accredited Political Parties

†1527. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of political parties of National and State level granted accreditation by Election Commission at present;

(b) the details of electoral reforms carried out during the past three years;

(c) whether the Government has received the recommendations of cabinet level committee constituted under the Chairmanship of honourable Home Minister and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to make the above recommendations public; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Facilities under Digital India

†1528. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken by the Government for better augmentation of digital facilities under Digital India in remote areas/villages including those near borders;

(b) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with private sector in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote information technology infrastructure for digital connection in village panchayats and if so, the details thereof?

Production of Coal

1529. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has asked Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries to speed up the production of coal to meet the demands of indigenous industries/sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries in this regard;

(c) the details of sectors which are facing shortage of coal in the country; and

(d) the steps Union Government has taken or proposes to take to meet the production of coal indigenously without importing the same?

Cases Pending due to Stay Orders

1530. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to take cognizance of the fact that there are many cases stuck up with stay orders in different courts for more than three years;

(b) if so, the number of court cases pending due to stay orders for more than three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that, after specific duration and according to merit of the case, such stay orders will be automatically lifted?

New and Innovative Defence Production Projects

1531. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote new and innovative defence production projects under Make in India programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of projects given approval during the last three years;

(c) whether certain projects particularly manufacturing of small arms are not given approval even though the Ordnance Factory Board had given its approval and the company validation was done;

(d) the details of the projects lying pending during each of the last three years; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government and the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in this regard and to expedite the process of approval?

Rights of Indians in Foreign Countries

1532. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish a system for protecting the rights of Indian citizens in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the arrangement made in this regard in each country;

(c) whether it came to the notice of the Government that the terms and conditions in the visa were violated by the external agencies and due to this, Indian citizens are facing difficulties to continue in their employment;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken for ensuring the rights of Indian employees abroad;

(e) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the change in the

domestic laws in certain countries is ousting the Indian employees from their employment;

(f) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government to ensure the welfare of workers during the time of termination or retirement from service abroad; and

(g) the details of the system established for locating Indians abroad?

Yoga Research Projects

1533. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has funded a wide range of research institutions including 16 yoga research projects and support studies employing hi-tech tools on efficacy in treatment of illnesses, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India needs to catch up with the West where several groups are studying various aspects of yoga and meditation and its relationship to the brain; and

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

Sub-Urban Rail Project

1534. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Karnataka Government is yet to set

up Special Purpose Vehicle to kick-start the Sub-Urban Railway project in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to expedite the process of forming SPV;

(c) whether the State Government has utilised any of the funds allocated by the Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the delay in submission of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has hindered the process of forming the SPV on the Karnataka Government's end and if so, the details thereof?

Bombay High Court

†1535. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to rename the Bombay High Court as Mumbai High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities to Coal Mine Workers

1536. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government extends welfare facilities for the coal mine workers and their family members;

(b) whether annual medical check-up is mandatory for coal mine workers working in PSU coal mines and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL and its subsidiary companies provide full medical facilities to all its employees and their dependent family members and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether contractual workers are also covered by medical facilities and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for the welfare of coal mine workers and their family members?

Fractured Railway Tracks

†1537. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways is facing the problem of fractured railway lines/tracks which are not fit for the high speed trains;

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

(c) the average of fractured railway lines per hundred kilometer; and

(d) the steps being taken to find out such fractured railway lines to prevent railway accidents?

Influence on Working of SC Judges

†1538. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there is reported news regarding influencing the working of honorable judges of Supreme Court of the country by putting undue pressure on them;

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

(c) whether the Government has acted upon to curb this illegal activity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Lack of Opportunities for Citizens

†1539. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the benefits of development do not reach all the citizens and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether crores of citizens of the country make their both ends meet with a meagre amount as per the report of the National Sample Survey Organisations;

(c) if so, the State-wise steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the employment opportunities for citizens both in rural and urban areas; and

(d) whether there is any provision to increase old age employment allowance in the country and if so, the details thereof?

SCO Conclave

1540. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether she had attended a two day conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO);

(b) if so, the key issues discussed in the conclave;

(c) whether the SCO-related meeting focussed on boosting cooperation in fighting terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details of the discussion thereof?

Joint Ventures of Railways

1541. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of joint ventures/companies formed for construction/development of new railway lines with the various State Governments;

(b) whether the concerned State Governments have deposited their share in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has a new policy which provides that the State Governments' involvement is mandatory for new projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Train from Delhi to Seemanchal

†1542. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for introducing any superfast train from Delhi to Purnia District of Seemanchal sub region in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any letter from the public representatives in this regard;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(e) the time by which a new superfast train is likely to be introduced?

Mobile Apps

1543. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the frequently growing mobile apps in the country;

(b) whether there are guidelines in place regarding the extent of permissions which apps can seek from users, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these app companies are using their platform to deliver pornographic content to its users in a clandestine manner, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government intends to appoint any regulatory authority for monitoring/regulation of these apps and if so, the time by which it is likely to be in place?

Ticket Upgradation

†1544. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to receive payments through alternate modes other than cash for ticket upgradation during journey;

(b) if so, the details of other such mode of payment; and

(c) the time by which digital payment is likely to be started ?

Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources

1545. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the North Eastern States under the non-lapsable central pool of resources scheme and the actual funding made available to the NE States, year-wise;

(b) the quantum of allocated funds which was actually utilized by the NE States and the quantum of funds lapsed at the end of the financial year; and

(c) whether the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources has indeed been a Central budgetary support rather than a pool for faster growth of NE States and if not, the details thereof ?

Confirmed Tickets for Waitlisted Passengers

1546. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the plight of the overwhelming majority of the waitlisted passengers of the Railways, who are forced to cancel the tickets or compelled to travel without having berths despite a number of berths being vacant;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to redress the grievance of passengers in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation on the aforementioned issue;

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

(e) whether the Government will propose to introduce a new mechanism for railways to enhance the chances of confirmed tickets; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the new mechanism?

Development Work in Border Areas

1547. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

SHRI DHARMENDRA

YADAV:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL

SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need of developmental works for faster development in border areas;

(b) if so, whether the construction works in the border areas are getting affected due to provisions listed in the Defence Ministry's existing guidelines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Governments have requested the Ministry of Defence to allow the developmental works of small nature for faster development in border areas; and

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

Quality of Food

1548. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average time taken by the Government in resolving the grievances/complaints of the passengers pertaining to poor food quality in long distance/premium trains has increased during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of such complaints received from the passengers of the said trains during the said period;

(c) the details of the penalties imposed on the contractors and the number of contracts terminated by the Government in such complaints so far;

(d) the role played by the Catering Monitoring Service Cell (CMSC) in addressing the said grievances/complaints and imposition of the penalties; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the catering services and prompt redressal of grievances/complaints of the passengers along with achievements thereof?

Senior Citizen Entitlement of Employees

†1549. PROF. RAVINDRA

VISHWANATH

GAIKWAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out a plan to lower the age of senior citizen entitlement of employees to 58 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to increase or decrease the age for pension;

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

(e) the details of salient features of pension policy?

UMANG App

1550. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of downloads of the UMANG app since its inception;

(b) whether the app has improved the efficiency of providing government services to the people and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the app has helped specifically in the inclusion of the marginalised communities and also of people residing in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial Absconders Abroad

1551. SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of people involved in financial irregularities and facing criminal investigation fled from the country or are living abroad; and

(b) the details of efforts made to bring them back to the country and the present status of the efforts made so far?

Facility to BSNL/MTNL Subscribers

†1552. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any project to further improve the facility being given to subscribers of MTNL and BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any directive is likely to be issued by the Union Government to MTNL and BSNL for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Insurance under PBBY

1553. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of emigrants who have claimed the insurance from 1st August, 2017 till date and the professions (under Section 2(o) of Emigration Act, 1983) they belong to;

(b) the total amount of money claimed by the emigrants from 1st August, 2017 till date;

(c) the total number of people who have emigrated to countries like Afghanistan, Syria, South Sudan and Iraq; and

(d) the total amount of money claimed by the emigrants of the above mentioned four countries due to accidental death and permanent disability?

Upgradation of Railway Network in West Bengal

1554. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed action plan for the new railway networks/upgradation in the State of West Bengal;

(b) the status of the construction of proposed ROB near Bauria Railway Station under Kharagpur Division of SER;

(c) the status of the construction of new railway line from Amata to Bagnan under SER; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to survey new railway line from Shyampur to Udaynarayanpur *via* Bagnan-Amata under SER and if so, the details thereof?

High Profile Cases in SC

1555. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ram Janambhumi case, the Rohingya Deportation case, the Cauvery Water Dispute case etc. are pending in the Supreme Court for a long time and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of cases still pending in SC;

(c) whether the Government has set-up a deadline for investigation of the cases which are filed in the SC, so that the verdict comes in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time further required by the Hon'ble SC to clear the aforementioned high profile cases?

Misuse of RTI

†1556. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is gross misuse of the Right to Information (RTI) Act in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has obtained proof of this misuse;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check this misuse?

Survey of New Rail Lines in Kerala

1557. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of survey of new railway lines in Kerala;

(b) whether any railway line has been sanctioned for the implementation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Kanhangad-Panathur-Kaniyur Railway line is included in the list and if so, the total estimation of the line?

Leakage of Aadhaar Data

1558. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the protection against leakage of data submitted to the Government authorities like UIDAI;

(b) the action taken against employees found guilty of leaking data of individuals or citizens to unauthorized persons; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a Committee for Data Protection and if so, the details thereof?

Defence Logistics to Check Terrorism

†1559. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of quality defence logistics for soldiers combating the terrorists in the country;

(b) if so, the immediate measures being taken to ensure the supply of quality self-defence logistics to the soldiers;

(c) the extant status of the procurement of defence logistics in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that soldiers face minimum damage in countering terrorists?

Medical Facilities in Trains

†1560. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways provides any ambulance service having attendant facility in trains to carry patients suffering from serious diseases;

(b) if so, the amount charged from the patients for carrying them *vis-a-vis* road and air services;

(c) whether any train ambulance facility service is being provided or proposed to be provided by the Government to carry patients from Jharkhand and Bihar to their neighbouring States and Delhi; and

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

Construction of New Rail Lines in Bihar†1561. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds for the construction of new railway line in Bihar as declared in the year 2014 by the railways;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the time limit fixed to complete the construction work of new railway line between Sultanganj-Katoria and Bariarpur-Mananpur?

Private Sector in Defence Manufacturing†1562. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private industries granted license for defence production since 2008 till date State-wise;

(b) whether the Government owned industries and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) were consulted prior to granting licenses to private industries and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the PSUs thereon;

(c) the number of Government and Semi-Government industries working in the field of defence production in the country and the quantum of defence products manufactured by these industries since 2010; and

(d) whether these products have proved successful or failed in the test conducted by army and if so, the details thereof?

PILs Pending in Courts1563. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP
RUDY:Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases and PILs pending in various high courts and Supreme Court in the country, court-wise;

(b) the number of cases in the High Courts and Supreme Court which have been pending for more than 10 years along with the maximum duration of cases pending, court-wise;

(c) the details regarding the number of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) filed in the Supreme Court and various High Courts in the country over the last three years, court-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken cognizance of filing of frivolous litigations under the guise of PIL and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to initiate action to check such frivolous litigations and if so, the details thereof?

Cases Pending in Andhra Pradesh1564. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA RAO
(AVANTHI):Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Andhra Pradesh (AP) High Court and various district courts and Tribunals, as on date;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the backlog of cases in the State by filling up vacant posts and by setting up fast track courts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Projects in Foreign Countries

1565. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status regarding completion of all projects undertaken by the Government during last five years in the neighbouring and foreign countries;

(b) the year-wise details of budget allocated by the Indian Government and the foreign country/partner and the expenditure incurred therefor; and

(c) the project-wise time bound completion target and budget required for it?

Custodial Death of Indians Abroad1566. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any report on custodial deaths of Indians in different jails of foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indians currently in foreign countries prisons, country-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government with its counterparts to give justice to these imprisoned Indians and bring them back?

Redressal of Public Grievances1567. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of public grievances are pending for redressal with the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to implement any effective grievance redressal mechanism for quick disposal of public grievances in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cancellation of Licences of Companies

†1568. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended to cancel the licences of companies which have failed to start the services on time;

(b) if so, the details of such companies whose licences have been cancelled during the last three years; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against such companies and if so, the details thereof?

Civil Service Officers

1569. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength and the actual number of officers in position in the civil services, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the undermanning of the services; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the posts of officers from the central services after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh?

Defence Preparedness

1570. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the existing State of technology of defence preparedness of the country's armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to take any step for setting up an institutional arrangement to oversee the state of preparedness of the country in futuristic warfare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accidents at Unmanned Level Crossings

1571. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified Unmanned Level Crossings (ULCs) in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of ULCs, State-wise;

(c) the time frame set by the Government to prevent train accidents at ULCs; and

(d) the details of security and safety measures taken by the Government in this regard?

State Domestic Product

†1572. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita net State Domestic Product of Jharkhand is less than national average;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date;

(c) the details regarding the per capita net state domestic product of Jharkhand and National average during the last three years;

(d) the details of assistance provided by the Government to the State Government of Jharkhand to bring per capita net state domestic product at par with national average; and

(e) the success achieved in this regard due to the said assistance?

Smart Railway Stations

1573. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Land Development Authority and National Building Construction Corporation have signed a MoU with the Urban Development

Department to develop 10 railway stations as the smart railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these smart railway stations will provide commercial space to set up business centres and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these smart counters will be developed on PPP mode and self-sustaining financial model theory; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Special Schemes for Minorities in Rural/Border Areas

1574. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing schemes to promote economic and social development of minorities through State Channelizing agencies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has consulted local populace before framing the said schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special schemes have been framed for the minorities living in far

flung rural and border areas as well as in hilly terrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women Participation in S&T Schemes

1575. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Science and Technology (S&T) Schemes for Women;

(b) the achievements of the said schemes in providing new opportunities for gainful employment of women especially in rural areas;

(c) the status of implementation of these schemes in various States including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the Government has taken initiatives to ensure participation of women in the field of science and technology through implementation of suitable gender enabling programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Electronics and IT Sector

1576. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN
R.K.:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special project schemes for development of Electronics and Information Technology sector in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated and disbursed in the last three years in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to support and develop the large number of small and medium sized IT and ITES companies in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Seasonal Outlook for Temperature

1577. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued seasonal outlook for the temperature during the cold weather season for the forthcoming winter season;

(b) if so, whether foreign agencies have also issued seasonal outlook for the temperature during the cold weather season for the forthcoming winter seasons;

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

(d) whether average error in IMD's winter forecasts has come down during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for accurate weather prediction/forecast in the country?

Military Exercises

1578. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted three major military exercises with the United States, Russia and Japan recently;

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

(c) the number of troops involved from each country for the said joint military exercises;

(d) the details of the joint military exercises that are likely to be undertaken with other countries during the next year; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost military cooperation with other countries?

Weather Information to Farmers

1579. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of forecast information centres functioning under the IMD, till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the manner in which the IMD department is helping the poor farmers who are fully dependent on weather for their crops;

(c) whether it is easy today to spread awareness amongst farmers by IMD for proper communication and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the statistics about helping the poor farmers and spreading awareness by the IMD during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the measure taken /being taken by the Government to update the IMD system?

Demand and Production of Coking Coal

1580. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN
CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coking coal existing in the country at present and the quantity of demand thereof;

(b) whether there is huge difference in the demand and production of coking coal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is to remain heavily dependent on imported coking coal and if so, the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to acquire coking coal reserves sites in foreign countries;

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

(f) the time by which those are proposed to be acquired along with the amount of funds earmarked for the said purpose?

Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation

1581. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) has sought a loan of Rs.2800 crore for railway works under the Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the railway works under the MUTP-III are in progress and if so, the details thereof and their present status;

(c) whether the Railways has identified the work to be undertaken through the proposed loan and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is likely to approach the Asian Development Bank, established by the BRICS countries for the above loan and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Railway Finance Corporation has a better ranking in the loan market and if so, the reasons for taking loan from foreign institutions?

Fossil Fuel

1582. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report prepared by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Oil Change International (OCI), and Fundacion Ambientey Recursos Naturales (FARN) indicates India as emerging as a global example in doing away with subsidy for fossil fuels and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether subsidy to fossil fuels is often perceived as a perpetrator of energy inequality across the world;

(c) if so, whether subsidy is benefiting the rich rather than the poorest members of society and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether energy companies, investors and insurers have written to G20 countries to end subsidy to fossil fuels by 2030, if so the details thereof; and

(e) whether India has undertaken substantial reforms in subsidy to fossil fuels and if so, the details thereof?

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited

†1583. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited's (KRCL) plan to augment and enhance line capacity of its 736 km. route connecting Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and parts of Kerala is under scanner and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the works were not progressing at the envisaged pace and as per the Government's schedule and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Railway Board has prepared progress report of the project and if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to take help of the National Geo-physical Research Institute and the Ministry of Science and Technology to resolve issues faced in the foundation works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Wi-Fi at Railway Stations

†1584. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations where Wi-Fi services are proposed to be provided, State-wise;

(b) the names of service providers with which agreement has been signed for providing free Wi-Fi services at railway stations along with the details of conditions prescribed in the agreement;

(c) whether the Ministry has any data regarding the percentage of people using free mobile Wi-Fi service at present and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total fund allocated by the Government so far for providing free Wi-Fi service at railway stations?

Reverse Auction Model

1585. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a reverse auction model for the sale of bandwidth for meeting fiscal needs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has approved National Communications Policy 2018, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has plans to provide universal broadband service of 50 Mbps speed to every citizen under this scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds invested in the scheme, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh?

Minority Welfare Schemes

1586. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Physical and Financial Achievements of Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) and NAI ROSHNI Schemes for the last four years and the current financial year;

(b) the number of Minority Youths placed after participating in SEEKHO AUR KAMAO (Learn and Earn) during the last five years;

(c) whether SEEKHO AUR KAMAO ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector and if so, the number of minority youths provided employment during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of recruitment of people from minority communities by various Ministries/Departments, PSUs and PSBs, during the last five years?

FTCS for Crime against Women

1587. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of operational Fast Track Courts (FTCs) for crimes against women in the country;

(b) whether Government has conducted periodic monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the said courts;

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

(d) the details of measures being undertaken by the Government to ensure that all the State Governments set up FTCs?

Cyber Crime Cases Registered

†1588. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of cases of Cyber Crimes registered during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether these numbers are increasing every year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is planning to strengthen the powers of Telecom Regulator and Telecom Commission in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done;

(d) whether there are large number of fake accounts on various e-mail and social networking sites which are being used for committing cyber fraud/crime and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against the concerned websites and individuals; and

(e) the action formulated by the Government to safeguard the interest of the users of Digital India against leakage of sensitive data through cyber attacks?

Setting up of New Mobile Towers

†1589. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal relating to setting up of new mobile towers of BSNL in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the district-wise number of locations in Jharkhand where the said towers are proposed to be set up especially in Kodarma, Hazaribagh, Giridih and Dhanbad Districts?

Progress in Telecom Sector

†1590. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism is proposed to be set up in the Department of Telecommunications to review the progress in the telecommunication sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the work carried out so far in this direction; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

Telephone and Internet Facilities in Gram Panchayats

1591. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets planned to provide free phone and high speed internet connectivity in Gram Panchayats under BharatNet and targets achieved so far, State-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats, particularly in Gujarat, which have not yet been provided with telephone and high speed internet service facility, district-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that these targets have already missed various deadlines and there is still failure in operationalization;

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

(e) the action taken to operationalize the BharatNet network; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to provide better telephone and high speed internet services facility to Gram Panchayats?

Internet and Broadband Users

†1592. SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any annual target to increase the number of

internet and broadband users across the country;

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

(c) the access rate of internet separately in rural and urban areas during the last three years;

(d) the action taken/worked out by the Government to reduce this gap in urban and rural areas; and

(e) whether internet/broadband services particularly in rural and various border areas across the country are not satisfactory and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Vacancies in High Courts

1593. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Judges lying vacant in various benches of High Courts in the country and the number of cases pending in various benches;

(b) the time since when the posts are lying vacant and the reasons therefor and the time by which these posts are likely to be filled; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to fill these vacancies?

Common Service Centre Scheme

1594. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Government has achieved the objectives of implementing the Common Service Centre Scheme in the country;

(b) the salient features of the scheme along with the number of such Centres set up across the country so far, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds provided under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the cases of irregularities in the functioning of such centres have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effectively implementing the CSC Scheme across the country?

New Railway Lines

1595. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the new railway lines commissioned across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, zone-wise along with the Rate of Return of such lines during the said period;

(b) the details of the narrow gauge lines converted into broad gauge lines across the country during the said period, zone-wise;

(c) the number of proposals of converting narrow gauge lines into broad gauge lines pending with the Government, as on date, zone-wise;

(d) whether the underutilization of funds have been reported by the Ministry of Railways in commissioning of new railway lines or conversion of narrow gauge lines into broad gauge lines during the said period;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

Data on Income Inequality

1596. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government collects data on income inequality in the country;

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

(c) the details of income earned by top 0.1, 1 and 10 percent earners and bottom 50 percent earners as a ratio of the total GDP;

(d) the ill-effects of income inequality on Indian society and economy;

(e) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to reduce income inequality in the country; and

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

Monitoring of SDGs

1597. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:
SHRI PREM DAS RAI:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS
AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in tracking and reporting data on progress towards SDGs;

(c) whether the Government aims to expedite collection of data on outcome achieved with regard to implementation of SDGs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India is lagging behind to meet targets under the SDGs;

(e) if so, the details of India's progress in meeting the various targets set under the SDGs and whether any Committee has been set up to study the compliance with the SDGs or with specific goals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to achieve all the SDGs?

Defence Cooperation with Foreign Countries

1598. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has a laid down priority for defence cooperation with the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is being practically implemented;

(c) the countries with which there is an agreement or MOU signed for defence cooperation; and

(d) the number of countries with which military Exercise is being carried out annually?

Honouring Soldiers by British Government

1599. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government has honoured adequately the supreme sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of Indian soldiers, recruited into the British Army during the colonial era, who laid down their lives fighting the World Wars alongside the Allied forces defending the British Empire and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the British Government to honour the martyrdom of nearly 83000 Sikh soldiers who fought in the British Imperial Army alongside the Allied forces in the World Wars I and II, erected a monument for them whilst neglecting the sacrifice of other Indians and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the statue was disfigured on the very day it was erected by the Sikh community and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the British Royals on a state visit spoke disparagingly of the

number of the Indians killed in the unprovoked fire opened on unarmed Indians in Amritsar by Colonel Edward Harry Dyer and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government on all of the above issues?

Threat of Strike by CSC's

1600. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that UIDAI is facing revolt from the Common Service Centres which are now threatening to go on a strike after being removed from the citizen directory initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that UIDAI has removed CSCs from carrying out Aadhaar registration and updation services, and has now come out with a tender to give the job to a large private operator who will be tasked with setting up of Aadhaar Seva Kendras; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Data Hacking

1601. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data hacking is a regular feature in Indian IT system;

(b) if so, whether in spite of Government security support, over 150 Government portals have been hacked since 2017;

(c) whether it is also a fact that siphoning of bank account has become common phenomena and has increased over 3% in last six months;

(d) if so, the details of year-wise complaints received and action taken thereon since 2016 till date; and

(e) the plan of action of the Government to stop data breaches or hacking in future?

Web Portal on Mobile Towers

1602. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any web portal of information sharing on mobile tower and EMF Emission Compliances, with a view to generate confidence and conviction with regard to safety and harmlessness from mobile towers, clearing any myths and misconceptions; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

Bharat Net Scheme

1603. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

KUNWAR

BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds that have been spent on the Bharat Net Scheme by the Government till date;

(b) the number of villages that have been connected with commercial broadband connections in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of villages that have been connected with commercial broadband under the Bharat Net Project;

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to increase uptake of connections under the Bharat Net Project by gram panchayats;

(e) the role and duties of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) and other agencies in the implementation of the Bharat Net project; and

(f) the details regarding outstanding due from BSNL, BBNL and other agencies in the operation and maintenance for the Bharat Net project ?

Illegal Routing of Calls

†1604. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to check illegal routing of international call through local lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise details of loss incurred to the revenue due to such illegal routing of international calls through local lines during the last two years; and

(d) the number of firms involved in illegal routing during the last two years along with action taken by the Government against them?

Encroachment of Land

†1605. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway land has been illegally occupied in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the zone-wise and State-wise details of such land along rail lines under the occupation of land mafia;

(d) whether the Government has formed any concrete plans to get such lands vacated from illegal occupation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Poor Quality of Food

†1606. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI B. V. NAIK:
DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise details of the complaints including the complaints from Members of Parliament received by the

Railways regarding serving of poor quality meal, contaminated water and violation of guidelines in trains as well as at railway stations during the current year;

(b) the action taken/penalty imposed by the Government in every such case especially against the license holding vendors;

(c) whether the Railways has developed any mechanism to provide safe, healthy and nutritious food in the trains as well as at the railway stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to provide hygienic and safe food in trains and at railway stations?

Forecasting and Prevention of Floods

†1607. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the technology adopted by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) for forecasting and prevention of floods;

(b) the technology being used in the country in comparison to the international standards;

(c) whether the Government proposes to forecast and avert the widespread floods situation through the existing forecasting technology;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the proposals received by the Government during the last three years in this regard?

Legislation on Temple Entry of Women

1608. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering or is in the process of drafting any legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution of India, to overturn the judgment of the Supreme Court of India in Indian Young Lawyers Association & Ors vs The State of Kerala & Ors in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 373 of 2006, which allowed women of all ages to enter the Sabarimala temple;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unreserved Mobile Ticketing Facility

1609. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Unreserved Mobile Ticketing facility (UTS on Mobile) to enable seamless booking of unreserved tickets including season tickets and also platform tickets all over Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether booking of unreserved tickets on all non-suburban sections across all zonal Railways will be now made available on mobile; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Doctor-Patient Ratio in AFMS

1610. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that there is a tremendous decrease in proportionate doctor to patient ratio in AFMS?

(b) if so, the details of the action taken to improve the prevailing situation;

(c) whether AFMS has no experience with regard to the Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear Warfare (CBRN); and

(d) if so, the steps initiated by the Government to get rid of this situation?

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