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List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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Standard Code for Letter Heads/Pads

1611. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any standard code for letter heads/pads for officials and public representatives of the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has noticed that even junior level officers are using golden emblems on their letter heads; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to check the misuse of such things?

Vacant Posts

1612. DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

SHRI KESINENI NANI:

SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about lakhs of Central Government jobs/posts lying vacant and the Government has not taken any steps to fill up these vacant posts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not filling up these sanctioned posts, category-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government has slashed thousands of posts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines not to revive posts lying vacant for a specific period and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to fill up vacant posts in the Central Government Services in a time bound manner for various categories?

Illegal Mining

1613. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal mining of coal is being carried on with impunity in the remote regions in the State of Tripura, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a dozen miners working in the illegal rat-hole mines were either killed or reported missing recently when sudden cave-in and flooding occurred, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry took all possible efforts to rescue the miners trapped in the rat-hole mines, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether bodies of all the miners have been recovered, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the *ex-gratia* compensation paid to the poor miners is far too inadequate; and

(f) whether the Ministry would pay the bereaved families adequate compensation, if so, the details thereof?

Income and Expenditure of ICCR

†1614. COL. SONARAM

CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for making India a cultural superpower;

(b) the details of the works being done through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR);

(c) the details of the income and expenditure of ICCR during each of the last four years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is taking/proposes to take any concrete steps on the report submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs by the Parliamentary Committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government intends to promote the cultural campaigns empowering ICCR in comparison to the foreign diplomacy by providing more financial assistance and if so, the details thereof?

Employment Survey

1615. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs created according to the Employment Survey and other official statistics from 2014-2018, State-wise, especially in the State of Punjab;

(b) whether there have been more job losses than job increases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government jobs have declined in the last four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the number of estimated jobs reserved for the 10 percent economically weaker sections?

Conferring Ashoka Chakra

†1616. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines laid down for awarding Ashoka Chakra to the citizens; and

(b) the names of the persons to whom Ashoka Chakra has been awarded during the last four years and the current year?

Mobile Towers in LWE Affected States

1617. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has sanctioned the installation of 4072 mobile phone towers in 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States to improve connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the total cost involved for the said project is Rs. 7330 crore and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to provide adequate security to these mobile tower installations and if

so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Crimes in Moving Trains

1618. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether registering cases of crime on running trains is a complicated process due to confusion of jurisdiction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether due to this, passengers face great difficulties to register theft and other criminal cases on moving trains and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railway Protection Force is not empowered to register crimes on a moving train;

(d) if so, whether to ease the situation the Government is planning to give powers to Railway Protection Force to handle the complaints of crimes on a moving train; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Automatic Weather Stations in NER

1619. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any modern automatic weather stations have been set up in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to link these weather stations with micro insurance programmes for farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any Government programme to understand the nature of monsoon pattern in these areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Various Schemes

†1620. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of this Ministry;

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

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

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

Appointment of Retired Bureaucrats

1621. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) whether this practice has affected the morale of serving officials and also affected the overall efficiency in the Government offices and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether re-employment of retired bureaucrats has also affected the employment opportunity of the youths and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has framed any policy before making such appointments and if so, the details thereof?

Mining by China

1622. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China was conducting mining activity close to the border with Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has taken up this matter with the Chinese authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MSIPS

1623. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Modified Special Incentives Package Scheme (MSIPS) is being used to attract investments in electronics design and manufacturing segment and to provide subsidy of 20 per cent on investments in special economic zone and 25 per cent for non-SEZ zone;

(b) if so, the funds allocated by the Central Government for MSIPS and Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the total investment proposals received by the Central Government of India under MSIPS for electronics manufacturing in the country and the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of Electronics and IT is facing shortage of funds needed for disbursement of incentives promised under its various schemes to boost electronic manufacturing in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Ministry has calculated the amount likely to be required for disbursement of subsidies in the financial year 2018-19; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it will be arranged?

Status of ROBs/RUBs in Gujarat

†1624. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Gujarat for construction of railway overbridges and railway under passes during the last three years including the proposal-wise details thereof;

(b) the reaction of the Government to the said proposals;

(c) the number of such proposals of State of Gujarat which are still pending with the railways at present including the location-wise details of these proposals; and

(d) the location-wise details of the railway overbridges and railway under passes being constructed in Gujarat at present and their present construction status thereof?

Indians Held Hostage

†1625. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens, who were kept as hostage in other countries due to some reasons, repatriated to India from the year 2014 till date, country-wise;

(b) the number of Indian citizens, who were kept as hostage, died in foreign jails or prisons from the year 2014 till date;

(c) the number of Indian citizens languishing in foreign jails or prisons at present along with the details of crimes for which they have been imprisoned; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to repatriate those Indian citizens who were not involved in any crime or have been proved innocent but they have to stay in foreign jails due to some reasons?

POCSO Act

1626. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of establishment of child friendly courts across the country as per the guidelines under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act);

(b) the steps taken to ensure that court processes and procedures during pre-trial and trial are child and victim friendly; and

(c) the details of resources being allocated to enable conclusion of child sexual offences cases within a year?

National Law School

†1627. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Law School/University in each State/UT;

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

(c) whether there is also any proposal to set up institutes of excellence in all States in the field of law education and research;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to reduce the duration of degree courses in law; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Telecom Services in Rural and Remote Areas

†1628. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various telecommunication services including mobile and internet facilities are not satisfactory specially in the rural, hilly/remote and tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such areas with poor telecom services/connectivity, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve these services?

Nutritious Food

1629. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken to serve nutritious, hygienic and easily digestible food items like fruit, leafy vegetables, etc. instead of currently served spicy and oily food; and

(b) the steps taken to provide safe drinking water to passengers according to guidelines of WHO?

Breach of Data by Social Media Sites

1630. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noted any cases of data breach by private social media websites operating in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently asked the social networking firm Facebook to provide India specific details on the company's latest security breach and if so, the details thereof and response thereto;

(c) the details of disciplinary actions taken by the Government against any social media website operators for not complying with cyber laws in India within the last four years;

(d) whether the Government finds existing cyber laws in India adequate for ensuring data privacy in India and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, whether it plans to strengthen it and if so, the plan of action in this regard?

Electrification of Railway Lines in Karnataka

1631. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total railway network in the country that is yet to be electrified, State-wise;

(b) whether Karnataka is among the three worst States in the country with regard to electrification and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Karnataka has a total network of 3281 Km. and only 19 of existing lines in Karnataka are electrified, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the current status of electrification of Birur-Talaguppa (161 Km.), Mysore-Mangalore (347 Km.), Kadur-Chikmagalur (46 Km.) and Chikkabanavar- Hassan (166 Km.) along with the total cost of these projects and the funds allocated during the last four years; and

(e) the details of steps being taken by the Government to achieve the expeditious completion of electrification in Karnataka?

Funds for Various Schemes

†1632. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to State of Haryana under various schemes of this Ministry including for sonapat;

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

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

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

Rail Connectivity

1633. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have started work on railway linking connectivity of Madurai with Karaikudi *via* Melur in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the project?

Railway Zones

1634. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway Zones in the country;

(b) when each of the above Railway Zones were created and the reasons for creating each of such zones;

(c) whether every new Railway Zone created fulfilled the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern, operational and administrative requirements;

(d) if so, Zone-wise details with statistics thereof; and

(e) the Gross income of each Division since its creation, division-wise and zone-wise?

Installation of Solar Panels on Vacant Land

1635. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to utilise its unused land for installation of solar electricity projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise specially in Delhi NCR;

(c) the details about any proposal from any MNC in this regard and the progress so far made; and

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

Bomb Blast Mock Drill

1636. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recently conducted mock bomb blast drill at some major railway stations in the country;

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

(c) whether lack of coordination is reported from various agencies dealing with railway security;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve the security in the railway premises; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal Mine Auction Targets

1637. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether State rules are undermining the Centre's coal mine auction goals;

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether States are insisting on fresh environmental and forest clearance that have delayed the monetisation of auctioned blocks;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether regulatory hurdles at the State level are creating trouble for the Centre in meeting its ambitious coal mine auction targets;

(f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon; and

(g) the steps taken by the Union Government to speed up the approval process?

Integrated Software

1638. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has undertaken a major IT initiative for an integrated software which can optimize about Rs. 50,000 crore for the national carrier over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed integrated software envisages timely availability of actionable information for authorized persons at place of use and enable improved data analysis and usage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Innovation by Research Institutes and Companies

1639. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research institutions/companies in the country are unable to provide adequate facilities and competent faculty to train young brains to undertake innovations in the field of science and technology;

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

(c) whether the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has granted

loans to various institutions/companies on easy terms and conditions for research and development;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the norms adopted for granting the loan;

(e) the number of companies to which the loan has been provided, the period of loan and the details of the projects being undertaken by them along with the present status of loan recovery; and

(f) whether any company has got sick after taking loan and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Roads Maintained by BRO

†1640. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding poor condition of roads maintained by Border Road Organisation (BRO) from various States/UTs including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government or Border Road Organisation in this regard?

Expansion Plan for Konkan Railways

1641. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the expansion plan for Konkan Railway Line;

(b) whether the proposal of Konkan Railway Corporation in this regard has been

considered by the Government and taken any decision; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Petty Cases Pending in Courts

†1642. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of petty cases going on in the Supreme Court, High Courts and lower courts in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to dispose of cases related to various public movements going on in the courts together; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for Safety of Coal Mines

†1643. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are guidelines for safety and security of coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines are reviewed from time to time;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether certain accidents took place in coal mines during the year 2014 to 2019; and

(f) if so, the number of people injured in these accidents along with the relief provided to families of deceased persons?

Solar Panels on Roofs of Trains

1644. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has installed solar-energy panels on the roof of some trains on a trial basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such trial;

(c) whether the railways proposes to install the same type of solar-energy panels on the roofs of other trains as well;

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

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

FDI in Space Sector

1645. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any policy guidelines as specified by the Department of Space with respect to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in commercial launch vehicle development in the space sector particularly with the objective of promoting launch of small satellites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its entry route and the percentage of equity or FDI cap pertaining to the same;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to frame FDI policy guidelines relating to commercial launch vehicle development in the space sector and if so, the details thereof including the timeframe to implement such guidelines; and

(e) whether the Government has received any proposals to formulate FDI policy in commercial launch vehicle operations sector and if so, the details thereof?

New Post Offices in Gujarat

†1646. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of new post offices opened/made functional in the State of Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) the number of new post offices out of these made functional in Surat and Tapi districts of Gujarat and the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the Taluka level post offices of Surat and Tapi districts whose buildings have been constructed including the time by which the damaged post office buildings are likely to be constructed?

Implementation of Leave Rules

1647. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission related to Leave rules and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of extant rules for Compensatory Holiday and Special Casual Leave for staff of Central Government;

(c) whether compensatory leaves can be availed by a Gazetted Officer within the stipulated time of twelve months which was earned while he/she was a non-gazetted staff, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any leave/benefits are provided to the gazetted officer for attending to official works on sundays/holidays, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is urgent need for provision in Leave rules to permit sharing of Child Care Leave (CCL) between Government spouse, similarly like recent provision by Government for CCL for single male parent; and

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

Contractual Engagement of Retired Staff

1648. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has opened the doors for contractual engagement in certain categories against existing vacancies to tide over shortage of staff in some key areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has also decided to engage retired staff for preserving and reviving railway heritage properties such as steam locomotives, vintage coaches and signals among others; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Telecom System

†1649. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated funds to make telecommunication system speedy, effective and to develop it and to ensure its benefits reach the consumers during the last three years till date;

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

(c) the State-wise number of wait-listed applicants registered particularly in Buldhana Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra and other backward areas as on date, category-wise/exchange-wise; and

(d) whether effective steps are being taken to address the continuously increasing complaints of the telephone subscribers and if so, the details thereof?

Cantonment on Bank of Ganga

†1650. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to safeguard the cantonments located on the banks of river Ganga;

(b) whether there is any scheme for beautification of the cantonments on the banks of river Ganga and its ghats; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Defence Deals with Foreign Countries

1651. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Frequency of Trains from Jodhpur to Palanpur

†1652. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of citizens including farmers, labourers, students and traders travel between Jodhpur and Palanpur and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether due to less number of trains on this route the people have to opt road route under compulsion and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether thousands of people of Jodhpur, Jalor, Raniwara, Bhinmal and Sanchore go to Palanpur every day for their treatment through private vehicles which results in wastage of lot of time;

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to increase the frequency of 74841/74842 Jodhpur Bhildi Passenger train; and

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

BSNL Landline Telephones in Rajasthan

†1653. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to disconnect landline telephone connections of BSNL in rural areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to make alternate arrangements for these disconnected landline telephones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stealth Frigates for Navy

1654. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) in collaboration with Russia's United Ship Building to build two guided-missile stealth frigates for the Indian Navy and if so, the details and the present status thereof and the construction time fixed therefor;

(b) whether India and Russia have earlier signed a contract for the construction of four projects 11356 frigates, two of them being planned to be built at the Yantar Shipyard in Russia's Kaliningrad while the other two will be constructed at India's Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the Indian companies have shown their displeasure for this collaboration and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Union Government to involve the Indian Companies;

(d) whether the cost and other details had been discussed with the Russian authorities in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project; and

(e) the extent to which this will boost the defence preparedness of the country?

Indians in Prisons of Foreign Countries

1655. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian under-trials lodged in prisons in foreign countries, according to their domicile, sex and offence committed-wise; and

(b) the details of Indian convicts lodged in prisons in foreign countries, according to their domicile, sex and offence committed-wise ?

Fast Track Courts

†1656. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) in the country;

(b) the number of FTCs opened during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and along with the total number of FTCs set up till date;

(c) whether the funds being provided to FTCs are not adequate to meet the recurring and non-recurring expenditure being incurred by such courts and if so, the details of the funds provided, State-wise including Gujarat for the last three years and the steps taken by the Government with regard to inadequate funds;

(d) whether the Government has further extended the scheme and increased

allocation for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the objectives of setting of fast track court and the facilities being provided by them along with the number of cases resolved by these courts, State-wise?

AWSs in Kerala

1657. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Automated Weather Stations (AWSs) being installed by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in the country;

(b) the details of functional AWSs in the State of Kerala, location-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has recently received proposal from the State Government of Kerala seeking the installation of AWSs to predict weather conditions in the State; and

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

Transparency in Administration

1658. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken various measures to utilise technological intervention to bring transparency in the day-to-day administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said measures are yielding the desired results in bringing transparency in the system of administration and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the benefits to people and savings to exchequer by implementing the said measures to bring transparency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Welfare of Minorities

1659. SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken initiative to assess implementation of various welfare schemes including 15 point programme and recommendations of Sachar Committee by various Ministries/ Departments and Skill Development in Textile sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds were not allocated to some districts in various States including Maharashtra for these schemes and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of States have failed to pass on the benefits of welfare schemes to the minorities particularly to the Muslims in the country;

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

(e) the effective measures taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the schemes implemented for minorities actually reach the intended beneficiaries?

Internet Shutdowns

1660. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of cases of Internet shutdowns in the past five years where the duration was more than seven days;

(b) the alternative steps that were taken to provide connectivity to students applying for or appearing in exams; and

(c) whether the number of shutdowns for longer duration are increasing and if so, the reasons therefor?

Reserved Category for Haj

1661. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reserved category for four time applicants has been removed for the next Haj season, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the basis for fixing 70 years age criteria for confirmed reserved category;

(c) whether it implies that those below 70 years age are healthy enough to wait for next year;

(d) if so, whether Government has plans to reduce the age limit in this confirmed category, considering the various representations of the senior citizens; and

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

Hindus in Muslim Countries

†1662. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindus residing in certain Muslim countries are not allowed to perform their religious ceremonies such as funeral rites, puja, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such countries;

(c) whether the Government has raised the said issue with these countries; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

National Business Register

†1663. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create a national business register by registering business enterprises under

economic census to ensure proper employment opportunities to unemployed youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this work is likely to be completed and the extent to which it is likely to help in employment generation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation Policy

1664. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is implementing reservation policy and formula while recruiting personnel in all jobs/services in Central Government offices across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of employees appointed in the Central Government offices on reservation basis in sanitary/scavengers category jobs, community-wise for the last three years; and

(d) the total number of sanitary staff working in all Central Government offices and subordinate offices across the country as on date, State-wise and community-wise?

SHAKTI Scheme

†1665. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the SHAKTI scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the list of States/UTs that are currently eligible under the scheme; and

(c) whether the State of Gujarat is currently eligible under the scheme and if so, the details of the sanctioned/ongoing projects that are being undertaken by the State of Gujarat as well as the funds transferred under the scheme?

Call Drops

1666. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had recommended in October, 2015 to levy penalty on all the telecom companies in case of call drop from 1st January, 2016 and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has issued show cause notices to the erring telecom firms for call drop violations recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been receiving many complaints about the issue and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has any compensatory provision for the customers on the call drop issue;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with compensation per call drop to be paid by the TSP; and

(f) whether the provision of informing their subscribers by the telecom companies regarding compensation has also been made in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Corruption in Judiciary

1667. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether allegations of corruption on judges being involved in a medical admissions scam were levelled and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the allegations of rampant corruption in the judiciary;

(c) if so, the number of such complaints received during each of the last three years;

(d) the details of the mechanism being followed to deal with the complaints against Judges; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take effective steps on judicial accountability issue and if so, the details thereof?

Atomic Energy Based Power

1668. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN: SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage share of the atomic energy based power supply in the overall electricity generation of the country;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to increase the atomic energy based power generation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total financial implication that is incurred in generating 100 MW of electricity through atomic energy;

(d) whether there are any plans to establish new atomic power stations, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the list of international agreements concluded by India on atomic energy in the last five years?

Passenger Amenities

1669. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the types of passenger amenities provided by the Railways in different railway stations in the country;

(b) whether foot over-bridge, station boundary and waiting rooms for passengers are available in all railway stations of Cuttack to Paradeep railway link and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing system of monitoring and checking the availability of passenger amenities provided by the Railways in different railway stations in Odisha and especially in all railway stations of Cuttack-Paradeep railway link; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to significantly improve the passenger amenities in different railway stations in Odisha and especially in all railway stations of Cuttack to Paradeep railway link?

Unmanned Railway Stations

†1670. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of unmanned railway level crossings in Maharashtra;

(b) the zone-wise number of railway level crossings without gates in Maharashtra;

(c) the number of deaths occurred at these railway level crossings and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the deaths at railway level crossings?

Functional Coal Mines

1671. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENAVIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATILVIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of functional and non-functional underground and opencast coal mines in the country, location and State-wise;

(b) the quantity of coal extracted from the functional coal mines during the last three years and the current year and the details of revenue earned by the Government from these mines;

(c) whether the Government proposes to revive the non-functional mines and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open new coal mines and/or start mining in some new coal blocks during the current year and the Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, mine/location/State-wise along with the names of the companies, public and private, to whom these mines are likely to be assigned for development?

Attacks on Passengers1672. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attacks on a particular community in trains have increased in the recent past in the country especially in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases where passengers were beaten, robbed and humiliated in trains in the recent past;

(c) the number of cases registered by Indian Railways with local police and GRP for investigation;

(d) the number of arrests made so far of the persons involved in these cases; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by railways for safety and security of passengers in trains and stations?

Employment Opportunities for Muslim Youth1673. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Union Government to implement the schemes like skill development, nai manzil, nai roshni to increase the employment opportunities among the Muslim youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether the State also requested to set up career guidance centres where the minorities are more and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Model Villages for SC/ST Community

1674. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
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) whether the Department of Science and Technology proposes to chalk out a programme to develop model villages for SC/ST community in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the villages identified for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) the salient features of the programme and funds allocated for the same during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include more villages in the programme; and

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

Drinking Water Facility

1675. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking water facilities at Neyyattinkara Railway Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up toilets at Neyyattinkara Railway Station;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to set up parking facilities at Neyyattinkara Railway Station; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to re-construct the roofing for the entire platform at Neyyattinkara Railway Station, given the present dilapidated condition of the existing roof?

Cloud Seeding

1676. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has turned down the plans of some State Governments to go for cloud seeding to induce artificial rain recently;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has advised the State Governments that they will have to bear the exorbitant cost of the programme and that the results in stimulating artificial rain might not be effective in tune with the expenses incurred; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Zero Tolerance Policy for Corrupt Officers

†1677. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adopted zero tolerance policy with regard to corruption;

(b) if so, the number of corrupt officers identified under the said policy during the last three years, department-wise details thereof;

(c) the action taken against such corrupt officers on the basis of action framework fixed under the above said policy; and

(d) the outcome of the said actions as of new and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Public Wi-fi System

1678. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of

COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has asked the telecom companies to provide a roadmap for building public wi-fi system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response and feedback of the telecom companies in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the public wi-fi system at the earliest?

Development of Supercomputers

1679. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inked a deal with foreign corporation to procure supercomputers for academic and research institutions, if so, the details thereof along with the financial details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to launch broadband services readiness index for States, if so, the details thereof along with the status of National Digital Communication Policy;

(c) whether Government has held discussion with WhatsApp officials for tracing the origins of misinformation spread through its messaging platform; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the strategy of Government in case WhatsApp expresses its inability to trace the origin of misinformation?

Integrated Legal Division

1680. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

Scrap Management

†1681. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise and quantum-wise details of railway scrap lying at present;

(b) the rules of scrap management in the Railways;

(c) whether the said rules are not being followed; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Advanced Watering System

1682. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has any proposal for the installation of an advanced watering system for railway coaches; and

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

Free Wi-fi Zones

1683. SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is going to introduce free wi-fi zones in colleges/schools/public places etc. across the country;

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

(c) whether there has been any fund allocation for the purpose; and

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

Justice Zakiullah Khan Committee

1684. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the terms of reference for which Justice Zakiullah Khan Committee was set up;

(b) the details of recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the modalities for implementation of the recommendations?

Simplification of Passport Process

1685. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has simplified the process of obtaining passports or renewal of passports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also eased the process of obtaining passports and visas for the Indian Diaspora and Persons of Indian Origin; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

First Aid Facilities in Trains

†1686. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether the railway employees have got primary training in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Train Diversion to Jhansi Line

†1687. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the trains running from Jabalpur are being diverted to Jhansi line directly adjacent to Vansa Pahar instead of operating these trains *via* Manikpur Junction;

(b) if so, whether the Government has decided to provide a halt station there with the name Manikpur Gramin to save the local people from the inconvenience due to it and to make their journey comfortable;

(c) if so, the time by which the construction of this halt station is likely to be started; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rising Heat and Depleting Water Sources

†1688. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct detailed

study of rising heat and depleting source of water due to global warming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the modern technologies proposed to be used for the said purpose?

Launch of Science Channel

1689. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE: SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Science Channels and 24/7 Science Channels across the country;

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

(c) whether it is also true that an agreement has been signed with the concerned in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Track Maintenance Blocks

1690. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to use artificial intelligence to manage track maintenance blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the artificial intelligence, that can diagnose the condition of rail tracks, will be used by the Railways to prepare a repair and replacement calendar and improve punctuality of trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is true that the unplanned track maintenance work is often cited as a reason for train operations descend into chaos; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Dwarf Container Service

1691. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has introduced a commercial service to run double stack dwarf containers on trains to capture the lost traffic through new delivery model for domestic cargo;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to this double stacked dwarf container service, the Railways has received increased revenue of Rs.18.50 lakh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Suicide Cases in Defence

1692. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suicide and fratricide cases reported in the armed forces during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to stop such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Afforestation along Tracks

†1693. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

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

- (a) whether the Railways has formulated any scheme for afforestation along both the sides of railway tracks passing through cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this scheme has been finalised;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

Robbery in Trains

†1694. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

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

- (a) whether several incidents of passengers robbed in trains have been reported;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete and effective steps to ensure the safety of passengers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these steps are likely to be taken; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Emigration Rules

1695. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new emigration rules and regulations to replace the existing Emigration Act, 1983 in view of the paradigm shift in volume of migration over the last 35 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to constitute new authority to take care of this paradigm shift to study and review and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up new separate bureau to handle the volume of migration in respect of overseas migration as well as students pursuing higher studies abroad?

Cases of Irregularities/Corruption

†1696. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of alleged irregularities/corruption or inordinate delay in the development of stations have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof along with the reasons for the delay;
- (c) the current status of such cases;
- (d) the details of the funds made available by the Government for the development of above stations during the above period along with the amount utilized as per information given by the developer; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure the development of these stations all over the country on time and to check the irregularities/corruption and inordinate delay in their development?

Indians Facing Problems in Foreign Countries

†1697. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has got representations from Indian diaspora regarding problems being faced by them in the countries of their residence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the year-wise number of complaints which came to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the nation-wise details of the steps taken by the Government to resolve their problems through channels of embassies?

Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation

1698. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has urged for support from Russia, China, South Africa and Brazil with a view to create a new security forum to counter terrorism and radicalisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the forum could be realised through an understanding among the National Security Advisors of the member countries of the grouping; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Data on Sustainable Development Goals

1699. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any data sharing policy with different State Governments on Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the committee has recommended changes in the policy of data sharing and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to frame a policy to share data, doing away with the existing means that would centralize database on different variables with cross bifurcation of socio-religious groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the mode of dissemination of data?

Ongoing Railway Projects in Bihar

1700. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of various ongoing railway projects in Bihar;
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects in a time bound manner;

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has proposed to bear some cost of the said projects for their timely completion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Profitability of Trains

1701. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has tried to assess the profitability of various Duranto, Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains run by Central Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Duranto/Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains currently being run by the Government, zone-wise; and

(c) the details of new such trains proposed in the country?

Expansion of Railway Network

1702. SHRI KUNDARIYA

MOHAN BHAI

KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received recommendations to formulate a plan to connect all the cities of the country through Railways network on the lines of NHDP and PMGSY;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the cities in Gujarat which are yet to be connected by a rail link; and

(d) the steps being taken to connect all these cities at the earliest?

Fishermen in Pakistan's Custody

1703. SHRI DEVUSINH

CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen in Pakistan's custody and since when, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of efforts made to get those fishermen released who have completed their jail term in Pakistan's jail;

(c) the details of specific steps taken by the Government to get the Boats that are in Pakistan's custody since October 2003 onwards released from Pakistan Authorities, which may otherwise get auctioned by them to their locals;

(d) whether any financial or material help is given to those fishermen whose boats are seized to run their household activities and to buy the new fishing boat, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any warning system or international border demarcation has been put to guide our fishermen and also to desist Pak authorities not to capture our fishermen in Indian waterways and if so, the details thereof?

Cases Pending in M.P. High Court

†1704. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN

YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of cases pending in Madhya Pradesh High Court at present along with the number of cases pending for 15 years;

(b) whether the pendency of legal cases has prevented people from getting justice in Madhya Pradesh;

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

(d) the number of judges working in Madhya Pradesh High Court during each of the last three years;

(e) whether the need for increase in number of courts has been felt; and

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

Maintenance Work on Sundays

1705. SHRI RAM CHARITRA

NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways has decided to undertake major maintenance works across all its zones on Sundays when the traffic is usually low; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of CBI

†1706. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR

SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of the Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Vigilance Organisations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has collected the details of the performance of CBI and Vigilance Organisations in various Ministries and the cases registered and the persons accused/acquitted in such cases during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Halt at Preet Vihar Railway Station

†1707. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Preet Vihar halt railway station is proposed to be constructed in the Master Plan 2021 issued by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, whether the process of constructing Preet Vihar halt railway station has been started; and

(c) if so, the details of the action being taken on the construction of the above said halt railway station?

Communication Satellite

1708. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launch of another powerful communication satellite with military applications GSAT-11 has been postponed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ISRO will conduct a few more tests on the satellite as a precaution and rectify glitches and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this is because of the loss of contact with GSAT-6A recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cleanliness at Stations

1709. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently conducted a survey to assess cleanliness at Railway Stations in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the rankings; and

(c) whether it is a fact that iconic stations in big cities have been found to have moved down in the ranking and if so, the reasons therefor?

Evaluation of Defence Production Units

1710. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has evaluated the condition and feasibility of defence production units across the country; and

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

Share of Railways

1711. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details on the statistics related to the share of Railways in cargo transportation from 2007 to 2017;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the share of Railways in cargo transportation over the years and if so, the details of the reasons for the same; and

(c) whether the Government is proposing to undertake measures to encourage cargo transportation through Railways and if so, the details thereof?

Revoking Passport of NRI Husbands

1712. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revoked the passports of some Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) for abandoning their wives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints related to abandoning of wives received in the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the incidents of abandonment of wives by their husbands?

Kartarpur Corridor Access

1713. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action on passport free access to cross the Kartarpur corridor for devotees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Demands of Lingayat Samaj People

1714. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the demands of the Lingayat Samaj people for recognition as religion;

(b) if so, the progress made for solving their issue; and

(c) the reasons for not solving the said issue/meeting the demands of the said community so far?

Incidents of Accidents

1715. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of incidents of accident including derailments of freight and passenger trains during the

last four years, zone-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of people killed/injured due to train accidents including at the unmanned level crossings in the last four years, year-wise;

(c) the total amount of compensation given to people killed/injured due to train accidents in the last four years;

(d) the loss incurred to the railway property to the Government because of such incidents; and

(e) whether the reasons for the derailments/accidents have been investigated and if so, the outcome thereof?

Setting Up of New Divisions

1716. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering extension of the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway to include Banspani-Padapahar, Rupsa-Bangriposi and Bhadrak-Laxmannath Road, Bondamunda-Barbil-Barsuan, Bondamunda-Rourkela-Jharsuguda-Himgiri sections of SER and SECR and to set up New Railway Divisions with headquarters at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Rourkela and Rayagada;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Railway Projects for Wardha

†1717. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new railway tracks extended, the number of trains started and the amount spent in this regard in the country particularly in Wardha, Maharashtra since the year 2014 till date, year-wise;

(b) the number of new projects announced since 2014 till date in the country particularly for Wardha; and

(c) the number and details of projects out of these projects sanctioned and the budget allocation made in this regard?

Seats under Tatkal Scheme

†1718. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase/decrease the number of seats in all trains under Tatkal scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working on any plan in which people can travel without ticket being confirmed under Tatkal quota so that they attend their important work or reach their home on time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Ordnance Factories

1719. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for modernization of Ordnance Factories to encourage indigenous production of defence equipments in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the modernization of Ordnance Factories is likely to be initiated and completed;

(b) the details of the annual production and turnover of the Ordnance Factories across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints of supply of sub-standard material to Ordnance Factories during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the functioning of the Ordnance Factories in the country?

Procurement of Assault Rifles and LMGs

†1720. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent operational requirement of new generation assault rifles and Light Machine Guns (LMGs) for troops deployed on the borders with Pakistan and China;

(b) if so, whether the Armed Forces has asked to replace old and obsolete 5.56 mm INSAS rifles, 9mm sub-machine carbines, assault rifles and light machine guns;

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

(d) whether Defence Acquisitions Council (DAC) has accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) to the proposals and if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether there is a proposal to procure new generation assault rifles and light machine guns under 'Make in India' policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action so far taken by the Government for procurement of assault rifles and light machine guns and the time by which the procurement process is likely to be completed?

Coal Mine Accidents

1721. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that took place in various coal mines in India especially in Odisha during the last four years and the current year along with the nature thereof and the number of persons injured/killed in the said accidents during the aforesaid period;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the reasons behind

these accidents and the number of persons found guilty along with any action taken against them for the said accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve the safety of coal mines workers in various parts of the country including Odisha?

Speedy Implementation of Bengaluru Sub-urban Rail Project

1722. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the new conditions imposed by the Karnataka Government for Bengaluru sub-urban Rail project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in light of said conditions;

(c) whether the Government proposes to discuss the issue with the Karnataka Government for speedy implementation of the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Transactions

1723. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in the number of digital payment transactions from 2016 to 2018;

(b) the initiatives undertaken by the Government to promote digital transactions; and

(c) the details of policies undertaken to prevent fraudulent and illegal transactions and data theft arising out of digital transactions?

Coal Reserves

1724. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

Under Construction ROB/RUBs/ FOBs

1725. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of the under construction Rail Over-Bridges (ROBs), Rail Under-Bridges (RUBs) and

Foot Over-Bridges (FOBs) in various States as on date on cost sharing basis, project-wise;

(b) the location-wise details of the proposals sent by various State Governments including Telangana for constructing ROB, RUBs and FOBs at level crossings along with the action taken on each of such proposals; and

(c) the Zone-wise details of underconstruction and new projects identified for constructing ROB/RUBs/ FOBs during the last three years and the current year along with the details of the funds allocated and utilized and the ratio of contribution of each of the State Governments for each of such projects?

Linking Aadhaar with Ticket

†1726. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether linking Aadhaar with IRCTC has been made compulsory for the passengers for reservation in trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether passengers are facing problems in online reservation due to mismatch of information given in Aadhaar card and ID of IRCTC;

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

(d) whether the Government has made any efforts to deal with this problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rotational Transfer Policy

1727. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has issued instructions for effective and rotational transfer of officials and staff posted in sensitive positions in the year of 1999, 2001, 2008 and 2012 respectively and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether CVC has asked the Government to identify the sensitive posts and staff working in these posts and also to ensure that they are strictly rotated after every two/three years to avoid developing vested interests;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with rotational transfer's details since last three years;

(d) whether DoPT has identified the sensitive posts and have/had been effecting rotational transfers in the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, post-wise since last three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in MPLAD Funds

†1728. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds for MPLAD scheme and make the expenditure

related guidelines more flexible in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to allow Members of Parliament to use 'MPLAD' fund in their States and if so, the details thereof?

Fake Institutions

†1729. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the proper steps taken by the Ministry to check the fraud in the name of providing jobs abroad and torture of youth by the fake institutions;

(b) the steps taken to provide immediate assistance by the Indian Embassies to the Indian citizens who become the victims of forgery in foreign country;

(c) whether the Ministry has made arrangement of online mechanism to bring improvement in this area; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Ministry against forgery and fake institutions?

Mobile Connections to RailTel

1730. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some telecom operators have been successfully providing mobile phone connections to

RailTel through Closed User Group (CUG) across the country for the last six years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that RailTel, on the instructions of the Railway Board have decided to discontinue the services of CUG and award the same to some new telecom operators;

(c) if so, the complete details and the reasons thereof for showing favours to new incumbent with the names of new telecom operators; and

(d) the details of the procedure adopted by RailTel for switching to new telephone provider with the names of the telecom service providers which participated in the tender process?

High Speed Rail Corridor

1731. SHRI R.P.

MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is going to start a high speed rail corridor from Chennai to Coimbatore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said corridor is planned to pass through Salam also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on this corridor and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Indian Science Congress

1732. SHRI MULLAPPALLY

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the widespread criticism from the scientific community and students against the outlandish claims at the Indian Science Congress 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noted that the repeated misuse of Indian Science Congress has made it a mockery of science and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government asked any explanation from the organizers;

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

(e) whether the Government will take necessary action for not repeating such incidents in an event like Science Congress which gets global attention and if so, the details thereof?

Coal Imports

1733. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED

BASHEER:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal import is increasing considerably in spite of the Government's announcement that the coal import will be brought down to zero level and take our country on the path of self sufficiency; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

Development of Railway Land

†1734. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has not achieved its various targets fixed regarding development of railway land and modernisation of facilities during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the various reasons behind slow pace in achieving the targets fixed for doubling and electrification of railway lines in the country; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/to be taken by the railways for bringing rapid reforms in the railway infrastructure?

Coal Mine Workers

1735. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of coal mine workers working in different State owned coal mines across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the number of facilities including safety facilities being provided to these workers across the country;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints at present in some of the States in connection with violation of safety guidelines in their mines and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make these coal mines/all coal mines as zero accidental; and

(e) whether the Government has issued guidelines to States to provide training to workers for safety during the work time and if so, the details thereof?

Joint Funding of Projects

†1736. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such railway projects which are likely to be funded jointly by the Union and the State Governments;

(b) whether there has been a delay in some projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the length of new railway lines announced during the last three railway budgets and the position of Uttar Pradesh regarding such new projects;

(d) the zone-wise details of those projects where work has been started and the extent to which the work has been completed; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the work of railway projects regarding new railway lines particularly those passing through Maharashtra?

Under-Construction Araria-Seemanchal Railway Line

†1737. SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the doubling and electrification of under construction Araria-Seemanchal railway line and Katihar to Jogbani single line connecting Bihar and Nepal Border is likely to be done;

(b) whether these works are being performed as per scheduled time-limit;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(d) whether the Seemanchal express is likely to be substituted by a new train and plied from either New Delhi or Old Delhi Railway Station in place of Anand Vihar Station; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to get started?

Telecom Connectivity in the North-East

1738. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of telecom connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the time by when 4G services will be provided in each district of Arunachal Pradesh and the North East in general and the details thereof;

(c) the role of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) and the details of the funds utilised; and

(d) the details of fund utilisation by BSNL in connection with this matter?

Flexi Fare System

1739. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dynamic pricing/flexi fare system introduced in 142 premium trains by the Government has resulted in lower footfall for the trains;

(b) if so, the details of total footfalls during peak and lean season on a year-on-year basis;

(c) whether the Government intends to introduce the dynamic pricing mechanism for all mail and express trains only during the peak season and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of change in revenue generated on a year-on-year basis by the 142 trains in which dynamic pricing was introduced, in the last 2 years?

Ongoing Railway Projects

†1740. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several ongoing railway projects are more than 30 years old and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay in implementation of these projects and the new time-limit fixed for completion of these projects;

(c) whether review is being done on time to evaluate the feasibility of these

long pending projects and implementation thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any mechanism is in place to give priority to pending projects and if so, the details thereof?

Auctioning of Coal Mines

1741. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has auctioned coal mines; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with other auctions made and the revenue earned so far?

Transportation of Dead Bodies

1742. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a request that the dead bodies of NRIs would be sent to India free of cost; and

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

USTTAD Scheme

1743. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the USTTAD scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(b) the total number of minority craftsmen and artisans that have benefited under the scheme, since its inception, State-wise and year-wise, especially in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government, if any, to spread awareness regarding the scheme?

Repair of Old Bridges

1744. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway bridges that collapsed in last ten years till date;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured separately as a result of bridge collapses;

(c) whether there has been a delay in sanctioning and completion of sanctioned bridge works resulting in risk of bridge collapse, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has ordered a review of old bridges in need of repair, if so, the details thereof and the timeline fixed by Railways to repair all the old railway bridges across the country?

Increase in Number of Passenger

†1745. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of trains has not been increased due to which the waiting list in trains, going to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar/Jharkhand from Delhi, reaches more than five hundred and the situation of non-availability of tickets is created;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the said failure and the details of the measures taken in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the Government has achieved success regarding meeting the needs of the rail services in the said railway division and the reaction of the Government to the said success?

Per Capita Income

†1746. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita income in the country from 2013-14 till the end of 2018-19 has been estimated to be 1,809 US dollar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said income is very less as compared to the average per capita income at the world level;

(d) if so, the details of the average per capita income at the world level; and

(e) the reasons for lower per capita income in spite of India being the fastest growing economy in the world?

Employment in Defence Corridor Project

†1747. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop defence industrial corridors in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and the benefits likely to accrue to Defence Sector as a result thereof;

(c) whether setting up of such corridors is likely to generate employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the employment opportunities expected to be generated due to these corridors?

Modernisation of Armed Forces

1748. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn a roadmap to modernise and upgrade the capabilities of armed forces keeping in view the developments in the neighbourhood;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocations made for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government has commissioned any independent study in this regard; and

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

Computerization of Courts

1749. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to undertake the computerization of district and subordinate courts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to undertake initiatives to train judicial officers in case of computerization of judiciary, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of budget allocated for computerization of judiciary?

Ramping up Job Creation

1750. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government's Economic Advisory Council has recently spelt out a clear roadmap to ramp up job creation and infrastructure financing avenues;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the sectors in which job creation and infrastructure financing avenues have been identified; and

(c) the time-line for implementation of roadmap and the expected job creation in the next five years?

e-Governance

1751. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a National e-Governance plan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has established State Wide Area Networks (SWANs), if so, the details thereof along with the issues faced by the Government for the establishment and effective functioning of the SWANs;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government to establish and monitor State Data Centres (SDCs);

(d) whether the SWANs and SDCs in the State of Kerala are functioning efficiently and properly, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government plans to extend assistance for establishment and maintenance of Common Service Centres (CSCs), if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon in Kerala; and

(f) whether the Government has formulated a nation wide scheme for establishing Open Technology Centre (OTC) and if so, the details thereof?

National Litigation Policy

†1752. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a draft National Litigation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said draft has been sent to corresponding stakeholders for comprehensive deliberation;

(d) if so, the reaction of the said stakeholders on the said draft; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Border Infrastructure

1753. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO(AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has constructed roads and other infrastructure after Doklam standoff on Indo-China border in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government is taking to develop border infrastructure requirement?

Doubling of Income

†1754. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the income of the super rich people in India has doubled to 188 trillion rupees during the last five years;

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

(c) whether the income of the poorest of the poor has also doubled as per the said average in the country; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the rate by which the income of the people of the low income group is estimated to increase?

Cyber Criminals

†1755. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyber criminals are committing fraud of a large scale on common citizens particularly bank account holders throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether the Department of Information Technology is incapable of checking such crimes;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of cases of cyber crime which came to the cognizance of the Government during the last three years and the action taken in this regard?

Indians Lodged in Jails of Gulf Countries

1756. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of Indians are lodged in jail in the Gulf countries;

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

(c) the details of action being taken by the Government to get them released and deported to India;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy concerned has charged any fee for extending facilities to such persons; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to give services and facilities to such persons, who are mostly poor, free of cost?

5G Infrastructure in Rural and Remote Areas

1757. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infrastructural and the technological capabilities required for launching 5G technology exist in the rural and remote areas of India;

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure the same;

(c) the total population that is going to be covered under the 5G spectrum; and

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

Fluctuations in the Prices of Diesel/Petrol

†1758. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fluctuations in the prices of petrol and petroleum products in both national and International markets have any effect on fares and freight structure of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any effort has been made to make railway freight structure including multidimensional price determination policy reasonable in the Railways in view of fluctuations in the prices of diesel and petrol;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure completion of freight rates of railways with other means of transport including roads?

Shortage of Coal

1759. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any positive steps to put a check on the shortage of coal situation in the state of Tamil Nadu which led to shutting down of two units of Metur Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any other steps/initiatives to control the shortage of coal situation in country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accounting System

1760. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has planned to set up a holding company to monetize its soft assets and stakes in other companies for achieving greater liquidity level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways in controlling losses incurred on account of social service obligations; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways in improving the accounting system to enable an overall accounting reform?

Restructuring and Privatisation Policy

1761. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry of defence is engaged in a policy transformation with regard to restructuring and privatisation policies;

(b) if so, whether the Government has listed two army advanced base workshops and one static workshop for closure this year along with three ordnance depots and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether four army base workshops are scheduled to be handed over to private sector and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with the representatives of employees in this matter in connection with retrenchment polices and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the ministry of defence has declared at least 275 defence items as non-core and if so, the steps taken to address the concerns of the employees engaged in these sectors?

Issuance of Passports

†1762. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:
DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to simplify the process for issuance of passport and to open new passport offices and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has directed to open Passport Seva Kendras in all the districts in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Passport Seva Kendras are being opened in head post offices of the districts;

(d) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of the Passport Seva Kendras started so far including Chhattisgarh; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to improve the existing time consuming and complicated process for issuance of passport?

e-Courts

1763. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-Courts project has made significant progress, if so, the details thereof and the current status of the project along with the funds released and utilised for the same;

(b) whether the Government has approved second phase of e-Courts mission mode project recently and if so, the objectives, estimated cost and specific targets set under the Project ;

(c) the steps taken for ICT enablement of district and subordinate courts of the country and the details of number of electronic transactions, transacted under e-Courts Project;

(d) the steps taken in order to provide efficient and time-bound access to the court services to litigant public, who are on the other side of the digital divide and don't have access to internet;

(e) whether the Government has decided to deliver e-Courts services through around 2 lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs) and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has launched Automated Mailing Service for the benefit of litigants and lawyers and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Science and Technology

1764. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

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

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government regarding developing of Science and Technology (S&T) during the last five years;

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

(c) the details of the proposals approved/rejected by the Union Government during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the proposals lying pending and the reasons for their pendency; and

(e) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared by the Union Government?

Allocation of Coal Blocks

1765. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented a policy for allocating coal blocks to steel, power and other projects for their captive use;

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

(c) the number of coal blocks allocated under this scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of coal blocks which have started coal production along with the quantum of coal being produced therefrom;

(e) the number of coal blocks which have not started coal production so far along with the reasons for the same; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to ensure adequate coal reserves to the public sector steel and power companies to meet their growing demands and if so, the details thereof?

Women Going on Haj

1766. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had lifted ban on women going on Haj without Mehram;

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

(c) the number of women who visited Haj without Mehram during 2018;

(d) the number of applications received for Haj, 2019 and the number of persons shortlisted in this regard;

(e) the number of women shortlisted without Mehram for Haj, 2019; and

(f) the details of the seats reserved under discretionary quota for Haj for each distinguished persons?

Innovation in Science and Technology

1767. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of innovations recorded during the last five years, year and field-wise;

(b) whether the Government has created any structure/organization to nurture innovations at the grassroot level and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Innovation Foundation has recorded a large number of innovations at the grassroot level, touching the lives of the poor in the rural sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Research Development Corporation is acting as a window for such innovations including the processes patented by laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to scale up innovations in the field of Science and Technology in the country?

National Optical Fibre Network

1768. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of optical fibre laid so far under the National Optical Fibre Network Project and the time frame to achieve the remaining targets;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats connected with broadband and WiFi hotspots so far under the said project along with the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats of Gujarat, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya

Pradesh yet to be connected under the said project, the district-wise details thereof;

(d) the total amount of funds that have been allocated, released and spent so far during the last three years year-wise under the said project along with the cost outlay for completing the said project and the State-wise details thereof; and

(e) the details of the problems being faced in the implementation of the stated project?

Performance of Schemes

†1769. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the schemes launched by the Government under the Ministry of Science and Technology since the year 2014 till date along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said schemes;

(b) the State-wise details of the proposals received from various States along with the proposals approved by the Union Government under the schemes sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology;

(c) the scheme-wise and State-wise details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes of the Ministry during each of the last four years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completing the pending schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the funds allocated to the States/organisations achieving the said purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken against the Non-Governmental organisations (NGOs) found guilty in this regard?

Performance of Schemes

†1770. SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the schemes launched by the Government under the Ministry of Minority Affairs since the year 2014 till date alongwith the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said schemes;

(b) the State-wise details of the proposals received from various States alongwith the proposals approved by the Union Government under the schemes sponsored by the Ministry of Minority Affairs;

(c) the scheme-wise and State-wise details of the funds allocated and utilized for implementation of various schemes of this Ministry during each of the last four years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has set any time-limit for completing the pending schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the funds allocated to the States/organizations achieving the

said purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken against the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) found guilty in this regard?

Under Construction ROBs

1771. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the under-construction Rail Over-Bridges (ROBs) in various States on cost sharing basis, zone-wise;

(b) the location-wise details of the proposals sent by various State Governments for constructing ROBs at level crossings along with the action taken on each of such proposals;

(c) the zone-wise details of under-construction and new projects identified for constructing the ROB during the last three years along with the details of the funds allocated; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to complete the said projects within the stipulated time?

Promotion of Young Scientists

1772. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking adequate measures to promote young scientists to pursue research programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the main objectives of the Start-Up Research Grant (Young Scientists) and the funds allocated therefor by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the required age group to avail benefit under this programme and the achievement made thereunder so far;

(d) whether the Government is providing any special schemes or scholarships under this programme; and

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

Revamping BSNL/MTNL

1773. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the loss or profit of MTNL & BSNL during the last three years, their total liabilities as compared to their profits and the service infrastructure available with

them in comparison to their private counterparts for mobile services;

(b) whether BSNL and MTNL have failed to attract customers as compared to their private counterparts despite having large infrastructure, particularly in the urban areas;

(c) if so, the reasons found out by these Government companies including for call drops and low connectivity;

(d) whether the Government is considering the restructuring/revamping of these companies to make them competitive and profitable and if so, the plan prepared by the Government in this regard and the time by which it will be implemented; and

(e) the other steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard along with the provision of cheaper and better services to their customers in the age of cashless transaction/payment systems?

National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board

1774. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
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) whether any assessment has been made on the performance of 'National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Boards' in the country;

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

(c) the details of institutions set up/assisted under institutional mechanism under the project;

(d) the details of training programmes conducted during the last three years by the Boards under various programmes;

(e) whether some outside agencies have been engaged for conducting the training programmes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria adopted for engaging such agencies?

Irregularity in SECL

1775. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious cases of corruption and irregularity in various projects of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL) have come to light during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against those found guilty;

(e) whether the common people are suffering from serious diseases in the SECL area due to carelessness; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Financial Assistance to NGOs

1776. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs which have received financial assistance from Maulana Azad Educational Foundation in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding misutilisation of funds by these NGOs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty NGOs;

(d) whether any criteria has been fixed for Madaras to receive financial assistance from Maulana Azad Educational Foundation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the names of NGOs which have received financial assistance from Maulana Azad Educational Foundation?

Passport Seva Kendras

1777. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of passport seva kendras operational across the country including Maharashtra and West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government is planning to introduce Chip-based e-passports in place of paper passports within the country;

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

(d) whether the Government is also planning to simplify the process of issuing visas to PIO (Person of Indian Origin) and OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) cards; and

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

Encroachment on DEO Land

1778. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unauthorised construction/encroachment on the land under the management of Defence Estate Organisation (DEO) has increased in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the defence land encroached across the

country, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which the Government has removed the said unauthorised construction/encroachment along with the number of such illegal occupants punished during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the mechanism put in place by the Government to prevent unauthorised construction/encroachment of defence land in the country; and

(e) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect defence land from unauthorised construction/encroachment?

Modernisation of Railway Stations

1779. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations developed by the Government to provide world class facilities to the passengers across the country so far, zone-wise;

(b) the existing policy for revamping and transforming of railway stations in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has sought participation of private sector in modernisation of railway stations across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the private sector thereto;

(e) whether the Government has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with foreign countries in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the terms and conditions of such MoUs; and

(g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide world class facilities in all the railway stations of the country?

Private Sector Participation in Passenger and Goods Transport

1780. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to allow private players to run trains to improve passenger and goods transport and for developing railway zonal network and if so, the details thereof and the proposals in this regard;

(b) whether private players may be allowed to fix fares and set up terminals and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to separate the goods and passenger sectors of railway network in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard alongwith the steps taken by the Government to separate the said sectors;

(d) whether there is a proposal to include the private players for the redevelopment of 600 stations of Indian railway in the country; and

(e) if so, the reaction received in this regard?

Railway Projects in Gujarat

1781. SHRI DILIP PATEL:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various rail projects being implemented in Gujarat and their current status, project-wise;

(b) the number of projects that are running behind schedule and the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(c) the increase in cost of delayed projects, source of funding and the time limit for completion; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for timely completion of these projects?

Women in Central Government Service

†1782. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of single women working in Central Government service in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the said women posted in the rural areas and urban areas, separately;

(c) the number of such single women posted in areas far away from their families along with the details in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to lay down any rules for appointment and transfer of single women

in all the Ministries and if so, the details in this regard?

Incidents of Looting

1783. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increase in the incidents of looting to railway commuters in the running trains, the passengers are feeling insecure of their lives and belongings etc.;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of looting reported in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Railway Protection Force has become ineffective to control/check such incidents and it appears that there is nexus between police force and other railway staff; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Smartphone Market in India

1784. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that smartphone shipments in India grew by 11 per cent to 30 million units in the first three months of this year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that in contrast, about 27 million smartphones were shipped in India in the first quarter of 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that 4G feature phone market in India continued to grow at more than 50 per cent quarter on quarter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NOC for Development around Naval Dockyard

1785. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether civil residential colony of Naval Dockyard, Powai and Junk scrap yard on LBS Road, Ghatkopar in Mumbai of Navy are in non-sensitive zone for development/redevelopment;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that due to non-issue of 'NOC', development around these two areas are held up and thousand of people are suffering due to ban on development work in these areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to issue separate notification for allowing developmental work on and around these areas?

Waste Management in Railways

1786. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current system of disposal/storage of food plates after use in the train compartments tantamount to

unhygienic conditions in the bogies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways is planning to overhaul the aforesaid practice;

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

(d) the various measures taken/likely to be taken by the Railways for clean and effective waste management in trains?

Late Running of Trains

1787. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways is mulling increase in its run time by an hour to make it stick to schedule of trains running late;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Railways is considering to adopt more scientific methods to find out the actual reasons for trains running late; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Web Portal

1788. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any web portal for information sharing on Mobile Towers and EMF Emission Compliances, with a view to generate confidence and conviction in the safety of mobile towers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched any scheme to create the skill development training centres in various rural, backward and other needy areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Villages

†1789. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) funds allocated so far to the State of Gujarat for making the said villages digital; and

(c) the various facilities being provided in the said digital villages at present?

POPSK in the Country

†1790. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in all district headquarters or in all Parliamentary constituencies;

(b) if so, the number of POPSKs set up so far along with the details thereof;

(c) the number of POPSKs which have started functioning so far in Maharashtra

and Rajasthan along with the number of POPSKs proposed to be made operational in near future; and

(d) the extent to which getting passports is likely to be easier through POPSKs along with the details of its style of functioning?

Gender Gap in Mobile Ownership

1791. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted any studies on the gender gap in mobile ownership and the use of mobile services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Ministry to identify the access barriers for women and any action plan that has been formulated to address those barriers?

Quota in Booking Tickets

1792. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce special facilities for availability of tickets on priority basis to the patient and his attendant at concessional rate, belonging to the economically weaker family;

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

(c) whether similar concession and ticket reservation facility to the candidates for attending examination and in view for Government services is also proposed to be provided; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Interaction of Overseas Indians

1793. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new initiatives taken by the Government for interaction of overseas Indians with India in the fields of Culture, Education and Trade;

(b) the details of recent developments in communication and marketing strategies for ensuring strong links with overseas Indian community; and

(c) the details of major instances of successful cooperation and guidance provided by the Government with States in matters of overseas Indians within last four years?

Cancellation of Trains due to Fog

†1794. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken cognizance of the late running and cancellation of trains due to fog;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to deal with this problem;

(c) whether the Railways has started installing anti-fog devices in some trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways has decided to install GPS enabled anti-fog devices in trains in some parts of the country; and

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

Shortage of Courtrooms

1795. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has pondered over the shortage of thousands of court rooms in district and subordinate judiciary in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also contemplated on shortage of residential quarters for district and subordinate judiciary in the country;

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

(d) the constraints, if any, being faced by the Central Government to help State Governments in dealing with infrastructural challenges being faced by lower judiciary and the steps taken to address the same?

Employment Surveys

1796. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has any proposal to carry out quarterly and annual employment surveys;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which this proposal is likely to eradicate unemployment in the country; and

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented and the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of Shri Amitabh Kundu Committee in letter and spirit?

Proxy Voting for NRIs

1797. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to allow proxy voting for NRIs if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the process of proxy voting for registered NRIs is finalized and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria for a voter to be considered as proxy on behalf of an overseas voter and the way in which the Government intends to ensure secrecy of the process and avoid any unfair financial dealing?

Coal Production

1798. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of over reporting of production of coal and difference in the physical stock and the book stock in different coal fields during the last three years and the current year have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has been investigated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the present status thereof?

New Trains

1799. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that five new trains are at the centre of Government's ambitious project to transform Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that all these five new trains introduced were earning revenue more than the railways envisaged; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Empowering Information Commissioners

1800. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to seek powers to fix salaries, allowances and tenure of Chief Information Commissioners and Information Commissioners of the Centre and States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any protests against such move saying that this will fundamentally weaken the institution of the commission as it will adversely impact their ability to function in an independent manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the status conferred on commissioners under the RTI Act is to empower them to carry out their functions autonomously and if so, the details thereof?

Common Service Centres

1801. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started Common Service Centres (CSCs) to provide cyber services in Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of CSC's established, State-wise till date; and

(d) the time by which all Gram Panchayats will have dedicated CSC's across the country?

Gangmen with Modern Gadgets

1802. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of gangmen totally employed by the Railways;

(b) whether of late the incidence of railway gangmen getting run over by the trains is on the increase and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways would provide the zone-wise statistics of railway gangmen killed by running trains in the last five years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal pending with the Railways to re-designate the gangmen as railway track maintainers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to equip the gangmen with a walkie-talkie like instrument called Raksha to warn them about the oncoming trains so that they stand clear of the railway tracks and if so, the details thereof?

Chip Manufacturing

1803. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to invest in the chip manufacturing facilities to be set up in States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether consortium of manufacturing firms have withdrawn to set up Semiconductor Wafer Fabrication units and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received chip design manufacturing proposals from various global companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the chip manufacturing in the country and cut down the imports?

Privacy/Hacking of Data

1804. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

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

(a) the details of the safeguards in place to ensure that the right to privacy of our citizens is ensured in the face of consistent data hacks;

(b) whether the Government has considered amending the Intermediary Rules, 2011 under the IT Act, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government plans to introduce pre-censorship of online content and if so, the details thereof?

Peace at LAC

1805. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the troops have been asked to preserve peace while maintaining the sanctity of the Line of Actual Control (LAC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that four steps have to be followed by the Indian

and Chinese sides under the 2005 protocol; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Release of MPLAD Funds

†1806. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund's remaining instalments are proposed to be released in lump-sum;

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

(c) whether the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund is proposed to be simplified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities at Jalore Station

†1807. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to complete other related infrastructure including drinking water, passenger shed, display board, construction of separate toilet for women, air-conditioned waiting room and hotel for the development of Jalore railway station within the stipulated time period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the budget provided for this project;

(c) the reasons for delay in providing basic infrastructure at Jalore railway station as per model station; and

(d) the total budgetary allocation made along with the total funds utilized on providing facility to the citizens at Jalore railway station during the last three years?

Frequency of Train No. 12315/12316

†1808. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to operate train No.12315/16 and 19601/02 daily from Udaipur to Sealdah and Jalpaiguri instead of once a week;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in Joining Letters

1809. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of incidents where students who cleared SSC examinations have not received joining letters even after a year;

(b) if so, the details of the number of candidates who cleared the examination but were not offered jobs and the posts they were promised, State-wise;

(c) the estimated date by which such candidates would receive their joining letter;

(d) the number of ST, SC, OBC and PwD candidates out of the total number of

students who cleared the examination but were not offered the job; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to compensate for the loss of time and money of such students?

Reservation for Divyang Youth

†1810. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation quota for divyang youth in Government service;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

BSNL Tower Corporation Limited

1811. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has recently constituted a new tower company named, BSNL Tower Corporation Limited (BTCL);

(b) if so, the details of BTCL including its objectives and salient features;

(c) whether the Government has any record regarding the number of mobile towers owned by the BTCL;

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

(e) whether it is a fact that the formation of BTCL has caused a steep decline in the revenue of BSNL; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the revenues of BSNL?

New Trains

1812. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has announced a number of new trains during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the new trains have been introduced and started operations in the country; and

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

Approval of ROBs under Kota Division

1813. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Road Over Bridges (ROBs) have been approved for construction by the Railways with the State Government's funding under Kota Division in last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Data Centre Market in India

1814. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps undertaken to boost data centre market in India and information on growth of data centre market in India since 2014, in terms of absolute financial growth and capacity generated, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has plans for submersion of data centres along the coastline to save cost of cooling-energy, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of recommendation of Bureau of Energy Efficiency which were mandated for data centre companies and the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to guarantee stable energy supply to existing data-centres; and

(e) the regulations to review and monitor Artificial Intelligence (AI) models to ensure they do not take steps that are irreversible?

Notary-Public

1815. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that large number of applications were received by the Government from eligible lawyers/advocates to appoint them as Notary public in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which they will be appointed as Notary Public?

Disruption of Rail Traffic

1816. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the engine and eight wagons of goods train derailed and fell off a bridge on the Kirandul-Visakhapatnam route in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has happened because the naxals have removed track to disrupt rail traffic in that area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mapping of Railway Land

1817. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to locate and map railway land;

(b) whether ISRO's facilities are being utilised for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken for development of infrastructure on railway land, commercial utilisation and monetisation of such land?

Demand and Supply of Coal

†1818. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge gap between demand and supply of coal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any Action Plan to deal with the said situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of Railway Tracks

1819. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has entrusted/assigned any private company in the country to supply railway tracks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the volume of work/order for supply of railway tracks to the Railway;
- (d) the total number of private companies entrusted this task and the total value of work, company-wise; and
- (e) the terms and conditions laid down for the said work?

Schemes on Information Technology

†1820. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by the Government to make Information Technology more accessible in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has made any effort to make Information Technology accessible to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including that of Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether effective steps are being taken/proposed to be taken for the decentralisation of the Information Technology Services in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Coal Supply to Gujarat

†1821. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of coal supplied to Gujarat at present;
- (b) whether State-owned GSECL has been directed to supply 13-14 rake per day;
- (c) if so, whether GSECL is supplying only 7-8 rakes per day; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to fulfil the above mentioned requirement of coal?

Atomic Power Plants

1822. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to establish atomic power plants to fulfil the energy demands, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the list of shortlisted places for the purpose;
- (c) the number of atomic power plants across the country till date, State-wise;
- (d) whether any radiation hazards are reported/expected around these plants; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address these concerns?

Make in India Programme

1823. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditure incurred on import of various items used in the Railways operations along with the details of major items;
- (b) the action taken by the Railways to reduce import bills, including initiatives taken under 'Make in India' strategy to reduce imports; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to explore various avenues to mop up its resources?

Sir Creek Issue

1824. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the stand of the Government in respect of Sir creek issue with Pakistan;
- (b) whether the Government intends to renegotiate the Katchatheevu deal with Sri-lanka and if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has concluded the negotiation regarding TAPI pipeline project and if so, the status of its implementation;
- (d) whether the Government is building Parliament House for Afghanistan; and
- (e) if so, the details of assistance released so far and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Houses around Namner Cantonment

†1825. SHRIMATI TABASSUM
BEGUM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases regarding registration of transfer ownership of houses in GLR, passing of layout map for reconstruction and renovation of houses located in Namner cantonment area are pending with the Ministry of Defence; and
- (b) if so, the number of such cases and the time by which the pending cases are likely to be disposed?

Scheme for Coal Mines

1826. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether physical and financial targets *vis-a-vis* achievement of the

conservation safety and infrastructure development in coal mines scheme has not been satisfactory for many States including Odisha in the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise since 2014-15;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to significantly increase the physical and financial achievement of the said Scheme in Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to significantly improve the existing monitoring mechanism at the Central level and increase the absorption capacity of Odisha under the said scheme since 2014-15?

App-Based Cab Service

†1827. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether app-based cab services have now been permitted at Mumbai railway stations and if so, the details thereof including the terms and conditions of contract;

(b) the details of the estimated annual income of Railways from the permission to app-based cab;

(c) the details of the provision put in place to check overcharging and charging low fares from passengers by the 'app-based cab' at railway stations; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to link the 'app-based cab' service with online ticket booking service and if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities to Children of Martyrs

1828. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether prior to 7th pay commission children of martyrs were eligible to receive full tuition and hostel fee till they get their degree;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether after 7th pay commission Government has restricted the said fee to Rs. 10,000 per year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether all the three services along with Army Welfare Association have written to the Government to review its decision; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or being taken by the Government to restore pre 7th pay commission facilities to children of martyrs?

Cell Phone Towers and Honey Production

1829. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cell phone towers are the main reasons for the decrease in honey production in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether any steps are being taken to arrest this situation in future and if so, the details thereof?

CCTV in Coaches

1830. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to install CCTV cameras in all coaches in the country including Thiruvananthapuram-New Delhi Kerala Express, Kanyakumari-Mumbai Jayanti Janatha Express, Thiruvananthapuram-Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express, Thiruvananthapuram-Nizamuddin Swarna Jayanti Superfast train and Thiruvananthapuram-Nizamuddin Superfast Express, in order to enhance safety and security of the passengers;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken steps to provide internet facilities in trains running long distances from Thiruvananthapuram;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Circulation of Malicious Content

1831. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the enactment of IT Act, 2000, misinformation and malicious content is being openly circulated on social media on a daily basis;

(b) if so, the total number of cases that have come to the notice of the Government during the last four years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has some additional plan/policy to counter this spread of false information, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty?

Prosecution in Corruption

†1832. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than three months delay is being caused in approving the prosecution cases and efforts are made to save the officers involved in corruption owing to which corruption is not receding at Central level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified such officers who gave either permission to file the case after three months or have not given the permission as on date;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against such officers;

(d) whether the Government has found out the background of such officers so as to remove the obstacles in weeding out corruption; and

(e) if so, the outcomes of the above said action?

Doubling and Electrification of Machilipatnam-Vijayawada Rail Line

1833. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

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

(a) the present status of long pending work of doubling and electrification of Machilipatnam-Vijayawada railway line and the reasons for delay, if any;

(b) whether any funds are being allocated to this project and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this line would be completed?

Increase in Haj Quota

1834. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in talks with Saudi Authorities to increase the Haj quota of India if so, the details thereof along with the details of the applications received so far for the Haj 2019, State /UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is in talks with Saudi Authorities to provide Proof of Concept (PoC) pre-clearance of immigration facility at their embarkation points under the Makkah Road scheme for Indians if so, the details thereof along with the details of provision of the Haramain High Speed Train facility for the Indian pilgrims for their travel between Makkah and Madinah; and

(c) whether Government is working on measures to provide sea route for Haj from India to cut the cost of Haj and if so, the details thereof?

Charging More than MRP

1835. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Railways against private catering companies for over-charging passengers and flouting directions, year-wise details of the last three years;

(b) whether any investigation is going on against catering firms running contracts in the Railways for over-charging passengers and flouting directions of the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the names of the companies against whom such investigations are going on?

Accidental Insurance

1836. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken a decision to discontinue compulsory collection of one rupee towards accidental insurance from passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ministry has roped in private players to collect this accidental insurance charges instead of collecting it by Railways; and

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

Agitation against Change in UPSC Exam

1837. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some students have been agitating against some changes effected by the UPSC;

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

(c) the action being taken in the matter?

Opening of New Coal Mines

1838. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coal mines that have been opened by the Government since the last four years in various areas of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether these initiatives have fuelled the household electrification programme under the Government's flagship schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Upgradation of Forecasting Technology

†1839. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for upgradation of weather forecasting technology/equipment to more accurate prediction is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it will have the facility of providing the timely information of likely damage due to weather to farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Initiatives to Tackle Oil Import Issue

†1840. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any strategic efforts and taken any initiative to tackle the pressure being created on India and other countries by America and its administration for not importing oil from oil producing countries such as Iran and Iraq; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Secretary General

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