

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Steel; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

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Special Recruitment Drive

†461. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special recruitment drive is likely to be launched for backlog vacancies in the ensuing period and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the backlog vacancies are likely to be filled;

(b) the department-wise details of the vacant posts of all the departments; and

(c) whether there is any plan to launch separate recruitment drive in Aspirational Districts and if so, the details thereof?

New CCEA Policy

462. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the new CCEA policy, in order to challenge the arbitration awards given by the courts, the Government Entities like GOI Deptts/PSUs/SPVs will only take the decision to initiate proceedings for setting aside of the arbitral award with the opinion of the Law Officer in consultation with Department of Legal Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that, where a Government Entity has challenged an arbitral award, shall immediately pay as per the court order, an interim payment of 75% to the contractor /concessionaire against a bank guarantee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases wherein interim payment of 75% were made during the last two years?

Lightning Incidents

†463. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN

VAJESINGBHAI:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK

NIMBALKAR:

SHRI BALAK NATH:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the occurred during States in which the incidents of lightning strikers have the last three years;

(b) the number of people who died due to lightning strikes, State-wise;

(c) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to the families of those killed by lightning strikes; and

(d) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of lightning strikes in the country including Tribal areas of Gujarat due to deforestation and if so, the concrete steps being taken by the Government to stop illegal cutting of forests to reduce the incidents of lightning?

Research and Development on Cow Science

464. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to emphasis on Research & Development on Cow Science, the Indian old wisdom with new Technology for Aatmanirbhar Bharat and to explore potentials of Indian Cow & Panchagavya to bring forth the science of Cows; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps the Government is initiating in this regards?

Mandatory use of Jute in Packaging

465. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently approved reservation norms for mandatory use of jute in packaging for the Jute Year 2021-22;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether recently the packaging norms make it mandatory for 100 per cent of food grains be compulsorily packed in jute bags;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the quantity/cost of Jute sacking bags procured by the Government for packing foodgrains during the last three years; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure complete off-take of the production of the jute sacking bags in order to protect the interest of Jute farmers, workers and persons engaged in the Jute Industry?

Dues to Sugarcane Farmers

466. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of actual dues to be paid to sugarcane farmers during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that there is a huge difference in figures mentioned in Government data and the Farmer's association in regard to payments due to sugarcane farmers;

(d) if so, whether the Government has put any mechanism to maintain the data of the sugarcane dues to farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NSSO Survey

- †467. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government determines the State-wise number of the poor, poverty alleviation programme

total gross domestic income change in consumer expenditure pattern, etc. through National Sample Survey Office(NSSO);

(b) if so, the reasons for not preparing the report after 2011-12 till date;

(c) whether the data of the year 2017-18 has been made public; and

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

e-Governance Projects

468. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to introduce e-Governance as a service at a national level akin to the Janasevaka and Janaspandana digital services launched in the State of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken measures to scale the successfully running e-Governance projects in the State of Karnataka - Kutumba and FRUITS on a national level and if so, the details thereof?

Patents Rules, 2021

469. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently made amendments in the Patents Rules and notified the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has extended the benefits of 80% reduced fee for patent filing and prosecution to educational institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has launched any Scheme for facilitating Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP);

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government in strengthening its intellectual property ecosystem in recent years?

Post Payment Bank

470. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Post Payment Bank was established under the Department of Posts with 100% equity owned by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has signed any partnership deal with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company;

(c) if so, the details, salient features of the said partnership deal and percentage of partnership of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company in the IPPB;

(d) whether Department of Posts has made any assessment of the partnership deal as to how it will be beneficial to them keeping in view of their tremendous infrastructure all over the country as compared to their counterpart; and

(e) if so, the details in thereof?

Impact of Lockdown on Production

471. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on performance of production of major commodity groups to assess the impact of COVID-19 lockdown on these sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also conducted any study on the impact of COVID-19 on exports of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to improve the productivity of major commodity groups in the coming days?

ROB at LC-109

472. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three level crossing gates from 109 on the route of down train of North Western Railways

passing through Ratanpur are closed simultaneously resulting in hardships to citizens on this 15 Km. Malwada to Ratanpur route and also proving fatal to patients in ambulances due to longer waiting time at these level crossings;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether owing to lack of funds, the construction work of the rail over bridge at level crossing no.109 situated between Malwada to Raniwada railway station is progressing slowly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Losses due to Agitations

473. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY
VASANTH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of train services in the country have been blocked by agitating farmers and other organizations in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated loss incurred by Railways as a result thereof, Zone/Division-wise;

(c) the other steps taken by the Railways to facilitate cancellation/refund of ticket fare of the stranded passengers;

(d) whether the Railways has also proposed to start regular train services as per pre-Covid fares; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Dues to Exporters

474. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is going to clear Rs. 56,000 crore dues to exporters under various Government schemes;

(b) if so, the details of schemes under which Government owes to exporters and how many MSME exporters are going to be benefited therefrom;

(c) the details of exporters from Telangana whose dues have to be cleared; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Ministry to achieve the target of exporting US \$ 400 billion in 2021-22?

PLI Scheme

†475. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government and the State Governments have formulated any scheme at national level for spreading awareness about PLI scheme to promote manufacturing in the country;

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

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated for spreading the awareness of PLI scheme at constituency level along with private industry, Government industry level and at the level of other types of industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes any scheme to spread awareness about PLI scheme in the constituency of Karnal; and

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

Cyber Fraud

476. SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of consumer complaints related to cyber fraud registered on National Consumer Helpline in the past two years;

(b) whether the Government is taking adequate measures to effectively address the rising number of cyber fraud complaints and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is formulating an awareness initiative to prevent common cyber frauds and if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

Use of Social Media in Elections

†477. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to prevent and regulate fake social media platform news and dissemination of wrong information; and

(b) the details of the measures taken by the Government to prevent misuse of social media platform and to remove illegal content during election campaign?

NEIA Scheme

†478. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of National Export Insurance Account Scheme (NEIA);

(b) whether the Government has accorded approval for continuance of the scheme and has approved financial aid for more than five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether districts of the States are given incentives to work as export hubs under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the districts of Gujarat that will be given/ have been given incentives?

Career Progression of Sportspersons

†479. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being formulated by the Government for career progression of sportspersons of Railways; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to encourage a large number of railway sportspersons of Gujarat particularly of the rural and tribal areas of Gujarat?

LHB Coaches

480. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches refurbishing facility at Bongaigaon to which the foundation stone was laid in February 2019;

(b) the details of the facilities that started operations and the annual capacity of the factory; and

(c) the total strength of permanent as well as temporary work force employed in the factory?

Steel Utilization

481. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the installed capacity of steel and its utilization including private and public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the demands of the steel industry in the country by enhancing its capacity?

Ramayana Yatra Train

482. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/IRCTC has started the operation of a new train 'Ramayana Yatra Train' from Delhi recently with an objective to promote religious tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the route and the cities likely to be covered by the said train;

(c) the details of the facilities that are likely to be provided by the Government/IRCTC in such trains;

(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for travel in such trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which Railways is likely to be benefitted in terms of revenue through such special trains?

Fake News

483. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to identify and stop the spread of fake news on social media platforms, news channels and online portals; and

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

Made-in-India Programme

484. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the types of textile related Indian jobs and businesses which have been promoted by the Ministry under "Make-in-India" programme?

(b) whether the scheme is being implemented in the State of Maharashtra; and

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

Restart of Season Ticketing System

485. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several trains and stoppages which were suspended in Kerala pre COVID-19 have been restored;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of trains and stoppages in North Kerala that have not resumed;

(c) whether the Government has noticed that the season ticketing system, which was discontinued as part of the Covid -19 regulations, is not fully operational in North Kerala, especially in the Kannur and Kasaragod districts; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to re-establish the season ticketing system, suspended trains and stoppages in the Kasaragod district?

Investment in Atomic Energy Sector

†486. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic investment is not adequate for the production of atomic energy in the country;

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

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated to promote domestic and foreign direct investment in atomic energy sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any plan to set up a plant in Haryana for the production of atomic energy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Law for Cyber Security

487. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering stand-alone law for cyber security in the country to cater to new age cyber crimes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed policy would keep in mind about the emerging technologies in the cyber security, if so, any study made to review the policy; and

(c) the details of the timeline by which the draft policy would be ready for public scrutiny?

Solar Energy Projects on Unused Land

488. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering establishment of solar energy projects on its unused land;

(b) if so, the details of location, State-wise, including Gujarat; and

(c) the details of time line to begin and complete projects in Gujarat?

Resources for addressing Human Trafficking Cases

489. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any SOPs have been issued for curbing and/or investigation of human trafficking through railways and the rescue of such human trafficking victims;

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

(c) whether any budgetary allocations have been made towards addressing human trafficking issues through the railways;

(d) if so, the details of allocations and funds released from 2014 till date, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any budgetary allocations have been made towards training of Railway Protection Force on human trafficking cases; and

(f) if so, the details of allocations and funds released from 2014 till date, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Anti-Corruption Act

490. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to amend prevention of corruption Act - 1988 to include strict provision so that corruption can totally controlled from lower level to high level stage in the country;

(b) the State-wise number of officers involved in corruption during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the State-wise details of municipal corporations officers involved in corruption during the said period; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

Data on Edible Oil

491. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability and consumption of edible oil and pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the gap between demand and supply of pulses, edible oils and other such commodities has led to rising prices and further dependence on imports of these commodities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of production, demand, import and prices of the aforesaid commodities during the last three years;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the domestic availability and to keep prices under control;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to supply the aforesaid commodities to the consumers at subsidized rates and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to cut down the imports from foreign countries and make the country self-reliant in pulses and edible oil?

Mineral Blocks

492. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of mine blocks of Iron Ore, minor minerals, Aluminium and Copper, Manganese, Bauxite and sand currently located in Assam;

(b) the names and the number of mines which are in operational state and those that are not operational;

(c) the reasons for closing mine specially mineral blocks in Assam;

(d) the total number of mine blocks auction during the last five years in the country including the detail of the revenue Government earned from these mines blocks during last five years; and

(e) the measures taken/to be taken by Government to curb illegal mining?

National Institute

493. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to establish the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology Centres in the State of Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds estimated and targets set for the same;

(c) whether the Government has identified the locations for these centres in the State of Assam; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof and the time by when they are likely to be established?

Proposed Policies of DBT

†494. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes which have been announced and recommended to the States under the DBT scheme by the Central Government; and

(b) the number of States which have fully or partly accepted this scheme along with the details thereof?

Shortage of Coal

495. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed acute shortage of coal in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor along with shortage reported during the last six months, month-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to find permanent solution to said crisis and also ensure sufficient coal production in the country;

(d) whether the Government is going to import coal from abroad to meet the domestic demand and if so, the names of the countries and companies from where coal is being imported to meet the domestic demand; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to fully privatize the coal sector and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

STI Hubs

496. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to set up Science Technology and Innovation (STI) Hubs in different parts of the country for Scheduled Tribes (STs) by the end of 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the STI Hubs proposed to be set up for STs;

(d) whether the Government has earmarked any funds for the said program; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed to be achieved under the program?

Errors in Aadhaar

497. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that operators are committing mistakes while entering/recording data of people applying/updating for Aadhaar Cards across the country and if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government;

(b) whether the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has placed robust quality check and process at the enrolment centres and in the UIDAI data centre with emphasis on corrective measures by imparting training to the operators and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UIDAI plans to simultaneously amend or update all the documents and certificates of a citizen by accepting one single application and if so, the details including the list of documents that can be updated or modified at the same time without any special application; and

(d) whether the proposal for facilitating correction at the same time in various documents of a person, including Aadhaar is approved by the States and if so, the details thereof?

Shortfall of Mobile Towers

498. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the huge shortage of mobile towers in the slowing of country which results in frequent incidents of call drop, data and causing great inconvenience to mobile users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the number of mobile towers under the National Broadband Mission to ensure better connectivity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Consumer Price Index

499. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of consumer price index in the last six months during this year; and

(b) the increase in rate of inflation this year in comparison to last year?

Reduction of Posts

500. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced the posts for Recruitment to the Indian Railways during the last two years;

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

(c) whether the Railways is planning to close down any Railway Recruitment Board in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IPR Awareness

501. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to encourage Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) awareness among tribals, cultural artists, tribal entrepreneurs in NER;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any action on setting up of an IP Museum as per the National IPR Policy 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has released awareness campaigns, audio/visual/print material in tribal languages of NER; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Restarting of BGML

502. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a long-pending demand to re-start the public sector enterprise Bharat Gold Mines Limited in Kolar Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also conducted a feasibility study for the same and yet to take a call on the matter and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made efforts to convince the court and re-start BGML at the earliest in the larger interest of the nation and the distressed employees of BGML and other facts and the possible rehabilitation of over one lakh families through direct or indirect employment once it re-starts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and present status of the matter?

Cyber Attacks and Cyber Terrorism

503. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to counter both the cyber-attacks and cyber terrorism and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the incidents of cyber-attacks and hacking of Indian websites from hackers of foreign countries are on the rise and if so, the details thereof and the requisite steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Shortage of Coal

504. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently most of the coal-fuelled power projects in the country suffered from depleted coal stocks resulting in power outage in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the gap between the demand and actual supply of coal in these power projects, State/ UT-wise along with reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is taking any measures and has devised any comprehensive strategy to augment the availability of coal and ensure sufficient supply of coal in these power plants to prevent any such power outages in future; and

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

Food Wastage Index

505. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recently released food wastage Index Report 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of food wastage globally and in India in particular;

(d) whether it is a fact that 56 kgs of food is wasted per person per year in Indian homes as compared to 19% in 2019; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to restrict food wastage in the country?

Auction of 4G & 5G Spectrum

506. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has auctioned the 4G and 5G spectrum rights for telecom players and if so, the details thereof and the income generated through 4G and 5G spectrum auctions;

(b) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for sustainable and judicious use of

spectrum for effective communication and progress of the country;

(c) whether the illegal interception and misuse of Spectrum has affected the Government Communications, internet in the country; and

(d) if so, the effective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Coal Stock

507. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of average buffer coal stock in power plants along with daily average in September and October; and

(b) the details of the steps that are been taken to overcome the shortage?

Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana

508. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI SELVAM G:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) along with its aims and objectives;

(b) the number of youths encouraged under the KVPY in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is considering to enhance scholarship under Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) to encourage research works and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of achievements made by the Yojana since its inception;

(e) the details of funds sanctioned/utilized by the Government under this Yojana during the last three years; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to identify students with talent and aptitude for research and nurture them in the field of science?

Coal Production

509. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of coal production from 2004 to 2021;

(b) the year-wise details of consumption of coal in thermal power plants from 2004 to 2021;

(c) the year-wise details of coal imported between 2004 and 2021;

(d) whether there is a scarcity of coal in the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the actions taken by the Government to deal with the national shortage of coal supply and the resultant power cuts in several States?

Railway Land on Lease

510. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and duration of Railway land given to other agencies on lease for various use in Haryana, district-wise, zone-wise;

(b) whether any demand has been received by Ministry of Railways to set-up any railway related projects on the land where lease term has been over or about to be over or lease contract has been terminated;

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

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

Kisan Rail

†511. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains that started to transport agro products such as fruits and vegetables from one place to another as announced in Budget speech are functioning satisfactorily in achieving the targets;

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

(c) whether any such trains are being operated in Maharashtra and Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ration Card for Free Grains

512. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the need of a ration card for obtaining the extra free 5 kg grains allocated by the Central Government to the poor;

(b) the reasons for providing free food grains only for a period of two months; and

(c) the reasons for non-extension of the scheme to the poor who did not have ration cards?

Kisan Rails

513. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the classification of the number of Kisan Rails Operational in India, State-wise;

(b) whether the number of Kisan Rails is to be increased in the next financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of goods transported in Kisan Rails categorised based on type of food produce, State-wise;

(d) the details of food produce that can be transported via Kisan Rails;

(e) whether there is a plan to diversify the list of items and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there were difficulties faced during the transportation of goods in Kisan Rails, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the measures taken to make the Kisan Rails more user friendly?

Kisan Rail Scheme

†514. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major features of the Kishan Rail Scheme;

(b) the number of trains being run widely under this scheme across the country and the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of the target set under this scheme along with the achievements made so far;

(d) whether trains are being run under this scheme in Rajasthan also;

(e) if so, the district-wise details thereof;

(f) if not, the time by when the Government proposes to run these trains; and

(g) whether this scheme has proved to be a boon to the farmers across the country during COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof?

e-Commerce Sales

†515. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that India's e-commerce sector has recorded its highest sales ever in the recent months and if so, the details and present status of e-commerce sector in India;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the total estimated revenue earned through the e-commerce sector;

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

(d) the estimated number of jobs created in the e-commerce sector in the country, State/UT-wise?

Internet Service in Bihar

516. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is framing any concrete plan to enhance internet facility in rural areas of the country including Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide better internet facility in rural areas in the State of Bihar including Katihar district; and

(d) the number of villages connected with internet in Katihar district till date?

Enhance Freight Earnings

517. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways earned higher revenue in freight loading compared to previous year;

(b) if so, the details of the zone-wise freight earnings and the factors responsible for higher freight earnings;

(c) details of the quantity of materials transported by the Railways on paid basis during each of the last three years;

(d) the details of norms for fixing freight charges for transportation of goods; and

(e) the Zone-wise and State-wise details of the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to enhance freight earnings of Railways, year-wise since the last three years?

Withdrawal of Concessions

518. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for withdrawal of train travel concessions to various categories during the lockdown period;

(b) whether demands have been raised for restoration of concessions to various categories including students;

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

(d) whether the Government would restore travel concessions which were given over a period out of social necessity and obligation even when less than 12% of reserved passengers along avail concessions and if so, the timeline by when it would be done?

CSR Fund

†519. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated under CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) by the Public Sector under takings under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of such undertakings under the Ministry along with head-wise details of areas and the amount of funds spent along with location-wise number of beneficiaries;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any norms regarding funds to be spent under CSR;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to take effective steps to spend money under CSR, especially in backward and scheduled caste/tribe dominated areas of the country;

(e) if so, whether scheduled tribe dominated areas particularly Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra is included/proposed to be included in the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

4G Services of BSNL

520. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down a roadmap for the timely completion of the rollout of 4G wireless services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the expected increase in mobile revenue of BSNL from the full-fledged rollout of 4G services in the first year?

Consumer Cort

521. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumer courts in Maharashtra and the number of cases which have been disposed of by them during the last five years;

(b) the number of cases which have been filed for violation of consumers' interests;

(c) the number of persons who were penalised for violating the norms during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the reasons for the low rate of disposal of such cases?

PLI Scheme

522. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment made by various sectors after 1st April, 2021, to avail Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, sector-wise;

(b) whether it is true that the Ministry is planning to relax PLI scheme for white goods such as AC, LEC, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Internet Exchange of India

523. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has partnered with PayU and NSDL to offer the Payment gateway services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reason for selecting PayU as a partner in this initiative and the details of the partnership agreement?

Increase in Platform Ticket Price

524. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to increase the price of platform ticket at certain railway stations was a 'temporary' measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 due to crowding;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the Government plans to withdraw the hike?

PLI Scheme for Telecom Sector

525. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI Scheme) for Telecom and Networking Products and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(b) the estimated boost to domestic manufacturing of telecom and networking products as a result of this scheme;

(c) the financial outlay reserved for this scheme;

(d) the companies that have been eligible and given approval under the PLI Scheme; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to reduce dependence on other countries for importing telecom and networking products?

Financial Assistance

526. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has sponsored any scheme to provide financial assistance to the students for pursuing professional studies and if so, the eligibility criteria prescribed for those students; and

(b) whether the students living in the periphery of the steel plants will be given priority in selection for professional courses and if so, the steps taken thereon?

Pending Cases with CBI

†527. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of cases pending with CBI for investigation in Rajasthan and other States of the country; and

(b) the details of cases which are pending for more than five years?

Supply of Coal

†528. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government supplies domestic coal to PSUs/PPPs of the Centre/States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the quantity of coal supplied by the coal companies in the year 2020-21 is more as compared to 2019-20; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Carbon Emissions

†529. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering use of solar energy to reduce carbon emissions in the Railways;

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

Additional Food Grain to States

530. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down to provide additional foodgrains to States hit by natural calamities;

(b) whether the Government has received requests, seeking additional allocation of foodgrains from States

to distribute it among families affected by floods in various States and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of foodgrains provided to the States;

(c) whether foodgrains have been provided free of cost as central assistance; and

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

Import from China

531. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year wise details of imports from China from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22;

(b) the year wise details of exports to China from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22;

(c) whether imports from China have increased during the last seven years;

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

(e) whether the exports to China have declined in the last six years;

(f) if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and

(g) the steps being taken by the government to increase exports and decrease imports with regard to China?

Scientific Research

532. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of resources, operational autonomy and investment for high quality scientific research in the Indian Research Institutes;

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

(c) whether any circular has been issued by the Government with regard to the appointment of investors in science institutes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sabari Rail Project in Kerala

533. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken any final decision on the completion of long pending Sabari Rail project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of this project along with the year of approval, funds sanctioned/utilized and works completed; and

(d) whether the Railways intend to complete this project and if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government thereon?

Funds for VCIC

534. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated and utilized for the development of Visakhapatnam Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC);

(b) whether any timeframe has been fixed for completion of the development project to avoid any delay and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date since when VCIC has been in the initial stage;

(d) whether the State Government has initiated the master planning and preliminary engineering for the Visakhapatnam node of VCIC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Zero Based Time Table

535. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI

KUNDARIYA:

SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prior to implementation of zero based time table, Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express was parked for 13 hours in the yards at Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any public representatives have submitted representations highlighting the possibilities of easy turaround extension of operations of Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express from Ahmedabad to Rajkot;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and time likely to be taken in this regard?

Puri-Konark new Railway Line Project

536. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Puri-Konark New Railway Line Project;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the implementation of the project; and

(c) whether the Railways has considered to sign the MoU with State Government for this project, if so, the expected date of its initiation and if not, the reasons therefor?

All India Debt and Investment Survey-2019

537. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently conducted the latest survey on All India Debt & Investment Survey-2019 as a part of 77th round of National Sample Survey (NSS);

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

(c) whether more than 50 per cent of agricultural households in India were in debt with an average outstanding loan per household around Rs 75 thousand in 2019;

(d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether nearly 70 per cent of the outstanding loans were taken from institutional sources like banks, cooperative societies, and Government agencies in comparison to 20.5% of loans from professional money lenders;

(f) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(g) the other remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Doubling of Railway Line Projects in Andhra Pradesh

538. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA

KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken up any gauge conversion and doubling of railway line projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the budget allocations made, project-wise and the estimated time for the completion of the works; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far and the action plan chalked out to complete these works within the stipulated timeframe?

PM-WANI

539. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI);

(b) whether the public wi-fi networks will be set up in every neighbourhood in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of public wi-fi networks set up so far, state-wise;

(d) the number of public wi-fi networks set up so far in Jharkhand, district-wise; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to ensure the data security of the users accessing the public wi-fi and if so, the details thereof?

Tax Breaks

540. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog is working on for tax breaks to achieve monetisation Goa and proposes insolvency cover for investment instruments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof till date?

Loss of Food Grains

541. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry maintains any record of the loss of food grains due to problems with the storage and transportation infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details of the amount of food grains lost due to these reasons in the last five years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any measures are being taken to rectify these problems and if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Mining in Rajasthan

†542. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of incidents recorded for illegal mining in Rajasthan along with the details of the action taken thereupon during the last two years;

(b) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to prevent illegal mining; and

(c) the details of the licensing procedure for mining along with the number and details of the licenses issued in Rajasthan during the last two years?

Construction of Pit Lines

†543. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pit lines announced to be constructed in the country during the last five years and the details thereof;

(b) whether the construction work of pit line at Latur railway station has been sanctioned;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in starting the said construction work; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to start the said work at the earliest so as to start operation of new trains from the said station?

Improvement in Freight market

544. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is planning to take any measures to improve freight market share in the country;

(b) if so, the freight earnings of Railways during 2020-21;

(c) whether the Railways has any data regarding number of kilometers per wagon per day; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fake News

†545. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to take concrete step to prevent the spread of rumors and fake news through various medium and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any plan to set up any monitoring system in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the plan of the Government to ensure data protection of Indians?

Coal Mining Activity

546. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government agrees with the view that if livelihoods are not protected while reducing coal mining activity, it would precipitate a socio economic crisis;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this direction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mega Textile Parks

547. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a scheme to build seven mega textile parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the process, investment, financing source, projected boost to manufacturing, export of textiles, employment and the timeline of development;

(c) the details of the Challenge Method to select the sites for the parks and the suggested locations thereof; and

(d) the details of the existing textile park schemes and their contribution to the sector?

Free Wi-Fi at Stations

†548. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations across the country where the facility of free Wi-Fi is being provided to the passengers till date;

(b) the number of railway stations where passengers are not getting this facility; and

(c) the time by when this facility is likely to be made available at all stations across the country including Odisha and the details thereof?

Sustainable Materials in Textile Industry

549. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has explored viability of using hemp, banana, and bamboo as sustainable materials in the textile industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any measures are being undertaken by the Ministry to promote the use of hemp, banana fibre, and bamboo as sustainable materials in the textile industry; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Procurement of Boiled Rice

550. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the states including Telangana to procure the boiled rice from FCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon in the last five years till date, kharif and rabi season wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not procuring the same?

National Design Institutes

†551. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Design Institutes in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to establish a National Design Institute in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of ONORC

552. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of state-wise implementation of the One Nation One Ration Card scheme as of November 1,

2021, the details including percentage of population covered by the scheme State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has State-wise data on the linkage of ration cards with Aadhar cards, as of 1st November 2021 and if so details thereof;

(c) whether the Aadhar card seeding with ration cards is low in North-Eastern States, if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken or intends to take any steps to ensure ration availability for those unable to secure Aadhar card due to disability, age, illness etc and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has data on the number of ration cards that were deleted due to failure or inability to link with Aadhar card and if so, the details thereof?

EPCs

553. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) that have been created by the Ministry?

(b) the kind of work that has been done by these EPCs during the last five years? and

(c) whether there has ever been any audit of their performance and if so, the details thereof?

Redevelopment Projects

554. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway stations that got PPP Funding for redevelopment projects;

(b) the reasons for non cooperation of private players in the project as per the expectations;

(c) whether the Government will invest directly for the redevelopment projects of major stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export—oriented Production Clusters

555. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether export-oriented production clusters are proposed to be established in Wayanad parliamentary constituency under the Agriculture Export Policy and if so, the details thereof, including the status of implementation;

(b) the details of the initiatives are being undertaken to strengthen infrastructure and logistics for promotion of agricultural export in Wayanad parliamentary constituency;

(c) whether any assistance has been provided to Kerala under the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme for establishment of Spice Parks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the measures are being taken by the Government to ensure the effective participation of small and medium farmers in the production clusters;

(e) whether any initiatives are being undertaken by the Government to promote the export of indigenous and tribal products; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, including programs being undertaken in Kerala?

Phd Scheme

556. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the duration of the Visvesvayara PhD Scheme started in 2014 beyond 2023;

(b) the State-wise details of distribution of funds allocated and institutions associated with the scheme;

(c) whether the Institutions of National Importance have been covered under the scheme, specially the ones which have been nominated in the last two years and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of number of fellows enrolled in the abovesaid scheme as per their area of research;

(e) whether the Government has granted an extension to the graduating fellows in light of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has taken action towards updating the structure of the abovesaid scheme as per research objectives laid out in the National Education Policy 2020; and if so, the details thereof?

Hill Area Development Programme (HADP)

557. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status and function of NITI Aayog's Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP) under which major part of Darjeeling region is included;

(b) the details of allocation under special central financial assistance for HADP since 2014 till date; and

(c) the details of projects undertaken, financial allocation, and their current status?

Vistadome Coaches

558. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to add 5 additional Vistadome Coaches on the Vishakhapatnam Araku Route which is a prime tourist destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any additional vistadome coaches have been provided on any other tourist circuit route in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cattle Deaths on Railway Tracks

559. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cattle deaths on railway tracks due to run over by trains from year 2015 to 2021, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government provides any compensation for cattle deaths to respective owner or farmer, if so, the number of beneficiaries who received compensation from years 2015 to 2021 and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to build elevated corridors for Railways in identified areas where there is more cattle movements and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the measures undertaken by the Government to reduce the deaths of the cattle on railway tracks;

(e) whether the Government has incurred any losses due to delay of trains caused by cattle deaths on railway tracks and if so, the details thereof?

Security of Nuclear Plants

560. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports of incidents expressing doubts about the security of nuclear power plants and/or leakages in the reactors in the country have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details about the protocol for evacuating citizens from the zone in case of malfunctioning in the reactor core and other related safety issues; and

(c) if so, Whether training drills are conducted on a regular basis with emergency teams and security forces?

Warehouse Projects

561. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the 45 warehouse projects sanctioned under the Warehouse infrastructure Fund for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the warehouse projects sanctioned for Avanigadda, Kanchkacherla, Nandigama, Vuyyuru in Krishna district been withdrawn;

(c) if so, the project-wise details thereof and the reasons for withdrawal;

(d) the details of procedure to get the projects re-sanctioned; and

(e) the details of non-operational, dilapidated/ end-of-line godowns in Krishna District?

Export target for Textile Sector

562. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has fixed any export target for textiles sector in the Budget 2021-22;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has prepared any action plan to achieve the target;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of the countries with whom the Government has been interacting to expedite Free Trade Agreement and Preferential Trade Agreement (FTAs or PTAs);

(f) whether the Ministry of Textiles is working with the Ministry of Finance on interest equalisation scheme and enhancement of insurance cover; and

(g) if so, the details along with the status thereof?

Quality of Civil Services Officers

563. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is supposedly a decline in quality of civil services officers over the previous few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to upskill them;
- (d) whether the Government is in the process of implementing any reforms in the civil services examinations for the same; and
- (e) if so, the details of reforms under consideration and reforms being implemented?

Special Products of Districts

564. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to expand the outreach of special products of districts in India and across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the locations-products are identified so far, state-UT-wise, including Gujarat;
- (c) whether any other initiatives under 'Vocal for Local' has been taken by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Scientists of Indian Origin

565. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of scientists of Indian origin who have joined ISRO from foreign space agencies during the past five years; and
- (b) the number of scientists from ISRO who have left India to join foreign space agencies during the past five years, if so, the details of the organisations these scientists have joined?

Online Ticket Payment Options

†566. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

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

- (a) the details regarding payment gateways/e-wallets which have been allowed on the official website for reservation of railway tickets and the conditions thereof;
- (b) whether there has been cases of failed transaction or failed payment at the time of payment on the IRCTC

website from 1st of July, 2019 to till date along with the reasons for failure of such transaction;

(c) the time frame for the refund of the amount in the account of customers after the failed transaction and the number of customers who got their refund in time after the failure of the payment; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the time frame is one week or more and if so, the details thereof?

Production of Coking and Non-Coking Coal

567. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the coking and non-coking coal reserves and their production in the country, during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of coal imports, its expenditure and annual increase in terms of percentage, during the last five years;
- (c) the details of expected benefit in terms of revenue and employment to the coal producing States of the country on account of proposed commercial mining of coal by Government, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the coking and non-coking coals in the country?

Solar Plants at Railway Stations

568. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has planned for provision of rooftop solar plants in Railways stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of railway stations assessed and identified on the basis of technical feasibility and viability in Maharashtra for setting up solar plants;
- (d) whether Railways is involving private players for providing solar plants/panels at stations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment in ISRO

569. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been directed to put on hold the recruitment of scientific and technical personnel until further orders and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has initiated space sector reforms and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that ISRO Staff Associations have strongly denounced the move to privatise the space sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the recruitment ban is the second stage of the privatisation process in the ISRO and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a committee has been constituted to study the reassessment of manpower and the recruitment will be resumed as per its recommendations and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Third Party Evaluation of the MPLADS works

570. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the restoration and continuation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) during the remaining part of Financial Year 2021-22 and upto 2025-26;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted a Third Party Evaluation of the MPLADS works during 2021 in 216 districts across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the Other steps being taken by the Government to enable MPs to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets primarily in their Constituencies?

Atmanirbhar Bharat

571. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government announced "Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge" to realize the ambition of self-reliance and a momentous stride towards Atmanirbhar Bharat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds for the above said scheme for the next five years and if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for increasing IT outreach

†572. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

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 for increasing the outreach of information technology across the nation;

(b) whether the Government has made any efforts to extend the reach of information technology for the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof including Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether the Government has taken/propose to take effective steps for decentralization of information technology; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

RUB at Shahjahanpur

†573. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to completely shutdown the unmanned crossing halt Gate No. 41-C and Km No. 44/89 by the railway department near village Chakasfaura in block Nigohi of Shahjahanpur Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to construct underpass/railway crossing on railway gate at Talgon-Rohania link route and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received requests in this regard from public representatives in July,2021; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with updated status?

Allocation of Unutilized Funds

574. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to allocate funds unutilized by previous member to current member;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the procedures laid down, if any, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the detailed process on sanctioning of funds under MPLADS along with the timeline by when funds (2 Crore) would be sanctioned for the current year and requirement for further allocations?

Import of Tea

575. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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

(a) whether there have been cases where sub-standard tea are being imported and distributed in India;

(b) if so, the details of various such cases reported during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of tea import of the country during each of the last three years along with the names of the countries from where such tea is coming;

(d) the details of the action taken by the Government against the persons involved in such export;

(e) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines, directions to check such illegal import and protect Indian tea manufacturers; and

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

Shortage of Coal

576. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government is drawn to coal shortage in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has assessed the coal storage and production and if so, whether it is matching the need of power generation in the country;

(d) the details of rate of pollution from coal sector in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to solve the pollution in coal sector?

Technology Upgradation and Modernization

†577. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

(a) whether the Railways is formulating any scheme to attract foreign investment in sectors like technological upgradation and modernization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways also proposes to privatize certain areas of its operation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Make in India

578. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

(a) the features of Make In India Programme;

(b) whether the Government is aware about the targets identified under this programme (i) to increase the manufacturing sector's growth rate to 12-14% per annum in order to increase the sector's share in the economy; (ii) to create 100 million additional manufacturing jobs in the economy by 2022; and (iii) to ensure that the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP is increased to 25% by 2022 (revised to 2025) from the current 16%;

(c) whether the Government is also aware that on all three counts, this programme has allegedly failed within the country;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

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

Steel Plants

†579. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL
इस्पात मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of steel plants functioning in public and private sector in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government is working on any scheme for modernisation and expansion of the said plants and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of extent to which the production of steel has been increased in public and private sector during the last five years?

Train to Dongargarh

†580. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposed to take any steps for providing railway facility between Gondia and Dongargarh from 10 a.m. in the morning to 4.00 p.m. for the devotees visiting famous religious temple of Bamleshwari Mata situated in a very

inaccessible place in Dongargarh area of the state of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Broadband Connectivity

581. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of Communications

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is meeting the targets set for BharatNet project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of Gram Panchayats in the State of Jharkhand that lack broadband connectivity; and

(c) the details of the areas in the Jharkhand identified by the Government for BharatNet project and the time set by the Government for the completion of the projects?

Sports Facility under CSR

†582. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Government of Maharashtra is working on establishment of a Sports facility and other facilities under CSR in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including target set and the budget allocated for the same?

Revenue from Platform Tickets

†583. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue generated by the Railways so far after fixing the price of platform ticket to Rs. 30 during COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) the revenue generated by the Railways after withdrawal of various concessions on tickets due to the operation of passenger trains as special trains; and

(c) whether additional revenue generated after the withdrawal of concessions on tickets and increase in the price of platform tickets has been utilized for the treatment of Corona virus?

Export of Grains

584. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government agrees with the view that it must create storage facilities at the district level and ensure the supply lines to facilitate speedy movement of grains for export, and also that it must also work on the diplomatic front to ward off the pressure tactics of European countries to discourage our export;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government keeping in mind that area specific crops should be encouraged with government support of quality seeds, fertilisers and guidance by the experts to meet the international export standard of commodities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

FCI Godown in PPP Moe

585. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish mini FCI Godown in PPP mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not the reasons therefore; and

(d) the mechanism and nodal officer for the above said proposal, if any?

Value of MTNL & BSNL

586. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the value of MTNL and BSNL as on date;

(b) the manner in which it has been arrived at, the agency which has decided it and the basis of valuation;

(c) the details of land and building, towers, equipment and tech facilities owned by BSNL and MTNL along with their present market value;

(d) the present liability of BSNL and MTNL;

(e) the necessity of disinvestment of MTNL and BSNL; and

(f) whether the Government has shortlisted any buyer for BSNL and MTNL and if so, the criteria to sell, the details of the buyer and the cost thereof?

Amrit Mahotsav

†587. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes organized by the Ministry and the Central Public Sector Undertakings under the control of the Ministry in pursuit of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava; and

(b) the details of the programmes proposed to be organized in course of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the days ahead?

Sand Stowing

588. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any strict rule and definite timeline for sand stowing of underground coal mines;

(b) if so, whether it is being adhered to by the responsible authorities; and

(c) the time by which the sand stowing work of Dulabera and Handidhua at Talcher in Angul district will be completed?

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

589. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the protests against its decision for 100 percent disinvestment of the shares in Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government intends to reconsider its in-principle approval for the disinvestment of RINL, taking into view that it is a Navaratna Company playing crucial role in the public sector and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the hardship faced by RINL in steel production is due to the lack of captive iron ore mines and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government intends to allocate such mines to ensure a level playing ground and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Train Routes Under PPP

590. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that one of the routes identified out of 150 trains proposed to be run under PPP is Hyderabad-Tirupati Via Vikarabad, Raichur, Guntakal, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed train runs daily; and

(d) if so, whether the fare would be affordable and the details of facilities that are likely to be provided in this trains?

Amending Legal Metrology

591. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently ammended the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 for enhanced protection of Consumer Rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move will remove the confusion in declaration of quantity sold by number in pre packed commodities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Villages

592. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

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 Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the current and the last three years to the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for making the said villages digital;

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

(d) the details of other steps taken by the Government to connect more rural and remote villages digitally?

Upgradation of Railway Stations

†593. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major railway stations which have been modernized including the number of railway stations which have been proposed to be modernized in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan along with the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has performed quality check of the modernization works done at major railway stations in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the names of the railway stations where quality check has been conducted including the names of the officials who have performed the said quality check along with the details thereof;

(d) the names of works found to be of inferior quality along with the action taken in this regard; and

(e) the work-wise details thereof?

Indian Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)

594. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Indian Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to promote private investment and innovation in the space sector;

(b) if so, the specific measures through which IN-SPACe will be used to attract such investment;

(c) the regulatory, financial, and institutional mechanisms the Government intends to implement under this program to facilitate greater private participation; and

(d) the specific operations, within the space industry, that Government will allow private players to participate in?

ROB in Assam

595. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a strong public demand for construction of Rail Over Bridge (ROB) at Badarughat and Kanisail near Karimganj town in Assam for uninterrupted Road communication and for safety of the road users; and

(b) if so, whether the Government is going to take up the matter with the Union Surface Transport Ministry and Government of Assam for formulating a proposal for early materialization of the public demand?

Paddy Procurement

596. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target set for paddy procurement by Government of India for 2021-22 (Rabi and Kharif seasons);

(b) the details of paddy procured by GOI from various States during the last five years, year-wise, season-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons that FCI is not procuring balance 5 lakh tonnes of rice produced in Rabi season last year from Telangana;

(d) whether CM of Telangana has written letter to PM to enhance rice procurement target beyond 40 lakh tonnes during ongoing Kharif season to 90 lakh tonnes from Telangana as has been done in Punjab; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken on the above request?

Rubber Production

597. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rubber producers in Kerala are getting adequate price for their produce vis-a-vis expenditure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any significant steps are being taken to redress the situation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the area of land under agricultural occupation has decreased in the last five years and if so, the details thereof?

Nanded Railway Division

†598. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to connect Nanded Railway Division with Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that proper attention is not being given to the developmental works of Nanded Division Railway coming under South Central Railways due to which inconvenience is being caused to the public; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rice procurement policies

†599. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI is following rice procurement policies which are creating confusion among States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons that FCI is not fixing target of procurement for entire year in one go;

(c) the reasons that FCI is not procuring rice commensurate with the pace of production;

(d) whether States are not able to plan appropriate cropping pattern; and

(e) the number in which the Ministry is planning to address this problem as farmer are suffering?

Zero Based Time Table

600. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has embarked on the zero-based time tabling initiative;

(b) the salient features of such initiative;

(c) the details of trains including New Delhi-Ahmedabad Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express and other trains passing, originating and terminating through Gujarat that have benefitted from the zero-based time tabling initiative; and

(d) the details of number of hours saved due to the implementation of zero-based time tabling initiative train-wise?

Safety of users on Internet

601. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the growing concern regarding the safety and security of users, particularly women and children, on the internet and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has rolled out new rules/guidelines to ensure online safety and dignity of women users and give a framework to deal with content, including fake content, which results in heinous crimes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the necessary steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to eliminate child

pornography, rape and gang rape imageries, offensive videos, and sites and content hosting platforms and other applications?

Redevelopment of Railway Stations in Rajasthan

602. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 150 railway stations to be tentatively developed across the country;

(b) the details of timeline of the redevelopment of eight Railway Stations in Rajasthan; and

(c) the estimated cost of carrying out the redevelopment of the stations and connecting them with high-speed corridors?

Improvement in Railway Infrastructure

603. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed private players to lay tracks and collect revenues in the country;

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

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to help improve railways infrastructure?

Inconvenience Due to Poor Seat Covers

†604. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers are facing inconvenience during their journey due to installation of substandard materials in passenger seats/sleepers in the trains especially in long distance passenger trains;

(b) if so, whether the Railways proposes to cover the passenger seats and sleepers with good quality foam (cushions) to make the rail journey more comfortable and to provide facilities of international standards to the passengers; and

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

Development of Kollam Railway Station

605. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop railway stations on International standards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of railway stations selected for development under the scheme;

(c) the details of facilities proposed to be provided in such railway stations;

(d) whether the Government proposes to develop Kollam Railway Station under the development scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the development included in Kollam Railway station under the project;

(f) the details of agency entrusted for such developments in Kollam Railway Station;

(g) the project cost for the development of Kollam Railway Station; and

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

Coal Shortage

606. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers the shortage of coal as a serious problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a difference of opinion between the States and the Union Government on the said issue and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any concrete mechanism is available with the Government to resolve the above issue; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Special Industrial Areas

607. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up special industrial areas extending special concessions to them in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including funds allocated for the purpose, number of industrial units established and estimated job opportunities created therefrom during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of industries which are mainly responsible for environment pollution in the country; and

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

Merger of services of Railways

608. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Government has decided to merge eight difference services of Railways to create one single service clubbing all the services into one;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basic criteria to decide the seniority of the different services and the steps taken to maintain uniform seniority in the combined services;

(d) the estimated time to be taken to merge all the services and the constitution of Railway Board;

(e) whether the Government is having any proposal to bring non-railway officers in the Railway Board;

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Telecom Service Providers

609. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved number of structural and process reforms to address the liquidity needs of Telecom Service Providers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has a fixed auction calendar and the spectrum auctions to be held accordingly every year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has rationalized Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) and Bank Guarantees (BGs);

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has discontinued the practices of BGs in forthcoming Auctions and Spectrum Usage Charge (SUC) in future spectrum auctions of Telecom sector;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the other steps being taken by the Government to boost 4G proliferation in the country?

Laser Interferometer Gravitation-Wave Observatory (LIGO)

610. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land acquired by the Government for the Laser Interferometer Gravitation-Wave Observatory(LIGO) along with the funds committed by the Government for the research and development under the same;

(b) the details of the infrastructure likely to be set up to host the ambitious LIGO project;

(c) whether the Government has proposed any plan to develop the area around the mega-science project;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of financial outlay for the same;

(e) whether there is any delay in the project completion; and

(f) if so, the reason therefor along with the estimated date of completion?

Tea Branding

611. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

(a) the details of the mechanism of Tea Branding in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Assam and West Bengal tea is being mixed with tea of other countries and are then sold in the market;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total tea exported and imported the Government during the last three years including cost at which the tea have been imported, country wise data?

Pending Railway Projects

612. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

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

(a) the zone-wise details of railway projects pending till date;

(b) the reasons for delay in execution of projects and funds sanctioned /spent for each project; and

(c) the time by when all these projects are likely to be completed?

Ordinance to Extend Service Tenure

613. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently introduced an Ordinance to extend the service tenure of selected officials and if so, the reasons for the same;

(b) whether this decision will create nepotism in the bureaucracy especially in selected investigating agencies like ED, CBI and NIA;

(c) whether this will also create disparity in service conditions of the Government officials; and

(d) if so, whether there is a general acceptance to increase the retirement age from the present 60 to 63/65 of the Government servants and if so, the details thereof?

Foreign investment

614. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

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

(a) the details of the foreign investment in India during the last five years;

(b) whether Covid pandemic has affected the foreign investment in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the total loss during the said period?

Gati Shakti Yojana

615. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:
SHRI T.R. BAALU:

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

(a) the reasons for introducing Gati Shakti Yojana by the Government;

(b) the details regarding works/projects to be covered under this scheme and total number of Ministries/Departments to be connected under it;

(c) whether the implementation of Gati Shakti Scheme has commenced and if so, the scheduled completion date; and

(d) the details of funding of the scheme and allocation in the current year's Union budget along with the details of external financial assistance, if any, for the project?

IT Park in Darbhanga

†616. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an 'IT Park' in Darbhanga district in the State of Bihar and if so, the time by which the construction work of the said IT Park is likely to be completed; and

(b) the details of the timeline by which the said IT Park is likely to be made functional along with the details thereof?

Electrification of Miraj-Latur Broadgauge line

†617. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI:

SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether electrification of Miraz-Latur broad gauge rail route has been completed;

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

(c) whether the Government gives proper compensation to the farmers for acquisition of farmers' land for any purpose;

(d) whether for electrification of Miraz-Latur broad gauge rail route, electric poles were/are being installed by the Railways department without acquiring the land of farmers;

(e) whether it is true that on both sides of this route there is farmers land and the department has neither acquired the land of farmers nor has given compensation to these farmers and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to give proper compensation to such affected farmers?

5G Trial

618. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecom operators have been given extension on their 5G trial permits which has led to a delay in transition to 5G networks; and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the telecom companies have to engage with foreign companies for 5G technology as Indian companies have not been able to fulfil all requirements;

(c) the details of foreign companies engaged in any capacity in 5G rollout;

(d) whether the Huawei and/or ZTE have been banned from supplying 5G equipment to the telecom operators and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether domestic innovation in the field of 5G technology and its usage have been encouraged along with the Internet of Things, Telemedicine etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that telecom companies have pointed out that the base rates recommended by TRAI for 5G spectrum sale are too high and demanded that the prices be reduced and if so, the reasons and the details thereof?

Accidents in coal mines

†619. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technical analysis has been performed to find out the causes of the accidents in the coal mines;

(b) if so, the details of the findings and the measures taken as a result thereof;

(c) the suitable measures taken in general to conduct study of the said circumstances and investigate landslides in mines;

(d) whether these mines are equipped with any automatic alarm for early warning of any landslides; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Coach Manufacturing Factory

620. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans for establishing the wagon manufacturing unit in Sitalapalli, Ganjam District, Odisha, for which land has been earmarked by the State Government;

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

(c) whether the Government will consider opening a coach manufacturing factory as well in Odisha as an alternative, considering the demand for coaches in the country, especially on the basis of post-COVID demand?

National Food Grid

621. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up national food grid for the people who fall outside the PDS;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has extended the free food distribution under PMGKAY and whether Govt. proposes for nationwide door step food grain supply under PDS;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to allot flour in place of wheat in PDS; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Spent Nuclear Fuel

622. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spent nuclear fuel of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is not being sent back

to Russia in accordance with the Agreement signed with that Government and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also the fact that the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd is constructing a Spent Fuel Storage Facility within the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant premises itself which will pose utmost hazard to the people and environment of the area; and

(c) the action been taken by the Government of India on the representations made by the people of the area and environmental agencies to set up a Deep Geological Repository in far-flung uninhabited place to store the spent fuel from various nuclear power plant complexes safely without hazard to the people and environment?

Sanctioned Railway Projects

†623. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise details of the new railway projects approved in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last five years;

(b) the number of such ongoing projects which have been approved during the last five years including the amount spent so far in this regard along with the project-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to approve any new project in Kanpur; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rain Water Drainage System

†624. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of proper arrangement of rain water drainage system and light in the Railway Under Bridge (RUB), people have to face difficulty in commuting and traffic is also disrupted;

(b) the number of Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) under North Central Railways and out of them the number of under bridges with proper arrangement of rain water drainage system and light along with the number of (RUBs) that are deprived of this facility; and

(c) the time by when the said arrangement is likely to be made in the said (RUBs)?

Shifting to Atomic Energy

625. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a vision plan for shifting to atomic energy within a stipulated year to meet the nation's energy demands; and,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the Government is considering to enhance the capability of Koodankulam nuclear power plant in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

New SCoR Zone

†626. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKSHAR BELLANA:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date of appointment of the Officer on Special Duty(OSD/SCoR), appointed to undertake planning and preparatory work for the formation of the South Coast Railways Zone(SCoR);

(b) the date of submission of Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the OSD for setting of a new SCoR zone;

(c) whether the DPR has been examined by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay along with the deadline for completing the examination of DPR;

(e) the proposed date of make SCoR operational along with the budget allocated for the SCoR and exclusively for Rayagada Division; and

(f) the details of funds that were utilized by the respective zones out of these individual allocations?

Promotions in CGPDTM

†627. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that in the office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) Data entry Operators have been working at the same post since 2011 and neither they got any promotion nor is there any channel for their promotion;

(b) whether it is true that the department had decided three years back to merge the post of Data Entry Operator with the post of UDC;

(c) whether it is true that rules for recruitment to various posts in the office has not been updated since many years as per DOPT rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the since by which pending cases of the employees working on the post the said Data Entry Operator will be decided?

Indian Methanol Economy Programme

628. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the establishment of methanol plants under the Indian Methanol Economy program as a joint venture with Israel; and

(b) if so, the details of Israeli participation in these projects in terms of funding and technology along with the details regarding the locations of methanol plants under the said program?

Digital Payment

†629. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of digital payments have increased substantially after promoting the same in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of digital payments conducted during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any comparative study with regards to other countries in terms of digital payments and if so, the details of such countries along with the outcomes of the study thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken adequate steps for safety and security of various digital platforms at present in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds

†630. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes and the amount of funds allocated to these schemes by the Government since 2004 to till date;

(b) whether the said funds have been utilized in the fixed time limit;

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

(d) whether the government has fixed any accountability in this regard; and

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

5G Network

631. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has partnered with any company for 5G networks in the country by 2025; and

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

Promotion of Handicraft

632. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposals to promote handicrafts in and around Srikalahasti and also weavers who are weaving sarees from Venkatagiri constituency in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Corporations, Agencies and organizations engaged/involved in achieving meaningful growth of the Handicrafts Sector in Srikalahasti and weavers from Venkatagiri Constituency in Andhra Pradesh?

Industrially Backward Districts

†633. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified such districts/regions in Rajasthan which are industrially backward;

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

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy, investment plan or scheme and created friendly environment for setting up industries on the basis of local resources and industrial development of such backward districts of the regions; and

(d) the details of steps taken for industrial development of backward districts/regions in Rajasthan?

FUNDS FOR CCTV

†634. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway station and other locations identified for installation of CCTV cameras under Nirbhaya Fund for the safety of women throughout the country alongwith the State-wise and UT-wise details thereof; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated and sanctioned for the said project state-wise and UT-wise?

Rising Prices of Essential Commodities

†635. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the rising prices in essential commodities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action the Government is going to take in this regard?

Gold Ore Reserves

†636. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Bihar has one of the highest gold ore reserves in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted primary surveys and exploration of the gold block in districts of Bihar including West Champaran;

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

(d) whether the Government has a timeline regarding the same and if so, the details thereof?

ROB/RUB in Maharashtra

†637. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of several railway-over-bridges (ROBs) and railway-under-bridge(RUBs) in Maharashtra is still pending;

(b) if so, details of these pending rail projects route-wise and location-wise;

(c) the main reasons for delay in these rail projects; and

(d) the time by which these pending rail projects are likely to be completed alongwith the route-wise details thereof?

Train from Bhavnagar Division

†638. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of Railways has taken decision to normalize its services as earlier;

(b) if so, the time by when all the train services under Bhavnagar division are likely to be resumed;

(c) whether new trains are proposed to be operated from Bhavnagar division;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said trains are likely to be made operational?

Computerisation of Postal Services

639. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposal for computerisation of entire Postal services and modernisation of present buildings of the country;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals for shifting of Post offices from its existing decades old and ramshackle buildings to new ones; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Criteria for Local Trains

640. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of definition of local railway in urban areas like Mumbai and the criteria of distance and time to travel required for such trains to be considered as a local train;

(b) whether the local train from Churchgate to Dahanu or Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to Kasara can be treated as local train which consumes nearly a travel time of two and half to three hours;

(c) if so, whether there is a demand for toilet facility for the ladies compartment for such a long distance local train and the remedial action taken by Railways in this regard; and

(d) whether the Ministry had assured for an Elevated train on CSTM to Panvel on harbour line and if so, the present status of this project?

Manual of Parliamentary Procedures

641. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received an office memorandum from Ministry of Law and Justice dated February 17, 2014 requesting the Ministry to suitably amend the Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in the Government of India to incorporate public consultation procedures, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has amended the Manual of Parliamentary Procedures in the Government of India in accordance with this memorandum;

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

(d) whether the Ministry has implemented the provisions for public consultation as required under Pre Legislative Consultation Policy, 2014;

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

Steel Production

†642. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the percentage/ratio of total production and demand of steel in the country during the last two years;

(b) the details of the names of the countries from which India imports steel including the percentage thereof during the last two years along with the percentage it amounts to in terms of the total requirement of the country; and

(c) the details of the comprehensive steps taken by the Government to increase production of steel in the country?

Rice Procured by FCI

643. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of rice procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the current year (2021-22), state-wise, including Assam;

(b) whether the Government has data on the total amount of food grains produced in Assam between 2011 and 2021, year-wise and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amount of food grains procured and MSP paid by FCI between 2011 and 2021, state-wise and year-wise and the total amount of food grains sold by farmers to non-Government entities in Assam;

(d) the details and number of mandis/temporary purchase centres/aggregation points that have operated in Assam during rabi and kharif harvest seasons of 2020-21 and 2021-22;

(e) whether the Government has data on which states/regions the food grains distributed through PDS in Assam are procured from and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has taken steps to implement decentralized procurement of food grains in Assam; and

(g) if so, the details thereof; if not, reasons therefor?

Improvement in Railiway Infrasructure

644. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to allow private players to lay tracks and collect revenues in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with any possible additional burden on the railway commuters due to this new policy;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce new technologies and financial models for improving the railway infrastructure in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

CCTV in Trains and Stations

645. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has installed CCTV cameras in all the coaches of the trains in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether CCTV cameras have been installed in all the railway stations in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a fall in the incidences of crimes in railway since the installation of CCTV cameras?

New Railway Line in Assam

646. SHRI TOPON KUMAR GOGOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is planning for new railway line in Assam from Hilghat to Golaghat and Sivasagar to Jorhat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Free of Cost Food

†647. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for the distribution of free of cost food to low-income group;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented in the country including Bundelkhand?

Online Learning

648. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that during the COVID-19 lockdown rural students in the areas located on the foot of hillocks in the state of Telangana faced severe problems in online learning mainly due to the non-availability of sufficient internet and mobile bandwidth in rural areas

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

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to designate internet services bandwidth as an essential service to ensure that both BSNL and private telecom service providers provide sufficient bandwidth and stable internet in rural areas in the country including in the state of Telangana and if so, the details thereof?

National Railway Station Development Corporation

649. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has closed the National Railway Station Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the likely effect on the projects which has been undertaken by this corporation;

(c) the details of the number of stations given to them for development and the current status thereof; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and spent on such projects?

Separate Platforms at Garia Station

650. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for two separate platforms for UP and DN trains at GARIA station over Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway; and

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

National Digital Policy

651. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Digital Policy has been implemented;

(b) if so, the details of State-wise implementation of the National Digital Policy including Odisha; and

(c) the total amount of fund sanctioned and actually utilized in implementing this policy during the last financial year?

Revenue loss due to reselling of Spectrum

652. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study about the revenue loss that may incur to the Government due to the permission given to the Telecom companies to resell among themselves the spectrum allotted to one company to the other Telecom companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government has any plan to conduct such study; and

(d) whether the Government has any mechanism to prevent creation of cartel by such Telecom companies in the original Government auction and also in the subsequent resale of allotted spectrum among the Telecom Companies and if so, the details thereof?

People without Food

653. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 19 crore people in the country are still sleeping every day without a morsel for food and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any measures are being taken to rectify the problem of persisting hunger/starvation despite overflowing food grain stock and make food grains more accessible in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has been able to control and eradicate hunger in India with the implementation of National Food Security Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Communication Services in Tribal Areas

654. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) the status of India Post Payment Bank (IPPB) and the benefits provided/likely to be provided by the setting up of this bank; and

(d) the details of the branches opened by IPPB in the country so far, State/UT-wise and the time by which its branches are likely to be set up in all the States of the country?

Displaced People in Odisha

655. SHRI JUAL ORAM:
Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had reviewed the problems of the people in Odisha who have been displaced by the projects of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL) in Odisha;

(b) if so, the number of such displaced families; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve their problems?

Sanctioned/allocated post of IAS

656. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IAS posts/cadres sanctioned/allotted by the Government for posting in various posts for the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the total number of IAS cadre in various posts in the State of Maharashtra; and

(c) the total number of IAS officers presently working in the Maharashtra State as on date, postwise/cadre-wise?

Space Debris

657. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken measures to secure the Indian satellites from space debris in the Earth's orbit, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has systems in place to neutralise any attempts by Indian's adversaries to attack its space satellite systems, and if so, the details thereof?

Liquidity Needs of Telecom Service Providers

658. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved number of structural and process reforms to address the liquidity needs of Telecom Service Providers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has fixed Auction calendar and the Spectrum auctions to be held accordingly every year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has discontinued the practices of BGs in forth coming Auctions and Spectrum Usage Charge (SUC) in future spectrum auctions of Telecom sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to boost 4G proliferation to infuse liquidity and create an enabling environment for investment in 5G networks in the country?

Indian Antarctic Programme

659. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has taken up various activities under the Indian Antarctic programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica; and

(d) if so, the details and the objectives of the said expedition programme thereof?

Rainfall Variance

660. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:
SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY
VASANTH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the actual rainfall recorded between June and October, 2021 in each State/Union Territory;

(b) the details of intensity of rainfall recorded in different States during the above period;

(c) whether the Government has identified the areas which had variance in rainfall;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons for such variance; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for effective use of this rainfall for productive purposes?

Gramin Dak Sevak Posts

661. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that nearly 40% of Gramin Dak Sevak posts are lying vacant in Telangana out of the total 8,200 employed;

(b) if so, the details of vacancies, district-wise;

(c) the time since when these posts are lying vacant and the steps taken by the Government to fill in all the vacancies?

Auction of Coking Coal Mines

662. SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to launch an auction for the coking coal mines;

(b) if so, the details of the actions and steps taken in this regard;

(c) the details of blocks auctioned during the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the target set for production of coking coal and the details of coking coal generated through the auctioned coking coal mines?

DMF

†663. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the schemes under District Mineral Foundation (DMF), State-wise;

(b) the State-wise details of the allocation of DMF fund along with the details of the schemes;

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts to increase the expenditure of DMF;

(d) whether there is any single window monitoring system for DMF;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, whether there is any roadmap for preparing a monitoring system for DMF?

VCIC

664. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified 3 priority nodes of Chittoor-Srikalahasti, Kadapa and Vishakhapatnam under the Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial corridor (VCIC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the progress of these priority nodes?

Hi Speed Internet

- †665. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to make India as a largest connected nation in the world;

(b) the details of the efforts being made to accelerate the work of providing internet facility in those States and districts across the country which have less or no access to internet facilities;

(c) the details of the measures being taken by the Government to provide hi-speed internet services in the rural and tribal areas of the State of Gujarat; and

(d) the details of the progress made under the village broadband connectivity scheme?

Digital Mapping of the Country

666. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has taken up the task of digital mapping of the entire country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the project for digital mapping of the entire country by the Survey of India;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose;

(d) the time by which the remaining States are likely to be covered; and

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

Mega Textile Parks

667. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up seven Mega Textile Parks under the PM-MITRA scheme and if so, details of the main objectives and salient features alongwith the financial allocation and targets set for this purpose;

(b) whether the plan entails establishing these parks over a period of 5 years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether places have been selected in the country including from Haryana and Maharashtra and if so, the details of the locations thereof;

(d) the number of States which have expressed interest in setting up of these Mega Textile Parks;

(e) the names of areas across the country which are likely to be given priority and the names of products being given priority for export under the said scheme;

(f) the manner in which the scheme will boost employment generation in the next three years alongwith the number of direct and indirect jobs that are to be generated under these parks;

(g) whether the parks would be developed by a Special Purpose Vehicle owned by the Central and State Governments and would get two kinds of support and if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the other steps taken by the Government to develop world class industrial infrastructure and to boost FDI and local investment in the Textile Sector?

Establishment of New industries

668. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is encouraging the State Governments for setting up of new industries through various policy measures;

(b) if so, the details of the incentives given to various State Governments including the State of Haryana during the last three years and the current financial year;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Haryana regarding setting up of new industries during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Closing of LC-249-C

†669. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received letter No. 1261/XX/JA-2019-20, dated 19.10.2019 by the District Magistrate, Hardoi (UP) regarding having no administrative objection in closing railway level crossing No. 249-C near St. Theresa's School in Sandila Tehsil, Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency after the construction of ROB there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from public representatives as well in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made so far in this regard?

Consumer Protection

670. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken consultations with experts and industry stakeholders on the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the persons and/or entities consulted with, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the timeline by which the Government will notify and implement the amendments to the Rules?

Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

671. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS);

(b) if so, the current status of its implementation in the country alongwith financial allocation for the scheme;

(c) the number of mega handloom clusters that is being implemented in different States including Maharashtra;

(d) the number of green and brown field projects that have been selected under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise;

(e) the details of the facilities and incentives being offered under the scheme; and

(f) whether any proposals for development of mega handloom clusters in Maharashtra under the CHCDS are pending for approval and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereof?

Niryat Bandhu Scheme

672. DR. HEENA GAVIT:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress has been made so far in achieving the objectives under Niryat Bandhu Scheme;

(b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed during the past five years and the current year for the purpose, State/Union Territory wise, specially for Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the entrepreneurs benefitted during the last five years, State/Union Territory wise; and

(d) the future action plan of the Government for further encouraging the entrepreneurs of India if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Per Capita Income

673. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income noted during the last three years in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been huge difference in per capita income of various States during the last five years;

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

(e) the urban and rural per capita income differentials in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(f) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap?

New Ration Card of ONORC

†674. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:
SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has directed the State Governments to issue ration card to the eligible beneficiaries on new standard format as a part of 'One Nation One Ration One Card' scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the criteria for getting the benefit of the scheme and present status of implementation of scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether beneficiaries of the said scheme can avail the facility of procuring ration from any fair price shop in the country under the National Food Security Act(NFSA);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details total number of eligible ration card holders/beneficiaries received the benefits of ONORC scheme till date?

Polluter Pays Principle

675. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced the Polluter Pays Principle in the text of the negotiations at WTO for the fisheries sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by India to safeguard the interest of domestic fisheries sector against the heavily subsidized high sea fishing by developed countries?

BharatNet in UP

676. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current penetration percentage of Mobile Internet in Rural and Urban areas of the State of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) the details of current status of the BharatNet Scheme and the number of beneficiaries covered under the above said scheme;

(c) the timeline by which Uttar Pradesh as expected to achieve 100% internet coverage;

(d) the status of the PM WANI Scheme and the expected number of beneficiaries in the State?

Export Insurance

677. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has approved an infusion of more than Rs.6,000 crore to entities providing export insurance cover to facilitate additional exports worth in excess of Rs.5.6 lakh crore over the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has also approved the listing of State run Export Credit Guarantee Corporation on the stock exchanges and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government aims to create an additional 62 lakh jobs with these measures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Forensic Kiosk

678. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the centre for development of Advanced computing CDAC has developed a digital forensic kiosk recently;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits of this digital forensic kiosk and the sectors Where this can be used?

Cyclone Warning Centres

679. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:
DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES
पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Cyclone Warning Centres in the coastal States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the States likely to be benefitted by these Centres;

(b) the amount allocated and spent during the last five years in this regard;

(c) the details of schemes and projects of the Ministry implemented or being implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the Government has evaluated the performances of various schemes under implementation by the Ministry, if so, the details thereof and action being taken thereon; and

(e) the details of total funds allocated to such schemes and programmes?

Consumer Welfare Corpus Fund

680. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has information on the progress in various States with regard to constitution of Consumer Welfare Corpus Fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States which have not implemented the said scheme?

Operational Post Offices

681. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

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

(a) the total number of operational post offices across the country including rural areas, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether postal services have been provided in all the villages of the country including Telangana and if so, the details thereof including the details of all the services being provided by post offices;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and the number of such villages where postal services are yet to be provided, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to open post office in all the villages of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of FCI

682. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government can provide details of the performance of Food corporation of India (FCI) for the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the procurement undertaken by FCI in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the last three years and the details thereof; crop-wise;

(c) whether the Government is putting up the assets of FCI for sale and if so, the details and reasons thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the huge debt obligation of FCI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and measures is the Government taking to reduce the debt obligation of FCI?

Stoppage at Taraori

†683. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has discontinued the halt of Dadar Express running from Dadar to Amritsar at Taraori station;

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

(c) whether people who used to travel from Taraori station to Sangat Shri Anandpur Dham Bina (Madhya Pradesh) by Dadar Express running for the last 60-70 years, have to face problems due to discontinuance of halt at Taraori;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal to restart Dadar Express train;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/being taken in this regard?

Revamping BSNL

†684. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering is to revamp BSNL;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government's communication system is totally dependent on BSNL and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to make BSNL functional at par with private mobile companies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of officers and employees working in BSNL currently;

(e) the present financial status of BSNL; and

(f) the details thereof?

Ration for Persons with Disabilities

685. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons with disabilities who were provided ration under PDS during the ongoing pandemic; and

(b) if so, the number of persons with disabilities who are covered under PDS?

Shortage of BSNL Towers

686. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of shortage of BSNL Towers and network related issues in Hassan district of Karnataka particularly in hilly and forest areas of Alur and Sakaleshapura blocks which is causing inconvenience to public and impacting the functioning of government offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or being taken by the Government to solve this problem; and

(c) the details of BSNL towers approved, sanctioned and funds sanctioned, utilised in Hassan district?

Priority list under NFSA

687. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal/request to increase the number of beneficiaries in the priority list under National food Security Act, 2013, with respect to the state of Kerala?

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

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal/petition to include more Jaya and Surekha rice varieties instead of Sona Masuri in the PDS; and

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

Details of Service Providers

688. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of service providers who provide optical fiber high speed internet connections in rural areas of the country; specially in Rajasthan State;

(b) the reasons for absence of optical fiber high speed internet services in rural and interior areas of the country; and

(c) remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Google and Facebook

689. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the draft law proposed in Australia and other similar moves to make platforms such as Google and Facebook pay for news and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps towards regulating this feature in a similar manner and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any concerns about the market power and dominance of platforms such as Google and Facebook and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Electric Locomotives

690. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passenger trains with electric locomotives that are currently deployed in NER;

(b) whether there are plans to introduce more such locomotives and if so, details thereof;

(c) the details of the amounts sanctioned and disbursed for electrification of locomotives, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Railways has an estimated time for completion of these projects?

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