

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

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National Cadet Corps

†1611. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to provide training facilities to the cadets of National Cadet Corps (NCC) so as to connect them with nation building tasks;

(b) whether the Government proposes to integrate the activities of NCC, Indian Scouts and Guides, Homeguard and Territorial Army with the aim of strengthening national security; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Digital India Programme

1612. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any schemes and projects to increase the connectivity of rural areas/villages through information and service centres and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has decided to distribute such centres and service hubs to the NGOs working in similar sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of Digital India Programme across the country; and

(d) the manner in which the aforesaid programme has impacted the rural sector?

Empanelment of Social Media Platforms

1613. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released policy guidelines for empanelment of social media platforms with the Bureau of Outreach and Communication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government to determine the terms of eligibility for such social media platforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Aadhaar Sewa Kendra

†1614. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aadhaar Card is mandatory for every individual in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether common people are facing problem in availing several welfare benefits due to non-availability of aadhaar centres at local level and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up Aadhaar Sewa Kendra in each Panchayat across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said Kendras are likely to be set up?

Landline and Mobile Phone Connections

†1615. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landline and GSM Mobile phones of MTNL functioning in Delhi and Mumbai and the number of landline and GSM Mobile phones of BSNL functioning during each of the last five years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the reasons for huge decline if any, in the number of landline and GSM Mobile phones of both the PSUs during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry with regard to the working of higher officials of these PSUs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Youth Co:Lab

†1616. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Youth Co:Lab is encouraging the youth in the field of entrepreneurship and innovation along with the steps taken in the States, particularly in Haryana in this regard;

(b) the types of innovation on which it focuses along with the number of youth to whom employment has been provided in the country, particularly in Haryana; and

(c) whether the Government has provided for loans thereunder and if so, the details thereof?

Financial Assistance under 'Make in India' Scheme

1617. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to organizations under 'Make in India' Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial benefits are given by the Government to manufacturing units under the Make in India scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking on Ease of Doing Business

1618. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's position has moved forward on the rankings of Year 2020 for 'Ease of Doing Business;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to boost the investors' confidence and to remove the hurdles being faced by them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken to further improve the global ranking of the country in the coming years; and

(e) whether the Government has also launched 10-in-1 form for starting company faster and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Chinese Goods

†1619. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of Chinese goods/raw materials have been declining in Indian markets due to the effect of coronavirus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is identifying some other options for raw materials being imported from China; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Calculation of GDP

1620. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that some international financial agencies have raised their concern over the calculation of GDP in India;

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

(c) whether the Government has noticed that a report of International Labour Organisation has observed that 40 crores of Indians are being pushed to below poverty line; and

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

Establishing IIPMs

1621. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans of establishing more Indian Institutes of Plantation Management(IIPMs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has made any representations for the establishment of

an IIPM in the state and if so, the present status of the said request?

Bringing Back Indians Stuck in Bhutan

1622. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state: the details of steps taken for bringing back Indian nationals stuck in Bhutan, specially a large number of people of Coochbehar who are residents of West Bengal?

Strength of CBI

1623. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sizeable shortfall in the actual strength *vis-a-vis* the sanctioned strength of personnel in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in almost all the levels of the organization;

(b) if so, the details of the sanctioned strength and actual strength in these organizations for the last three years, post-wise;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to address the issue of filling up of vacancies in CBI which has a very pivotal role to play in the security apparatus of our country; and

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

Promotion of Industries in Rajasthan

†1624. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes launched by the Government to promote industries in Banswara-Dungarpur in Rajasthan and the steps taken by the Government to encourage these schemes on priority basis;

(b) the industries to be set up/developed in Banswara-Dungarpur in Rajasthan; and

(c) the facilities being provided by the Government to the entrepreneurs in order to promote the industries in Banswara-Dungarpur along with the details thereof?

Threat of Cyber Attack

1625. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to protect the public against the possibility of cyber attacks during lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check cyber attacks completely and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the number of citizens who are vulnerable to cyber crimes amid Coronavirus pandemic; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Common Voter List

1626. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to amend election rules and prepare one common voter list of all the citizens;

(b) if so, whether it would not curtail the rights of the States who have their own rules for nagar palika and panchayat election and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has also discussed the matter with all the State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

Attempt to List Indians in UN 1267

1627. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent blatant attempt by Pakistan to list two Indians under the UNSC regime targeting international terrorism has been thwarted by the UN Security Council and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the much dreaded UN 1267 list of terrorists is a global list with a UNSC stamp and is full of Pakistani nationals and residents and Pakistan was keen to get a few Indians also listed therein and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Indians in the Pak hitlist comprises of Indian professionals and engineers working in Afghanistan on telecom and infrastructure development projects and if so, the details thereof?

New Trains in Chhattisgarh

†1628. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the details of the trains introduced in Chhattisgarh during the last three years alongwith the new trains proposed to be introduced by the Government in the State;

(b) the number of people likely to be benefitted from the same; and

(c) the details of the progress made in respect of new railway line from Dongargarh to Katghora in Chhattisgarh?

Canteen Store Department

1629. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI SELVAM G.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Canteen Store Department (CSD) are entitled to avail Canteen facilities and if so, the details thereof and the number of employees who are benefitted through the said facility;

(b) the details of companies supplying goods to military canteens in the country and the criteria fixed by the Government for the said companies in supplying the goods;

(c) whether there are limited number of military canteens in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra and if so, whether the Government proposes to set up more military canteens in these States;

(d) the criteria fixed by the Government to avail canteen facilities;

(e) whether CSD canteens are selling food items of sub-standard quality and a large percentage of food items are not tested and some items are of expired dates and if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of these CSDs recently and if so, the details and the outcome thereof including the follow up action taken by the Government thereon?

Import Embargo on 101 Items

1630. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced total embargo for 101 defence items beyond 2023;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that many of these items can be produced in the Ordnance factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs);

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken for strengthening the DRDO , Ordnance factories and DPSUs to meet our defence requirements; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan for formulating a mechanism in which DRDO, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), DPSUs and armed forces can come together to assess the actual requirement of such items for Defence forces and if so, the details thereof?

Optical Fibre and Mobile Connectivity

1631. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken to connect all the villages of the country with optical fibre in the coming 1000 days;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of funds going to be spend on it, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government has stopped using Chinese 4G equipment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is going to provide mobile connectivity in villages which are located in strategic and border areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline by which the said connectivity is likely to be provided in the aforesaid areas?

Phase I of BharatNet Project

1632. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and the objectives of Phase I of BharatNet Project;

(b) the funds sanctioned, allocated, released and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the targets fixed and the achievement made by the Government thereunder, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh along with the progress made on the

said project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether progress on Phase-II of the project is going as per schedule and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Availability of Tungsten Mineral

†1633. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the availability of tungsten mineral in India;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revive the closed tungsten mines in view of the availability of tungsten in the Rewat hills of Degana region of Nagaur district of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any survey or review has been conducted during the last three years to resume the mining work in the aforesaid Rewat hills; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Investment by Bordering Countries

1634. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision as not to allow entities bordering the country to invest in Indian firms without its prior approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to protect the interests of domestic manufacturers in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to further relax norms to boost the production by the manufacturers of domestic industries in the country?

e-Market

1635. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether major companies are directly benefited from expansion of e-market while the traders/businessmen and their trade/business at local level are affected;

(b) if so, whether the business/trade trends have changed during the lockdown imposed to prevent spread of COVID and local businessmen have also started a new trend of home delivery on order;

(c) if so, whether the Government is likely to formulate any scheme to give this third wave amidst e-commerce and direct purchase from shops, an institutionalized and legal framework; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Drop in Exports

1636. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a drop in exports during last year across India and if so, the details thereof, state-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government is considering to implement interest-free loans or other schemes for the promotion of exports and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote exports in Tamil Nadu and in particular, Karur District?

Expenditure on Shramik Express Trains

1637. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and list of Shramik Express Trains, in terms of State of origin, that have plied since March 24, 2020, state-wise;

(b) the total number of passengers, migrant labourers/students who travelled on such trains and the number of passengers who travelled from each origin state of these trains or railway division, state/division-wise;

(c) the total expenditure incurred to ply such trains by each division;

(d) the price of a ticket for each of these Shramik Express Trains;

(e) whether the migrant workers travelling from their home state to other States for employment opportunities will be extended any reduction in train fare and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether railway divisions earned any income from running the Shramik Express trains and if so, the details thereof, division-wise?

Deaths in Shramik Special Trains

1638. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths that took place aboard the Shramik Special Trains that were deployed to ferry stranded workers;

(b) whether the causes of these deaths were investigated and ascertained;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including the number of deaths as per causes ascertained;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of compensation paid to the relatives of the dead?

R&D Centres

1639. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology for Research and Development (R&D) in non-nuclear front line research areas of Lasers, Particle Accelerators and related technologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its achievements in terms of research output since its inception;

(c) whether the Government is planning to open more such R&D centres across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government for promotion of R&D in the areas of Lasers, Particle Accelerators and related technologies in India during the last five years?

Internet Facility for Farmers

†1640. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided internet and Wi-Fi facilities in all the villages of the country for the benefit of farmers with a view to enhance their knowledge in agro-sector and to keep them apprised of latest development in this sector; and

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

Pending New Rail Lines

†1641. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various projects including new rail lines are pending for a long time due to shortage of funds and other technical reasons in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi NCR and West Bengal;

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

(c) whether the Government has not allocated adequate funds for pending rail projects;

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

(e) whether the work of constructing a drain along Meet Nagar Saboli railway halt in Delhi has been stalled;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Karaikal-Peralam Rail Link

1642. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the rail link from Karaikal to Peralam linking Southern part of the state;

(b) whether the work is expected to be completed before the famous 'Sani Peyarchi' festival in Karaikal to be celebrated during December 2020; and

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

Appointment on Compassionate Ground

†1643. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of giving appointments on compassionate grounds to the family members of the employees deceased during service period are pending in various Ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, the Ministry-wise and Department-wise details of such pending cases since 2015 till date; and

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

Construction of ROBs in Karnataka

1644. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

Appointment of Khalasis

1645. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of khalasis or bungalow peons working at the residence of senior officials as on date along-with the criteria for appointment as khalasis and their nature of duties and emoluments paid;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints of abuse and ill treatment of these khalasis by officers;

(c) if so, whether the Government had formed a Joint Secretary level committee to review the policy and if so, its outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government is now considering to bar new appointments to the post of khalasis; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Railway Projects

1646. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) the time-frame set for the completion of these projects?

Producing Toys for Children's University

†1647. SHRI BALAK NATH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given the responsibility of producing toys for the first Children's University in the world located at Gandhinagar under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Yojana' in view of the import of toys from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government agrees that China is benefitting from FTA signed with Asian countries and sending its products to India via Asian countries;

(d) if so, the details of the import-export with Asian countries during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken or action plan likely to be taken by the Government for balance of payment with Asian countries including China?

Reserves of Gold and Diamonds

1648. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Mehaboobnagar, Palamuru, Wanaparthi, Nagarkurnool, Gadwal, Nalgonda and Suryapet districts in Telangana have reserves of gold, diamonds and other precious metals as per Mines Department of Government of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that this task has been handed over to National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with Geological Survey of India (GSI) in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Concession in Internet Services

†1649. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to provide special concession in internet services in view of online education being imparted by the schools during the pandemic period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide cheap mobile sets to the students belonging to economically weaker section; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

RDP India Mobile App

†1650. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has launched a mobile App 'RDP India 2019' in compliance of 'Digital India' campaign;

(b) if so, the objective thereof;

(c) whether the Government has introduced any award scheme for coast guards;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the criteria set for granting the award?

Construction of ROBs in Jharkhand

1651. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suggestions/proposals received for construction of Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) in Jharkhand especially in Dhanbad, Bokaro and Giridih districts during the last three years;

(b) the number of railway crossings where sanction has been granted for the construction of the said ROBs; and

(c) the present status of each sanctioned ROBs and proposed ROBs in Jharkhand during the last three years?

Incentives to Attract Foreign Companies

1652. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has offered/is planning to offer incentives to the new foreign companies to set up factories in the country due to COVID-19;

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

(c) the time by which the said decision is likely to be implemented/come into force?

Welfare of Civilians in Cantonment

1653. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance for the welfare of civilians residing in cantonment area and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up a high level committee to take note and solve the problems of the civic population residing in these areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government or envisaged to be taken in this regard?

Premature Retirement

1654. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any scheme to terminate the services of the Central Government employees before the date of superannuation, for those who have completed thirty years of service or are above 50 years of age, or on any other grounds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has discussed the issue of termination of employees with the employee organizations and solicited their views and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government will consider the same and re-think the proposal; and

(e) whether the Government also proposes to amend the service rules to bring efficiency in administration in the wake of the recession in the economy and if so, the details thereof?

Drop in number of passengers

1655. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from 2018-19 to 2019-20 till date the number of passengers who travelled by AC coaches has dropped by over 13 percent and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cost of road transport along with the infrastructural development and the air travel prices have become cheaper and it is the cause of consecutive decrease of passengers who travelled by trains; and

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(c) if so, the action plan taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

Defence Agreements and Defence Corridors

†1656. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:
SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed defence agreements with various countries including France to ensure security of border of the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the defence products made by the Government under 'Make in India' programme;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up defence corridor in Utrakahand also;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the defence corridors being set up in the country; and

(f) the scheme formulated to set up more defence corridors in future?

Elimination of Stoppages

†1657. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations/halts/trains that are proposed to be discontinued in the country, State-wise especially in Bihar along with the reasons in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has worked out any alternative plan for providing services to the people who were benefitting from the railway stations and trains proposed to be shut down; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Coffee Production

1658. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coffee production has declined during the last two years due to heavy rain, floods and landslides and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether COVID-19 has led to a decline in the demand for coffee in the export markets;

(c) if so, whether India's coffee export declined during the year 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has estimated the loss to coffee plantation sector due to lockdown and the COVID fallout and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government plans to restructure existing debts with lesser interest and long term repayment options, in addition to releasing some fresh working capital to the coffee growers and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to restore export incentive to 5 per cent from the present 3 per cent; and

(g) whether the growers have demanded financial assistance for crop loss and one year moratorium on taxes and duties and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Plan for Privatisation of Railways

1659. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan chalked out for privatisation of Railways;

(b) the routes that have been planned by the Government to be handed over to private operators;

(c) whether the privatisation is likely to be restricted to only passenger trains or will it also include goods trains and if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether there are plans to privatise any rail routes in North East India and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce new trains from Assam to Delhi or any other important locations in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to add more stoppages for important trains to Delhi and other locations in Assam and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Maize

1660. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maize import policy has permitted the import of higher quantities of maize corn at lower prices and reduced the prices of native variety of maize in the market, especially in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been lapses in enforcing the user condition that imported maize must be utilised for self-use and manufacturing purposes alone; and

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

Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project

1661. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project is expected to be commissioned by the year 2022;

(b) if so, the details of the project implementation mechanism along with the estimated time to complete each phase, phase-wise;

(c) the details of tenders of the project along with the names of Japanese and Indian companies that have been involved in this project;

(d) the amount of land required for the project along with the details of land that has been acquired;

(e) the details of methodology in which companies supplying the rolling stock for the project will be chosen along with estimated prices for the same;

(f) whether Japanese companies are going to be involved in developing the 21-km underground stretch of the project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the Indian companies participating in building the underground stretch?

Regulation of Social Media Platforms

1662. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to regulate social media platforms, *i.e.*, facebook and whatsApp to protect the interest of their users and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the restrictions imposed by the Government on these platforms in the last one year;

(c) whether the Government or any of its agencies have access to the data and voice messages circulated through whatsApp; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GeM Portal

1663. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the business done through GeM portal during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government is going to make it mandatory for all the State Governments and central Ministries to procure only through GeM; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Corporatisation of Production Units

1664. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced privatisation of train services across the rail networks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Production Units under the Ministry of Railways are being corporatised or formed into a single entity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Chinese Mobile Phones and Electronic Items

†1665. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and the names of Chinese Mobile Companies which have failed safety norms of the country and are selling their products in the Indian market;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check the same;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to ban such Chinese mobile phones and electronic items which emit maximum radiations thereby causing many diseases and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of electronic items imported from China which were tested by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) along with the details thereof; and

(e) the details of imported Chinese electronic items, samples of which failed the BIS tests along with the details thereof?

New Trains in Bihar

1666. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new trains proposed to be introduced/have been introduced by the Government in the state of Bihar during the last two years; and

(b) the details of the number of persons benefited therefrom?

Review of Intermediary Guidelines of Information Technology

1667. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to review the intermediary guidelines of Information Technology (IT) to align with judicial precedents and global practices and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether intermediaries are shielded from the liability for third party content uploaded on their platform and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to address issues related to safe harbor protection to intermediaries and right to free speech of users and if so, the details thereof?

5G Network

1668. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of telecom has initiated the trial process of rolling out 5G network in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has discussed the road map for trials with all major telecom operators and equipment vendors;

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

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the security concerns including surveillance over 5G technology trials and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which the 5G network service is likely to be started in the country; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the participation of Chinese Companies in this regard?

Stoppage of Trains Under Bhusawal Division

†1669. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any step for providing stoppage/halt to Amravati-Pune train, Puri-Shirdi Express, Hatia Lo Tilak Express, Puri-Ahmedabad Express, Puri-Ajmer Express, Nagpur-Pune Garib Rath Express, Ahmedabad-Nagpur Prerna Express, Huzoor Saheb Nanded-Bikaner Express in view of the religious and tourism importance of the Shegaon railway station under the Bhusawal division of Central Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from the public representatives for approval of stoppage/halt of major express trains at the Shegaon railway station;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Concerns of Employees of ITI Limited

1670. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of ITI Limited at Palakkad were not getting salary on time;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any representation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Private Sector Projects

1671. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of investment made by private sector in new projects since 2015-16, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a continuous steep decline in new private sector investment in the country since the fiscal year 2018-19;

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

(d) the action taken by the Government to overcome the present crisis situation in at least restoring the investment market at pre-covid-19 situation?

High Court Benches

1672. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish High Court benches in various States including Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) the criteria adopted/formalities required by the Government for establishment of these benches; and

(d) the details of the States where such benches have already been established so far?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Surveys for New Railway Lines

1673. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway lines laid in the country since independence as on date, zone wise;

(b) the details of the surveys undertaken for new railway lines in the country, zone-wise including Andhra Pradesh during the last two years along with the present status thereof;

(c) the total length of railway lines in the country yet to be electrified; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete the ongoing surveys and remaining electrification conversion works?

Single Voter List

1674. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to amend the Representation of People's Act to pave the way for single voter list for whole country and simultaneous polls of all the elected bodies in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Cabinet Secretary had a meeting with all the Chief Secretaries of States and UTs in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome of the meeting;

(d) whether any consensus has been arrived at in the meeting of Representatives of different political parties in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the main idea behind these proposals and present position in the matter?

Chabahar Port

†1675. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had signed an MoU with the Government of Iran for the construction of Chabahar Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government remained inactive with regard to this project as a result of which Iran is completing the same on its own and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether such an attitude is continuously proving detrimental to the relationship being shared by India with its friendly countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Make in India Scheme

1676. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for production of defence equipment under "Make in India" scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding production of defence equipment which have already achieved the target and the likely timeline by which India will be AatmaNirbhara in defence production?

Bankruptcy and Payment of AGR Dues

1677. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reliance Communications Limited has filed for bankruptcy under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues owed by the said company at the time of declaring bankruptcy;

(d) whether Jio Infocomm Limited was already using the aforesaid company's spectrum since 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Jio Infocomm Limited will be held liable to pay spectrum dues of Reliance Communication Limited; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to recover the AGR dues from Jio Infocomm Limited?

PSKs in Bihar

1678. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to open and operate more number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Bihar so as to facilitate the people in getting and renewing passports and other related services;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the places in which these PSKs are proposed to be opened/operated;

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(c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether the existing number of PSKs are enough to meet the passport services of people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of Private Trains

1679. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private trains Government is planning to introduce in the next five years;

(b) whether the Government is also planning to reduce the number of Government employees in the Railways on account of privatisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the mechanism proposed for employment of government employees in these privately operated trains?

BharatNet Project in Tamil Nadu

1680. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put on hold the BharatNet tender project under phase II in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints on irregularity in implementation of BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Privatisation of Railway Stations

1681. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to privatize railway stations;

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

(c) the details of revenue likely to be accrued to the Government with this initiative and the future plans alongwith time line in this regard, station/firm-wise?

MEMU Car Shed

1682. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has under its consideration, a proposal for the setting up of a new MEMU car shed to cater to North Bihar in Sonpur, Saran District;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status, budgetary allocation and timeline for the project; and

(c) the details of existing and proposed MEMU car sheds in the country, along with the railway divisions they cater to?

Hygiene and Sanitation in Railways

1683. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the fresh measures undertaken by the Government to provide necessary facilities for comfortable travel alongwith other programmes/schemes introduced to ensure overall hygiene and cleanliness in Railways;

(b) whether the Railways has taken note of lack of hygiene and sanitation at the platforms and in running trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mining in Backward and Tribal Areas

†1684. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given permission of mining to private companies in the country particularly in the backward and tribal dominated areas during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for setting up industries in tribal dominated areas by the private companies involved in mining work in the said areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recommendations by Bibek Debroy Committee

1685. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has seen the recommendations of the railway restructuring committee led by Shri Bibek Debroy which focus on developing only railway stations that serve more than 25,000 passengers daily;

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

(c) whether the recommendations will lead to the stalling of the development of several very small but crucial stations in Kerala, including Kannur, Palakkad, and others;

(d) if so, whether the Government is going to consider not to implement these reforms and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Single Window Clearance System

1686. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has taken a decision to give all approvals and clearances to the industries at one go by introducing single window approval system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Granting Trademark under Startup India

1687. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide employment by granting trademark to people under the Startup India Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the provisions for granting trademark;

(c) the time taken for granting trademark to an applicant after filing an application for the same;

(d) whether there is any provision to take action against the officers who do not grant a trademark within the time limit;

(e) if so, the details of the action taken against the erring officers during the last three years; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Drone Based Surveillance System

1688. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has procured drones and Ninja Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for establishing a drone-based surveillance system for the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any pilot project has been initiated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the Railway divisions that are being allotted these drones and UAVs?

Use of Social Media During Lockdown

1689. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the apps banned by the Government during the last six months;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the use of social media during the COVID-19 lockdown and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use the social media in a positive manner during the COVID-19;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the internet facility considering the digital administration and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the internet facility is not available in rural areas and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government is this regard?

Revision of Tariff Structure

1690. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise tariff structure for sustainable growth of telecom sector to mitigate the effects of the Adjusted Gross Revenue issue that has impacted telecom operators and also slowed the 5G implementation process; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, company-wise?

Judicial Proceedings

1691. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the arrangements made by the Supreme Court, High Courts and subordinate courts to facilitate judicial proceedings in the court in the wake of COVID-19;

(b) whether there were any specific orders or guidelines from the judges in this regard;

(c) if so, the details regarding reforms in legal process, infrastructure and expenditure incurred in a chronological manner;

(d) whether the Government is planning to set up TV broadcast channels for live broadcast of Supreme Court proceedings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

Mobile and Data Connectivity in Odisha

1692. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are specific plans for States like Odisha which is having low Tele-density to improve connectivity in the State and if so, details thereof;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats in undivided Koraput District of Odisha where there is no mobile connectivity;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide mobile connectivity in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is having any plan to improve quality of data connectivity in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the plan proposed by the Government to increase data connectivity in Left-Wing Extremism affected areas?

UN Security Council

1693. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to demand reforms of UN Security Council (UNSC) when four of the five UNSC permanent members - UK, USA, Russia and France openly supported India's bid to enter the elite club;

(b) whether Beijing did not have a policy to oppose India's candidature for a permanent seat in the UNSC and if so, the details thereof and whether the Government is seeking the support of China to secure the coveted UNSC permanent post for India;

(c) whether India has approached friendly countries or floated a group to seek changes in the constitution of UNSC which will pave the way for India's entry into UNSC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Most Favoured Nation Status

1694. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for the withdrawal of Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to

China to reduce the export-import business with that country;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made by the Government regarding the loss after the withdrawal of MFN status to China;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the goods imported from and exported to China in the last three years;

(d) whether the Government is planning to support traders/manufacturers in AtmaNirbhar Bharat Yojana; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Central Package and NEIDS

†1695. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a proper mechanism for the implementation of the projects identified under Central Package and North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of projects identified under each of the said scheme including the details of the financial outlay in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any targeted date for the completion of these projects so that the people engaged in this sector can get their benefits at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Train Services

1696. SHRI PRADAN BARUAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the people of Northern bank including Arunachal Pradesh are likely to have regular and multiple train options for travel to rest of India; and

(b) the time by which the services between Dhemaji and Guwahati are likely to be resumed post covid-19 pandemic?

Pre-emptive measures by ICG during cyclone

1697. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the number of ICG ships and Dornier Aircraft that were pressed into action during pre and post 'Amphan' and Nisarga cyclone;

(c) the number of community interaction programmes conducted by ICG to sensitize fishermen and coastal population for taking safety measures against these cyclones;

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

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

Impetus to Make in India Scheme

†1698. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

the name of the Government scheme functioning during COVID-19 period to provide impetus to 'Make in India' and 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Scheme' along with the details thereof?

Reforms in MMDR Act

1699. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed reforms to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, wherein any violation within the mining lease area over-extraction of minerals beyond the mining plan or by flouting environmental and forest laws will no longer be considered illegal mining;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the time given for comments and suggestions from the general public, States and Union Territories, industry and other stakeholders is just 10 days - a fraction of the 30-day minimum window under the pre-legislative consultation policy and if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has also proposed amendments to auction partially explored mining blocks thereby risking larger minerals deposits getting auctioned at lower prices and if so, the details thereof?

Trains from Gandhidham to Delhi

†1700. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Jalor district centre have no direct rail service from Jalor to Delhi and Jaipur even after ten years of broad-gauge conversion due to which they have to cover a journey of 200 kilometers to Jodhpur to board train to reach Jaipur and the people belonging to Sancher, Raniwada, Bhinmal, Jalor have to cover a distance of about eight hundred miles in private buses to reach Delhi which is expensive and causes difficulty particularly to children and women;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce a train from Gandhidham to Delhi via Jalor (Samdadi-Bhildi); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

New Private Trains

1701. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start new private trains;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and used, mechanism put in place and nodal officials appointed in this regard, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Schemes by Defence

†1702. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence is working on any scheme to promote solar energy, domestic security, production of space technology and "Make In India";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Ministry is working to reduce the effects of COVID-19 and security/safety of people for the pandemic?

Decline in Manufacturing Sector

1703. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's manufacturing sector has been in trouble for the last

three months specially post 23rd March, 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, whether it has become a challenge for the country's private as well as State owned firms; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the country's Private and Public Sector firms and to enable them to sell their products in global markets at competitive prices?

Restructuring the Railway Board

1704. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently restructured the Railway Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits of such restructuring;

(d) the status of unification of all Group 'A' railway services into one service; and

(e) the deadline by which the whole unification of services is likely to take place?

Development Works in Lucknow Division

†1705. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the developmental works undertaken in Lucknow division for railway passengers at each station of Lucknow division under the North-Eastern railways during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to undertake any developmental works under this division in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Reorganisation of Railways

1706. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has set up any Expert committees to seek suggestions for the reorganization of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Expert committee has submitted any recommendations in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;

(e) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations made by the Expert committee;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

JIRIBAM -IMPHAL Railway Line

1707. DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of ongoing crucial infrastructure project of 110 Km. long Jiribam-Imphal railway line as on date;

(b) whether the deadline for completion of Jiribam-Imphal railway project which was set as December, 2020 has been postponed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Target of Coal India Limited

1708. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) is chasing a target of 660 million tonne stipulated in MoU and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether many subsidiaries of CIL have taken measures to keep production during the monsoon months on an even level and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL is facing problem in some of its subsidiary companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

e-Commerce Policy

1709. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of e-Commerce Policy including the areas which the above policy is proposed to focus on;

(b) whether the said policy is likely to help in attracting startups, investment and creation of new jobs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of suggestions received from stakeholders and others on the draft e-Commerce Policy;

(d) whether any decision has been taken by RBI in the first week of September, 2020, to treat loans given to startups as priority lending loans in order to assist these startups; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Rocket Launching Port

1710. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of setting up of the country's second space rocket launching port by ISRO in Kulasekarapattinam, located in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of number of launch pads that are being proposed at the said space port; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase India's share in the global space sector market size keeping in view the policy decision by the Union in opening up the space sector to the private sector?

Amending Rubber Act

1711. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to amend/ repeal the Rubber Act 1947;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the same and the details of the proposed amendments;
- (c) whether the Government has obtained the opinion of the Rubber Board, representatives of rubber planters, representatives of rubber Industries, and other interested parties on the proposed amendments to the Rubber Act and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering a reduction in budget allocation to the Rubber Board in the form of various subsidies such as new plantation, replantation etc during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the rubber planters have great concern over the above-mentioned factors and if so, the steps being taken by the Government for redressal of their grievances?

Functioning of Lokpal

1712. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started functioning with Lokpal which has appointed the top officers in place since last one and a half year;
- (b) the details of the cases registered under Lokpal for disposal till date;
- (c) the number of cases that have been resolved since its commencement;
- (d) whether the required staff has been nominated for functioning of the Lokpal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

High Speed Train from Udaipur

†1713. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to run a high speed train like Rajadhani, Shatabdi express from Udaipur and Jaipur to Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken/is likely to be taken on the aforesaid proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Summit Diplomacy

1714. SHRI T. R. BAALU:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the reference given recently by the Government to Summit Diplomacy over traditional foreign policy making, has proved to be a severe handicap, while keeping in view that Summit Diplomacy cannot be a substitute for carefully structured foreign office policy making;
- (b) if so, the details thereon with special reference to Asian Continent;
- (c) whether India's Summit Diplomacy has tended to marginalise the External Affairs Ministry thus placing the country at a disadvantage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Prakash Portal

1715. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the Coal Mines and Blocks are being monitored under the Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony (PRAKASH) portal and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the challenges regarding tracking the coal stock faced by portal;
- (c) whether the complaints and supply issues regarding the coal stock has been resolved by the PRAKASH portal and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any scope of improving the current portal to reduce the inter-ministerial disputes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is any mechanism to place the demand of coal by the power plants on the PRAKASH portal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the plan devised to include the same on the portal?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Sainik Schools

†1716. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik Schools in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to open new Sainik Schools in the country in the next three years;

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

(d) the average percentage of students from Sainik Schools selected to serve Armed forces, school-wise;

Call Drops

†1717. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints regarding call drops are being received from the customers despite guidelines repeatedly issued by the Government to the telecom companies and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such complaints received by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the action taken/being taken by the Government against the telecom companies in this regard?

Import of Methylene Chloride

1718. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that excessive dumping of methylene chloride into the country by China is damaging the Indian Methylene Chloride Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the Indian Methylene Producers to stop the dumping and impose the anti-dumping duty on its imports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the domestic methylene industry?

Misuse of Social Media by Political Groups

1719. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to curb the alleged dominance and supremacy by a political group on social media networks particularly on Facebook and Twitter to tarnish the image of those who indulge in constructive criticism of policies;

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

(c) whether the Government has held talks with the Indian and Global heads of Facebook, Twitter and other social media networking sites to remove any unwanted intrusive behaviour and posts by such political groups; and

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

MPLAD Fund

†1720. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts made available by the Union Government through the MPLAD fund in the country during the last three years along with the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the amounts released from the MPLAD fund by the Union Government has been utilised totally in all the districts of the country;

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

(d) the mechanism put in place by the Union Government for monitoring the use of this fund?

Speed Post Centres in Chhattisgarh

†1721. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational speed post centres across the country, as on date, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such centres across the country and if so, the details thereof and the number of such centres proposed to be opened across the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stopping of Concession in Fare

†1722. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the concessions that were given earlier to old age people, physically challenged persons and others in special trains has been stopped;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide concessions in passenger fare in the special trains running at present on the lines of the past system;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

DMF in Andhra Pradesh

1723. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) was constituted in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is true that more than Rs. 70 crores have been collected under DMF in Krishna district so far;

(c) if so, the reasons that in spite of taking so many projects, only Rs. 2 crores have been spent; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to spend maximum amount for identified purposes in Krishna district under DMF ?

Induction of Women in Combat

1724. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army has resisted the induction of women into combat arms on several grounds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to induct women in combat?

Setting Up of Industries by Foreign Companies

1725. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to attract more number of industries in global level to invite them to start their production from Indian Soil under 'Make in India' scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any specific requests have been received from Telangana to consider the state for establishment of global companies there and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government will consider the request of Telangana to recommend certain category of industries, which are willing to relocate their base to India;

(d) whether any modalities have been chalked out by the Government to select state specific industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Network Issues in Rural Areas of Tamil Nadu

†1726. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural areas/villages that are facing network issues within Tamil Nadu;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has prepared a roadmap in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has set a target to sort out these issues; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Ordnance Manufacturing Industries and Laboratories

†1727. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up ordnance manufacturing industries and laboratories in the country including Madhya Pradesh to increase the defence capabilities and upgrade defence equipments in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to strengthen the armed forces and upgrade defence equipments during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether recently the Government has launched any scheme with the private industry or foreign entities to design and develop indigenous defence equipments under the 'Make in India Programme'; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial Crisis in Industries

†1728. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to tackle the financial crisis being faced by the industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Airlifting Indian Students from Wuhan

1729. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:
SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian students and other citizens trapped in Wuhan provinces and other province of China were recently airlifted to India as this Chinese province is worst affected by the deadly coronavirus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government to ensure that the airlifted Indians do not spread the deadly coronavirus in the country; and

(d) whether the Government has also rescued people of other countries and if so, the details thereof, country/number of people-wise and the consideration for opting certain nations?

E-Catering Service

†1730. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue earned as compared to the expenditure incurred by IRCTC on the E-catering service during the last three years;

(b) the details of the target fixed in comparison to the passengers who ordered food from IRCTC E-catering service during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve IRCTC E-catering service?

Projects in Tamil Nadu

1731. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure directorate of Railway Board has directed all railways to keep in abeyance new works/umbrella works in pink book 2020-21, to freeze works which have made insignificant progress approved till 2019-20 and to suspend umbrella works of 2018-19 and 2019-20; and

(b) if so, the projects in Tamil Nadu that are likely to be kept in abeyance, frozen and suspended?

Delay in Recruitment Process

1732. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for delay in issuing appointment letters for the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) Assistant Loco Pilot (ALP) and Technician examination 2018;

(b) the steps proposed by the Government to address this delay;

(c) the date of release of notification of examination and vacancies released for the RRB Group D 2020 and RRB NTPC 2019;

(d) whether the examinations for RRB Group D 2020 and RRB NTPC 2019 have not been conducted as yet and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the reasons for not declaring the results of the SSC CGL 2018 examination; and

(f) the date by which the Government intends to fill the vacancies for RRB ALP and Technician 2018, RRB Group D 2020, RRB NTPC 2019, SSC CGL 2018?

Impact of Lockdown on Industries

†1733. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BAHERIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far to revive the industry and business from slowdown due to COVID-19 pandemic; and

(b) the relief provided by the Government for the purpose under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan?

Coal Mines

1734. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total numbers of coal mines in Maharashtra especially in Chandrapur district;

(b) the number of coal mines which were closed due to COVID-19 in Chandrapur district; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to restart these coal mines?

Crime in Trains

1735. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any cases of crime against women in running trains including local trains have been identified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such incidents that happened during the last three years and the current year along with the number of persons arrested, zone-wise;
- (d) whether there is also shortage of manpower and sufficient modern monitoring equipments in Railway security Force and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard; and
- (f) the additional measures taken/being taken by the Railways to ensure the safety and security of women passengers?

E-Passports

1736. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any deadline has been set for issuing chip based E-Passports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of rampant bribing during Police verification of passports; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps taken to solve this problem?

Delay in Execution of Works

1737. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there exists any redressive mechanism to examine and monitor the inordinate delays in the execution of works under Southern Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps that have already been taken till date, to complete the project to construct a Railway Underpass at Edapally, for smooth passage of private and emergency vehicles like ambulances;
- (d) whether any valid reason has been found for the delay in the progress of the proposed project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to remove the obstacles for its speedy execution, alongwith the expected date of completion of the project?

Bullet Proof Vests

1738. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken immediate steps for providing bullet-proof jacket/vests for the soldiers especially gear like modular bullet proof vests or ballistic helmets;
- (b) if so, the total number of bullet proof vests required for the entire armed forces;
- (c) whether the ballistic helmets shall have internal communication gear and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether these bullet proof vests shall have the norms prescribed by General Staff Qualitative requirements and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of casualties of soldiers till date due to the ineffective bullet proof vests?

Use of Vedic Knowledge in Defence

†1739. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to make use of the ancient Vedic knowledge available in “Dhanurveda” and “Viman Shastra” to further strengthen the country’s defence mechanism; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Repair of Old Tracks

1740. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPAA:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a plan to repair old rail tracks and overhaul the dilapidated rail bridges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such plan to renew tracks and reconstruct the dilapidated bridges in the States including Bihar;
- (c) whether any time limit has been fixed in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Train from Prayagraj

†1741. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to run a daily special train from Prayagraj to Mumbai via Ayodhya and Pratapgarh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken/is likely to be taken on the aforesaid proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Attack During Pandemic

1742. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of cyber attacks have shown a rising trend during the COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the budgetary provisions made, funds released and utilized by the Government to deal with the incidents of cyber attacks along with the status of the performance of Computer Emergency Response Team India (CERT-In) over the last three years?

(c) the details of schemes/programmes launched by the Government for ensuring the protection of the cyberspace in the country;

(d) whether the Government is satisfied with the achievements made by these said schemes and programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the proposed plan of action decided and timeline fixed by the Government for mitigating the alarming rise in cyber crimes in the country?

Revenues Earned by Department of Posts

1743. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts is increasingly earning revenues from non-traditional sectors like e-commerce and Payments Bank and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the revenues earned by the Department of Posts in terms of percentage from various value added services/non-traditional sectors during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the future expansion plans proposed by the Government in the aforementioned sectors/services in the State of Tamilnadu; and

(d) the number of Postal Payments Bank accounts in the said State, post office-wise?

Hazira and Dahij Industrial Mathak

†1744. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Union Government, the Government of Gujarat and other Central Security Agencies to ensure the safety and security of Hazira and Dahij Industrial Mathak;

(b) whether the Government of India proposes to set up a coast guard station at Hazira; and

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

Mobile Towers in Odisha

1745. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to/has proposed to set up mobile towers in Odisha to minimize the problem of telecommunication connectivity; and

(b) if so, the details and the number of mobile towers set up in the State, district-wise?

Timely Completion of Projects

1746. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment to ascertain the progress of the projects like laying of new railway lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification and signals in various States of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the funds allocated and released for timely completion of the said projects during the said period, State/UT-wise along with the number of projects which missed the deadline so far, project-wise;

(d) the number of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) formed by the Government for timely completion of the said projects along with achievements thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for timely completion of the said projects across the country?

Digital Parcel Locker Service

1747. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched free digital parcel locker service in a number of post offices in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the idea behind setting up of the said parcel locker services;

(b) whether the Government has faced any challenges in the implementation of the said initiative and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes free digital parcel locker service for making delivery when making purchase from private e-commerce portal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India Post is the most preferred courier agent for e-commerce platform in the eastern part of the country and if so the details thereof; and

(e) the decline in revenue collection by the India Post due to COVID-19 pandemic and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Investment from China

1748. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision by the Government to scrutinize every investment from China is adversely affecting Chinese investments in Indian startups;

(b) if so, the details thereof including investments made by China in 2017, 2018 and 2019, year-wise;

(c) whether any Press Note 3 was issued by the Government in April, 2020 on Chinese investment in startups and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there has been any decision by RBI in the first week of September, 2020 to treat lending to startups as priority sector lending to assist startups; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Staff in OFD

1749. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Ordnance Factories are facing shortage of senior level officers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the large number of Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) officers are on deputation in other Government Departments/Organizations;

(c) if so, the details of such officers with time period of their deputation, Departments/ Organizations-wise;

(d) whether the Government is planning to restrict the deputation period of IOFS officers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry has taken any action for reversion of IOFS officers in their parent cadre and if so, the details thereof?

Speeding Up Projects in Maharashtra

1750. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway projects in Maharashtra for which survey has been conducted and approved but work is not underway as yet, along with the details in this regard; and

(b) the efforts made by the Government to speed up the work of approved railway projects in Maharashtra?

Vande Bharat Mission

1751. SHRI ANNASAHAB SHANKAR JOLLE:
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:
SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who were registered and brought back to India under the 'Vande Bharat Mission' from various countries during the global COVID-19 pandemic till date, State and country-wise;

(b) whether there are still such Indians stuck in foreign countries who want to return to India;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the future schemes of the Government under Vande Bharat Mission?

Stoppages under Eastern Railways

†1752. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the stations under East-Central Railway and Eastern Railway at which halts of new trains have been demanded by the local public representatives; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard so far?

Plantation Sector

1753. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Plantation Sector is going through a stressful period as this sector is not receiving remunerative prices especially in South India and if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether it is true that due to curtailed budgetary allocation to commodity boards, there is a substantial amount outstanding to growers towards approved schemes of these boards;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government to clear the arrears; and

(d) the effective steps taken by the Government to encourage Plantation sector in the country?

Sevoke-Rangpo Railway Project

1754. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the progress of work at the Sevoke-Rangpo railway project;

(b) whether NOC has been received from all Gram Sabhas of forest villages along the railway project line, as per the Forest Rights Act of 2006; and

(c) the details of compensation and rehabilitation that has been worked out for the affected villages and families due to the said project?

Vacant Diplomatic Posts

1755. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of diplomatic posts currently vacant in foreign embassies, high commissions and permanent missions;

(b) the details of the current gap between the total sanctioned strength and the total actual strength of IFS cadres;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to fill this gap in the last three years;

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

(e) the details of any Cadre Review undertaken by the Government in the last ten years;

(f) whether the Ministry has acted on recent concerns regarding the low strength of the IFS and total diplomatic cadres of the country; and

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

Development Works

1756. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the proposed developmental works submitted to the Railway Board for railway stations in Chittoor district in calendar years 2019 and 2020 so far;

(b) the list of passenger amenities provided during the same period, Station-wise; and

(c) the component-wise break up of funds utilized in the said development works during the same period?

Platform for Online Classes

1757. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop a platform for conducting online classes for school students of various education boards in the country; and

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

Import of Edible Oils

†1758. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantity of edible oils imported and exported during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to promote the production of edible oils to make India self-reliant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

US-China Trade War

1759. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ongoing US China trade war is an opportunity for the Pharma industry in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that larger companies were looking at India for more product source and service and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a lot of companies have their approvals stalled because of warning letters from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this has caused new product introduction and growth in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Fares due to Privatisation

1760. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to privatize Indian Railways for which the process has already begun;

(b) if so, the details of terms and conditions laid down for this purpose and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government unaware of the fact that privatization of Railways will have the consequence of huge increase in train fares causing trouble for poor and low income sections of people who use trains as their main means of transportation;

(d) if so, whether any guidelines have been laid down and agreements has been proposed with the private companies to control the train fares;

(e) if so, the detail thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Post Office ATM

†1761. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect Post Office ATM with Bank ATM to benefit people from rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the time by which the said connectivity is likely to be established;

(c) whether the implementation of the said decision will result in creation of new employment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Train from Poriyahat

1762. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for running train from Poriyahat to Godda district of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said train is likely to start its operation between these two stations?

Breach of Aadhaar Card Data

1763. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aadhaar card data of about thirteen crores people has been breached in recent times and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether bank accounts of those whose Aadhaar were linked with them have been compromised and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Electrification in NFR

1764. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of railway electrification work in Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) in 2020;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned and spent for the railway electrification work in NFR in 2020, division-wise; and

(c) the division-wise details of progress and execution of each project under the NFR, division-wise?

Coal Production

1765. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether company office is established in the location of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) which produced 20 million tonnes of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons for not setting up any office in Talcher by MCL even after producing 70 million tonnes of coal; and

(c) whether the Government has directed the concerned authority to take necessary action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment in Cantonment Areas

1766. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised constructions and encroachment in cantonment areas are taking place in the country particularly in Lucknow Cantonment Area;

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

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

Promotion of Bamboo Products

1767. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to promote bamboo products in other States as well which are currently being made in the north-east region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to market such products through e-commerce platforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SCO Defence Ministers Meet in Moscow

1768. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Minister has attended the Victory Day Parade recently conducted in Russia and also Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers meeting held in Moscow;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting with Chinese counterpart was held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has signed any bilateral agreement with Russian Government during the visit and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether he also met the Russian Defence Minister and apprised him of the border situation and if so, the reaction of Russian Government thereto?

Ban on Mobile Apps

1769. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned 59 mobile apps on the grounds that these pose a threat to the sovereignty, integrity, defence and security of the state, and public order;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) whether the Government is aware that these apps were stealing information and secretly transmitting user data in an unauthorised manner to servers operating beyond the borders of the country; and

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

Promotion of Domain Name in Indian Languages

†1770. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH *ALLAS* PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take services of a social media agency to register online in the name of 'dot in' and 'dot Bharat' to promote the use of domain-name in Indian languages by small and medium enterprises and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to use social media means to spread awareness about 'dot Bharat' domain in regional languages and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiative to facilitate writing of communication content and domain name in their regional language for internet-users; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation of Revenue Loss due to Lockdown

1771. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which Indian Railways' network is expected to return to normalcy, as lockdown is being lifted across States;

(b) the quantum of loss suffered by Railways due to lockdown and stoppage of trains as compared to 2019;

(c) the plan formulated by the Government to cover up the loss;

(d) the manner in which the Government plans to compensate for the various developmental works of Railways during the current fiscal year; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure safe travel of passengers in the special trains?

Resumption of Train Services

1772. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had stopped all rail services from the end of March 2020 due to COVID-19 Pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total loss suffered by the Railways due to cancellation of trains;

(d) whether the Railways has started some special trains for the stranded passengers in the month of May 2020; and

(e) if so, the time by which full-fledged train services are likely to be resumed?

Strategic Disinvestment in Railways

1773. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hand over the operation of passenger trains and freight operations to private players;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including origin, destination, pairs of routes, etc. that are being considered;

(c) the details of strategic disinvestment in Undertakings under the Ministry of Railways since 2016, including details of strategic buyers;

(d) whether the Government is considering strategic disinvestment or sale of minority stake in Undertakings under the Ministry of Railways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Details of schemes

†1774. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the work-wise and scheme-wise details of the amount of funds allocated by the Government for Chhattisgarh State during the last two years *i.e.* 2018-2020;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government during the last two years *i.e.* 2018-2020; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

COVID Affected Indians

1775. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has data of Indian citizens abroad who got infected with COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(b) the number of Indians who lost their lives in foreign countries due to COVID-19 and the details of the same, country-wise; and

(c) the details of measures taken by the Indian missions in extending necessary help to the COVID affected Indians abroad?

Ban on Imports of Chinese Equipment

1776. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recent Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme announced by the Government for the Electronic Manufacturing Sector;

(b) the investment commitment by various electronic companies and the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of value addition it would bring to our country as compared to before;

(d) whether the Government proposes to ban import of electronic equipment and parts thereof from China and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to tide over the expected shortfall of essential electronic parts that originated in China and the proposal, if any, made by the Government in this regard?

Completion of Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

†1777. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the 'Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects' is expected to be completed;

(b) whether land acquisition problems are being faced in the said projects;

(c) if so, the state-wise details thereof including Maharashtra;

(d) whether the states are not lending their co-operation to settle the issues regarding land acquisition under this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Payments

1778. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of digital payments in the country has increased significantly due to COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of digital payments made during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any comparative study with regard to digital payments in other countries;

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

(e) whether appropriate steps have been taken by the Government for security and safety of various platforms for digital transactions in the country; and

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

Vacant Posts in CSS

†1779. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the posts lying vacant in all the grades in Central Secretariat Service (CSS);

(b) whether the Department of Personnel has stopped all the adhoc or regular promotions in all services including CSS;

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

(d) whether the promotions granted to the officials on adhoc basis has been stopped in CSS;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the promotions in other services except in CSS are continuing and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken to fill up the posts lying vacant in CSS along with the details thereof?

Digital Payment and Services Offered at CSC

1780. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of digital payments has increased in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of digital payments registered during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of different key services like insurance, PAN card applications or ticket booking services availed at Common Service Centres (CSCs) during the said period, year-wise and service/head-wise?

Increase in the Price of Coal

†1781. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the coal prices;

(b) if so, the reasons for increasing the prices of coal during the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown;

(c) whether the prices of electricity, cement and other items have increased due to increase in the coal prices;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to retract the increase in coal prices in view of the possibility of adverse impact of the same on the public; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Attacks

1782. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cyber-attacks on Indian citizens and India-based commercial and legal entities during each of the last five years;

(b) whether the Government is aware that India has been identified as one of the top 5 countries with the most number of cyber-attacks, by multiple international and national organizations such as Data Security Council of India, Center for Strategic and International Studies, etc. and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for high incidence of cyber-attacks in India;

(d) whether the Government is planning to introduce a new cyber security policy;

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

(f) the time by which the said policy is likely to be implemented and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Chabahar-Zahedan Rail Project

1783. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lost the Chabahar-Zahedan Rail Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status-quo of the MoU signed between IRCON (Ircon International Limited) and CDTIC (Construction and Development of Transportation Infrastructures Company) as of present day; and

(c) whether IRCON is disengaged from its obligations of developing the Chabahar-Zahedan Rail Project and if so, the details thereof?

NIRDESH Project

1784. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current position of National Institute for Research and Development in Defence Shipbuilding (NIRDESH) project at Chaliyam in Kozhikode;

(b) the plan proposed by the Government for expansion of the project; and

(c) the time by which the project is proposed/likely to be completed?

Privatisation of Railway Routes1785. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatization of various routes in Indian Railways is likely to improve the railway services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of routes and trains which are likely to be operated by private players;

(c) whether the fares of train tickets are likely to increase as a result of this privatization move and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether subsidies will be retained to citizens from various categories in Railways who will be travelling in these routes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Aarogya Setu App1786. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of users who have registered and uploaded their personal information on the Aarogya Setu app;

(b) the manner in which the data of users of the said app is protected along with the provisions in the law in this regard;

(c) the details of all Government departments, agencies and Ministries and non-Government entities that have access to the data collected through this app;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has reportedly given the app a rating of one out of five due to concerns over transparency, lack of minimisation of data and so on; and

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

IGOT

1787. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start Integrated Government Online Training (IGOT) platform;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project would upskill the Government employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Turmeric Board

1788. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up a Turmeric Board at Vellore, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expected date of setting up of the said Board; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ongoing Railway Projects in Bihar

1789. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of various ongoing/pending railway projects in Bihar;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the said projects in a time bound manner;

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has proposed to bear some cost of the said projects for their timely completion and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto;

(d) the number of railway projects in Bihar for which survey has been conducted and approved but for which work is not underway as yet;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the efforts made by Government to speed up the work of approved railway projects in Bihar?

Re-grassing of Mined Out Areas

1790. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has made re-grassing of mined out areas compulsory and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the direction of the Supreme Court;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that miners adhere to re-grassing of mined out areas, including penalties and punishments for failure to comply with the requirements and the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any similar plans or taken any steps for areas mined out underlying the ocean within the territorial waters or the continental shelf or the exclusive economic zone and other maritime zones of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government has commissioned any research regarding the possibility of the "re-grassing" of mined out areas underlying oceans and if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in Railway Administration

1791. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to bring reforms in railway administration and operations in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for undertaking such reforms and measures along with the objectives aimed at through such reforms; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to come into effect?

Women Employees Belonging to SCs/STs Category

1792. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of SC/ST women employees in Central Government services, Ministry-wise;

(b) whether any special drive is proposed to recruit SC/ST women employees; and

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

Exploitation of Labourers Abroad

†1793. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring a new law for providing adequate security against the exploitation of Indian Labourers abroad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Ex-servicemen

1794. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes in operation for ex-servicemen including those in which there is reservation for them;

(b) the number of such schemes are in operation in the State of Rajasthan;

(c) the percentage of reservation available for ex-servicemen in these said schemes;

(d) the details of the percentage of ex-servicemen who have been re-employed along with percentage of non ex-servicemen who have been employed against reserved vacancies for ex-servicemen; and

(e) the reason for low re-employment rate of ex-servicemen?

Promotion of FDI

†1795. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken to promote Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);

(b) whether big industries/groups are the main beneficiaries of FDI reforms;

(c) if so, the details of the foreign companies that invested in India during the last three years along with the sectors in which they invested and the names of their Indian associates;

(d) the investments made by the foreign companies in small and medium enterprises (SME) during the last three years;

(e) the measures taken to promote FDI in SME sector; and

(f) the steps taken to encourage foreign investment to use the internal resources and inputs instead of bringing them from abroad, except technology along with the details of terms and conditions of FDI?

Non Permanent UNSC Membership

1796. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's priorities as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council (UNSC) for 2021-22 and the preparations made for the same;

(b) whether India has several requests pending from UN Special Procedures and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to approve the aforementioned pending requests and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether India has not complied with its reporting obligations to the UN Committee on Civil and Political Rights and the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government plans to comply with the aforementioned reporting obligations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Incentives for Electronics Manufacturing

1797. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Government under the Production Linked Incentives

(PLI), Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) and Modified Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) 2.0 schemes respectively along with the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has given any approval to any of these received applications and if so, the separate details thereof and the amount disbursed thereunder; Scheme-wise; and

(c) the amount of investment expected to be brought in and employment expected to be generated because of these incentives in the electronics sector?

Vande Bharat Trains

1798. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the 'Make in India' guidelines for Railways;

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

(c) whether tenders floated earlier for Vande Bharat trains have been cancelled;

(d) if so, the details of new clauses and items likely to be incorporated in the guidelines; and

(e) the time by which revised tenders are likely to be invited by the Railways?

Pending Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

1799. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending projects of Railways in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for pendency of these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to complete these projects in time?

BharatNet Project

1800. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect all the Gram Panchayats of the country with High-Speed Optical Fibre Cable Network under the BharatNet Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats which have been so connected, at present, State/UT-wise including Gujarat?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Zero Based Timetable

1801. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is intending to revoke and cancel 6,000 unnecessary stoppages of regular train services after implementing the zero-based timetable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a new criteria for revoking a stoppage has been formulated and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this decision by the Railways to revoke stoppages and train services are likely to result in cancellation of more than 500 train services and 6000 stoppages, significantly disrupting the stream of services the railways is offering at present to the commuters and if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether any State Government including Kerala has expressed its dissent to this decision of the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives to Boost Electronic Sector

1802. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to give incentives to electronics sector to boost the market during pre-COVID-19 and post-COVID-19 period; and

(b) the results yielded so far by the said incentives?

Artificial Intelligence

1803. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to boost the Artificial Intelligence (AI) sector in the country;

(b) the objectives that the Global Partnership on AI seeks to achieve; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to empower the youth with AI skill-set?

Chinese Proliferation

1804. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian authorities have seized a dual use autoclave/instrument with military applications from a Pakistan bound Chinese merchant vessel near Kandla port recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has conveyed its concern to the Chinese Government regarding possible proliferation due to misuse of these Chinese entities; and

(c) if so, the details and the response of the Chinese Government/Authorities in this regard including the steps taken by the Government on the issue?

Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure

†1805. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are not covered under the existing guidelines as laid down in Para 122 of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure to give reply to the letters of the Members of Parliament (MPs);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include the State Governments and the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the said guidelines in order to enable them to reply to the letter of the MPs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives for Electronics Manufacturing

1806. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies that have applied for availing benefit under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for large scale electronics manufacturing State-wise, from the start of the scheme till now;

(b) whether COVID-19 pandemic has affected the registration of companies under this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to extend the date of application under this scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Leather Industry

1807. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

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SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the leather industry has been severely affected due to Covid-19 pandemic in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been a slowdown in the leather production and exports during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to double the exports as the leather sector is amongst the top ten foreign exchange earners in the country;

(d) whether the Government which is implementing Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDLP) has achieved the objective for which it was set up and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is implementing schemes for setting up of leather parks to promote leather industries in the country and if so, the States in which these parks are set up and the achievement made so far?

Organic Tea

1808. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not developing the production of organic tea in the country which has tremendous demand abroad;

(b) the total quantity of organic tea exported during each of the last three years and the current year and the foreign exchange earned;

(c) whether the export of organic tea has been affected by COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps for expanding the cultivable area of organic tea and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote the export of organic tea; and

(f) the number of licences issued to tea farmers/tea gardens of Assam along with the funds allocated for the promotion of organic farming in the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

Import of Agarbattis

1809. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been importing raw bamboo sticks for Agarbatti units hitting the local producers, mostly tribal and marginal farmers;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has placed import of raw Agarbattis under restricted category;

(d) if so, whether this restriction has helped in reviving hundreds of Agarbattis units and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has also increased the import duty on bamboo sticks recently and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has restructured National Bamboo Mission focusing on the development of complete value chain of bamboo sector linking growers with consumers and if so, the details thereof?

Public Interest Litigation

1810. SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) that have been filed particularly regarding the violation of Fundamental Rights;

(b) whether any importance is given to PILs which are filed particularly regarding the violation of Fundamental Rights and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of PILs filed in the Supreme Court and various High Courts during the last three years and the current year and number of cases disposed off and the reasons for pendency;

(d) whether the Government is aware of a large number of frivolous litigations being filed under the guise of PIL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to check such frivolous litigation?

Role of NRA

1811. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI P.C. GADDIGUDAR:
SHRI S. VENKATESAN:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose and role of newly proposed National Recruitment Agency (NRA);

(b) the names of institutions that would be brought under the purview of NRA;

(c) the role in selection of Institutions for which recruitments are made ;

(d) whether tests would be in regional languages also, to give candidates of all States a level playing field and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the said agency is likely to be set up/become functional?

Shakti Scheme

1812. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH

DEO:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India) policy for better allocation of coal to present and future power plants in India;

(b) the main features of the SHAKTI scheme and the current status of its implementation in the country;

(c) the list of States, currently eligible under the SHAKTI scheme;

(d) whether SHAKTI has been transparent and helped to address the coal linkage problems of all stressed power plants;

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

(f) the details of the sanctioned/ongoing projects that are being undertaken by Karnataka and the funds transferred under the said scheme?

NERAMAC Limited

1813. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH

DEO:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role and activities of the NERAMAC and the employment generated in the North Eastern region as a result thereof;

(d) whether NERAMAC has conducted any survey to identify the surplus agriculture and farm produce in the region;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the strategies devised for the development of infrastructure and marketing; and

(f) whether NERAMAC proposes to diversify its activities to boost the economy and generate employment opportunities in the region and if so, the details thereof?

ECGC Limited

1814. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH

DEO:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) Limited to provide export credit insurance services to exporters and banks to promote and support exports from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of products, services and funds spent/ provided by the ECGC;

(d) the details of performance including premium and claims by the ECGC during the last 2 years;

(f) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of the ECGC and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps being taken by the Government like capital infusion, reforms, etc. to improve the performance of the ECGC?

Reallocation of Coal Mines

†1815. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

SHRI JOHN BARLA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India has taken any steps for reallocation of coal mines/compensation for the losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of families living in unsafe areas along the coal mines till date;

(d) the details of expenditure incurred on rehabilitation of such families during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the process of rehabilitation?

Curtailling of Stoppages of Trains

1816. ADV. A.M. ARIFF

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to cut short the stoppages of various express trains running across India;

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of each such train;

(c) whether the Government has discussed the above matter with the State Governments to solicit their views and if so, the response in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has also conducted any study in this regard; and

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

Legal Services

1817. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and procedure for appointment of panel of lawyers by legal services authorities at the district and sub-divisional levels;

(b) whether there is a standard remuneration given to legal aid lawyers per case for magistrate and sessions courts and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) appointed committee has recommended minimum fees for panel lawyers and if so, whether the Government has accepted the recommendations and implementing the same;

(d) whether many of the lawyers who are required to provide free legal services are also charging fees from their clients; and

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

Skill Development in Coal Sector

1818. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of skill development in coal sector in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;

(b) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for skill development in the coal sector;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the performance of the scheme and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof;

(d) whether the Coal India Limited has entered into Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) to provide skill training;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of workers who have been provided skill training during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(f) further steps taken/being taken by the Government to skill all the persons engaged in coal sector?

New Atomic Power Plants

1819. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up 21 new Atomic power plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the stage of completion of these new projects, State-wise;

(c) the extent to which energy generated through Atomic energy may be used for supplying electricity for domestic and commercial purposes and the details thereof;

(d) whether the energy generated through Atomic energy will enable India to reduce dependency on coal and traditional sources of energy and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether deficiencies exist in utilizing such energy to its full capacity and if so, the reasons therefor?

Software Technology Parks

1820. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is pursuing a scheme of establishing Software Technology Parks (STP) across India through the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether software export parks will play a critical role in the vision to become a software export oriented nation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to target specific areas to develop them as model software export hubs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of operational STPs, State/UT-wise;

(e) the proposal under consideration of the Government regarding establishment of such parks across the country, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the Government has any plans to set up STPs in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; district-wise?

India Post Payment Bank

1821. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will leverage the strength of three lakh postmen, and Grameen Dak Sewaks (GDS) to offer doorstep banking services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a limit of Rs. 1 lakh deposit in IPPB account and the linkage between the said accounts and others will help ensure transfer any excess amount into the postal savings account of the same subscriber and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the GDS will be equipped with smartphones and biometric readers to enable them to facilitate transactions using a QR code that will be issued to all customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Arbitration matter

1822. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether arbitration is an increasingly preferred mode of dispute resolution in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of arbitration-matters in the country during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is planning to introduce any changes in the arbitration laws of the country and if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any initiatives have been taken up to invite stakeholders to the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre and if so, the details thereof?

Industrially Backward Districts

†1823. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI BALAK NATH:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrially backward districts in the country including Rajasthan and Maharashtra;

(b) whether any requests have been received so far to include Solapur and Satara district (under Madha Lok Sabha Constituency) under the industrially backward districts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme for the development of industrially backward districts particularly Aspirational Districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Commercial Coal Mining

†1824. SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to open the coal sector for private domestic and international commercial mining and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the right of State owned Coal India Limited are not likely to be violated as a result of the said decision and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the benefit likely to be accrued to Coal sector as a result of this decision;

(d) whether the said decision of the Government is likely to reduce the import of expensive coal and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of number of coal blocks auctioned under South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SFCL)?

E-courts

1825. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of electronic courts in the country to eliminate the growing burden of cases in courts;

(b) whether e-courts are fully capable of effective and timely disposal of cases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred in the e-courts, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Indian courts have adopted the method of e-filing;

(e) if so, the details of the courts where e-filing is compulsory; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce paper wastage and to eliminate the burden of court cases in Indian judiciary?

Privatisation of Freight Corridors

1826. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether after allowing private players to run passenger trains, Indian Railways is going to open two freight corridors to private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) has started the process in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of routes and trains allowed to be operated by private operators; and

(f) the future plan for privatisation of freight corridors and passenger trains and the extent to which this process is likely to adversely affect the railway employees?

Pending Court Cases

†1827. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in High Courts and Lower Courts in the country along with the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any possibility of qualitative reduction in the number of the said pending cases, if rural courts that are set up at Panchayat level and are accorded the rights to hear cases of limited nature;

(c) if so, whether the Government is likely to set up such courts and accord them such rights; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor?

Neutrino Observatory

1828. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up Neutrino Observatory in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the number of earth observatories set up in the country, State - wise?

Garbage Disposal around Ambala Airbase

1829. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airforce authorities have approached the Haryana Government seeking prompt measures to address the garbage disposal method around Ambala Airforce Station Zone as bird menace threatens the safety of fighter aircrafts and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the large concentration of birds including vultures around Ambala Airforce Station is due the presence of garbage which require mechanised Solid Waste Management Schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the once-biggest fighter-jet base at Hindon near Ghaziabad has now been turned into a sprawling non-operational airforce base because of unhindered animal slaughter units in the adjoining villages as breeding grounds for birds and vultures and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Chinese Products on Domestic Manufacturers

1830. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge influx of Chinese products in the Indian market has affected the domestic manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

DGCIS

1831. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to make available the entire data of Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics(DGCIS) to the public;

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

(c) whether DGCIS is charging for the data and has generated revenue from the sale of such data during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(d) the details of funds allocated and spent for the data collection by DGCIS in the last ten years and the current year; and

(e) whether the Government is making service export data from States and Union Territories public or is it notifying databases in line with DGCIS for commodities exports and if so, the details thereof?

Khetri Copper Complex

†1832. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Copper Complex situated in Khetri of Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan is not operational;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to resume operations of this copper complex at the Government level to make the country self reliant in the copper sector by providing new technology;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of 'Make in India' Scheme

1833. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of progress made in 'Make in India' Scheme so far;

(b) whether the Government has imposed import curbs on a number of items in order to boost 'Make in India' Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to further boost the 'Make in India' Scheme and the details of sops, proposed to the domestic manufacturers, if any?

BPL Data

†1834. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the state-wise data on the number of families living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether the number of families living below poverty line has reduced during the last two years and if so, the details thereof?

Coal Stock

†1835. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of stock of coal available in the country at present;

(b) the quantity of coal in tonnes produced by Coal India Limited during each of the last three financial years;

(c) the quantity of coal in tonnes imported by India during the last three financial years; and

(d) the details of the specific measures undertaken by Coal India Limited to increase the production of coal?

Land Acquired for Coal Production

†1836. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the companies under the control of Coal India Limited (CIL) that have acquired agriculture and forest land for coal production during the last three years along with the area acquired by each of these companies;

(b) the company-wise area of the land lying unused out of the total acquired land at present;

(c) the reasons for this unnecessary acquisition; and

(d) the company-wise area of the coal mines being fully utilized and the land adjacent to them along with the details of the use thereof?

Unmanned Level Crossings in Karnataka

1837. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

Fare of Shramik Trains for Migrants

1838. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the 85:15 cost sharing arrangement between the Centre and States for financing the Shramik Special Trains;

(b) whether the Ministry of Railways paid any part of the fares that was charged from the workers for travelling in the Shramik Special Trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Safety and Security in Railways

†1839. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to introduce FIR system in the railway network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps are being taken to make rail journey a safe journey;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the objective of Railway Protection Force (RPF) should be zero tolerance for crime; and

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

Establishment of DMFs

1840. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the status of establishment of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) in each of the districts of Jharkhand affected by mining operations;

(b) the amount of funds held by DMFs district-wise, the per cent utilization of these funds and the details of projects funded by DMFs in Jharkhand especially in Bokaro, Dhanbad and Giridih districts;

(c) whether an oversight mechanism exists to prevent diversion of funds to purposes other than welfare of people in mining districts and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has come across incidents of Companies not contributing to DMFs and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether DMFs have been diverted or stopped for other welfare schemes in the wake of COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof?

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