

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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Cases against HHEC

2301. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered cases against firms who have entered into agreements with Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) in the case of import of bullion;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and reasons for not filing the charge sheet so far;

(c) whether CBI has given any direction to HHEC to withhold legitimate dues of some bullion parties till investigation against those MSMEs where no case or enquiry is pending with CBI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not giving clarifications to HHEC in the matter so that payment of small MSMEs who are not involved in any dubious transaction are released?

Economic Empowerment of Women

2302. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) offer a historic opportunity to pursue transformational measures to ensure equality for every woman and girl, everywhere in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that women's economic empowerment is central to the achievement of the SDGs and if so, the details thereof?

Common Goods Transit with CONCOR

2303. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal for common goods transit along side national highways with the Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Use of Solar Energy

†2304. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide electricity to all railway stations of the country through solar system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of funds allocated under this scheme including Chhattisgarh; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be completed?

Dedicated Freight Corridors

2305. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of both the freight corridors;

(b) the estimated cost of both the freight corridors along with their estimated present cost;

(c) the amount spent so far on both the said corridors; and

(d) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

Survey of BPL Population

2306. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the latest survey in regard to BPL population was conducted in the country and the nature of shortcomings found therein along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) the number of persons identified as living Below Poverty Line (BPL), State and category-wise with socio-religious bifurcation;

(c) whether the said survey was supposed to be conducted again after a certain period of time; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said survey is likely to be conducted?

Calculation of GDP

2307. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adopted a new system/mechanism for calculating GDP and other similar growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the new mechanism;

(c) whether the Government has identified major drawbacks of the previous system of calculation/compiling data; and

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

Technological Interventions for Tribal Empowerment

2308. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any projects have been sanctioned under Technological Interventions for Tribal Empowerment (TITE) Scheme in the year 2018;

(b) if so, the details of projects, sites and the beneficiaries thereof; and

(c) the total cost in respect of those projects ?

Construction of New Rail Lines

2309. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received proposals from the Government of Gujarat for construction of new railway lines, gauge conversion of the existing lines and doubling of tracks to cope up with the movements of goods from ports and industrial townships to the large hinterland; and

(b) if so, the action so far taken to implement the sanctioned work, if any and towards sanctioning of the remaining works, proposal-wise?

Indian Prisoners Lodged Abroad

2310. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Indian Missions to get complete information regarding offence, sentence, domicile and gender of Indian prisoners in foreign countries where privacy laws do not exist; and

(b) the details of special efforts made by Indian Missions to get more complete information on offence, sentence, domicile and gender of Indian prisoners in foreign countries where privacy laws do exist?

Vacancies in Railways

2311. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large number of vacancies of non-gazetted staff in the Railways;

(b) if so, the details of breakup of these vacancies during the last three years, category-wise and zone-wise;

(c) the time by which the process of filling up of the vacant posts will be completed;

(d) the number of vacancies of SCs/ STs and OBCs against the sanctioned strength in the Railways in all Groups of services as on 31/12/2017 ;

(e) the backlog/shortfall vacancies of SCs/STs and OBCs in non-gazetted category in direct recruitment as on 31/12/2017; and

(f) the details of the number of Group C and D employees retired on superannuation from Railways and the number of newly recruited employees during the last three years?

Staff Crunch

2312. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have been facing the problem of staff crunch;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that shortage of staff is the cause of late running of the trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there has been any recruitment drive in the Railways since 2014 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Railways to fill up the vacancies at the earliest ?

Desalination Plants

†2313. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any scheme to install desalination plants in large number in the coastal areas of the country to make sea water potable;

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

(c) the details of per litre cost of the water thus made potable by these plants;

(d) the location-wise details of desalination plants installed so far and proposed to be installed in future; and

(e) the steps taken to popularise the technology related to converting sea water into potable water?

Data Localisation

2314. SHRI MAGANTTI
VENKATESWARA RAO
(BABU):
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposed Data Localisation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of objections raised by the National and International companies on this proposal;

(d) the measures undertaken by the Government to ensure sufficient infrastructural capabilities for compliance with data localisation clause in the draft data protection bill;

(e) the benefits that will accrue from the data being localised; and

(f) whether there is any negative fallout of the policy, especially on start-ups which do not have the infrastructural capabilities and if so, the response of the Government thereto?

BTS in Gujarat and Bihar

†2315. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) functioning at present in Gujarat and Bihar, location-wise;

(b) whether the said BTS are sufficient as per existing requirement and demands;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up new BTS in Gujarat and Bihar in order to increase mobile connectivity in Gujarat and Bihar; and

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

ROBs at Alappuzha Railway Station

2316. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to give approval for construction of two ROBs at Alappuzha Railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways will also expedite to sign an MoU between NHAI and Kerala PWD at the earliest to complete the project in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways is ready to convene a meeting of concerned authorities to expedite the work of the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Rural Broadband Infrastructure

2317. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has asked the States to take equal responsibility of ensuring utilisation of the massive rural broadband infrastructure that is being put in place;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had asked the State Governments to take care of rural broadband infrastructure as suggested by BSNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and response from the States thereto?

Jagraon Railway Bridge

2318. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is currently in the process of completing the Jagraon Railway Bridge in Ludhiana and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the reasons for delay in completing the project up till now;

(c) the reasons for closing the bridge in March 2018 for the public permanently;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any timeline by which the bridge shall be completed; and

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

Beautification of Railway Stations and Trains

2319. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to beautify and modernize the railway stations and trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of trains and railway stations beautified and modernized till date?

Launch of GSAT-29

†2320. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched GSAT-29 satellite with the help of GSLVMK-III D2 rocket; and

(b) if so, the details of benefits likely to accrue to the strategically important remote areas?

Backlog of Vacancies

†2321. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the backlog of vacancies of SCs/STs/OBCs under the Railways has been lying unfilled;

(b) the number of manpower in the Railways at present and the total number of SCs/STs/OBCs employed in all A,B,C and D grades along with their backlog;

(c) whether any initiative has been taken or policy has been framed to fill the backlog vacancies of SCs/STs/OBCs in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Allotment of Stalls

†2322. SHRI NABA KUMAR
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications for allotment of stalls in Assam and other States of North Eastern region are under consideration of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the norms laid down in this regard;

(c) the present status of said applications and the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared;

(d) the number and details of people allotted stalls at railway stations in Kokrajhar Parliamentary Constituency; and

(e) the details of the procedure followed by the Government to allot the stalls?

Women in Army

†2323. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has encouraged the women particularly from rural areas to enroll themselves in the army;

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

(c) whether any recruitment drive has been conducted to recruit the women in army from rural areas ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Shortage of Nuclear Fuel

2324. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI B. V. NAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of nuclear fuel in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate supply of nuclear fuel;

(c) the time by which the country is likely to become self-dependent in nuclear fuel availability;

(d) whether Government has signed any MoU with foreign countries for import of uranium or nuclear fuel in any form; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of uranium imported from various countries and expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise?

Fraud in Digital Transactions

2325. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN
CHOWDHURY:

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

(a) the details of cases of fraud along with amount of money lost as a result of fraud cases in digital transactions;

(b) whether the Government has put in place a system to monitor risks in digital transactions, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has proposed a mechanism for customers to file complaints in cases of fraud and guidelines for customers to claim compensation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fine for Unnecessary Litigation

2326. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister is aware that the Supreme Court of India had imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh on the Ministry of Defence on two occasions for unnecessary litigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Minister has ordered any inquiry to determine the reasons for the lapses on part of the Ministry, as indicated by the Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including the action taken based on such inquiry; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey by NSSO

†2327. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of houses and slums in urban areas according to the recent survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO);

(b) the number and details of slums where the basic amenities like road,

electricity, potable water, etc. has been provided during the last five years according to NSSO;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government for improving the basic amenities for slum dwellers;

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

(e) whether the number of slums has decreased or increased in NCR including Delhi and if so, the district-wise details thereof ?

Modernisation of Field Workshops of Army

†2328. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision in principle to modernise all the field workshops of Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any private company is involved in-preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the modernisation work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Regulatory Framework for Legal Profession

2329. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether to facilitate improvement towards securing a higher global ranking in

the enforcement of business contracts, Government has finally mooted a regulatory framework for legal profession and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to regulate professional fee and ethics which can be done by an independent body instead of the elected body of Bar Council and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a check on the lawyer's performance has also been proposed through a mechanism of feedback by clients on advocate's performance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SIP-EIT Scheme

2330. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

(a) the details of international patent application that have been granted reimbursements under the Support for International Patent Protection in EIT (SIP-EIT) Scheme;

(b) whether there is any scheme which provides legal fee reimbursement or coverage to such recipient in the event of patent litigation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total amount of funds disbursed under the scheme; and

(d) whether the Government plans to introduce a similar scheme for patents in other fields like biology and if so, the time by which it is likely to be in place?

Development of Air Bases

2331. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has decided to develop five air bases in the State of Andhra Pradesh and has requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing suitable land for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any places have been identified in the state for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of the project as on date?

Construction of Building at Kollam-Punalur Section

2332. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds for the construction of station buildings on Kollam-Punalur section in southern railways; and

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

Collaboration on Cyber Security

2333. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a strategic collaboration on cyber security is being worked out with other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Quantity of Food

2334. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways is contemplating to reduce the quantity of meals served in the trains;

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

(c) whether this move would not make the passengers to pay more for consuming less quantity of food; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to increase the quality of food served in trains and to reduce their prices while reducing the quantity?

Heaviest Satellite Launch

2335. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched heaviest and most advanced high throughput communication satellite GSAT-11 recently;

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

(c) whether the targeted objectives have been achieved successfully till date and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expenditure incurred on the development of the satellite and its launch separately;

(e) the further steps taken/ being taken to boost the broadband connectivity to rural and inaccessible Gram Panchayats in the country; and

(f) the number of targets fixed by the Government to launch satellites during the next year ?

Incidents in Nuclear Power Plants

†2336. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small and big incidents that took place in nuclear power plants of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) during the last three years in which loss of life and property has occurred, Nuclear Power Plant-wise;

(b) whether financial assistance has been provided to the personnel who got injured in those incidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the facilities provided by NPCIL or the Government to those personnel who are unable to work in the plants again?

Net Neutrality

2337. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish a multi-stakeholder body to ensure collaboration among telecom sector stakeholders and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the TRAI has made any recommendations with regard to introducing safeguard and protection to net neutrality and related license agreement with Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has issued any new guidelines with regard to

implementation of principles of net neutrality and has constituted any expert panel in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the major recommendations submitted by the said panel;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action on the aforementioned recommendations and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has amended the unified licence norms for TSPs and Virtual Network Operators (VNOs) to include the regulatory framework for applications of net neutrality principles and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the licensees are prohibited from entering into any agreement leading to discriminatory treatment of content and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government proposes to impose tariff limitations for different services on internet and if so, the details thereof?

Launch of Heavy Satellites

2338. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has not been able to launch heavy satellites so far;

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

(c) the number of heavy satellites that have been launched from foreign destinations so far;

(d) whether ISRO is working on any programme for launching heavy satellites in the country; and

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

Reverse Auction

2339. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a reverse auction model to raise timely money from sale of bandwidth for meeting fiscal needs without further adding to the financial stress of mobile phone operators and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the telecom industry is divided over the pricing of airwaves and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Telecom companies are facing severe liquidity crunch which may force the companies to default on a Rs.900 crore spectrum-related charge and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this liquidity crunch has nudged the Government to consider some relief measures for the sector at large and if so, the response of the Government thereto and the corrective measures taken by the Government to work out a solution to save the telecom industry from insolvency?

Communication Signals of GLONASS

2340. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given clearance to Russia for setting up ground base stations in India receiving communication signals of GLONASS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed between Russia and India in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of benefits that will accrue out of this agreement?

Stoppage of MMCT Express at Borivali

2341. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representation for stoppage of MMCT Duranto Express (12268/12267) at Borivali station;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reforms in the Army

†2342. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any scheme to bring about reforms in the army;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hygienic Water and Quality of Food

2343. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that unpurified water straight from taps and at times toilets is used in preparation of beverages and food provided to passengers and are not hygienic;

(b) if so, the steps initiated by the Government to improve the prevailing situation and to provide healthy, wholesome and hygienic food to the passengers;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that frequent changes in Catering Policy for an undertaking of the size of the Indian Railways where 23 million passengers travel daily, have adversely

impacted the catering services leaving the travelling passengers in lurch and switch over the means of catering resulting into intrusion of unauthorized vendors;

(d) if so, whether the Government intends to implement a new Catering Policy, 2017 in letter and spirit with no further change in the system; and

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

ICT Infrastructure

2344. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding investments made in ICT infrastructure within last four years to promote e-governance in India;

(b) the steps taken for providing ICT literacy among masses to utilize e-governance facilities in India; and

(c) the future programmes and projects of the Government for expanding e-governance in India?

Defence Innovation Fund

2345. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has created Defence Innovation Fund;

(b) if so, the salient features and the core objective of the Defence Innovation Fund;

(c) the sources from where the funds are proposed to be mobilised; and

(d) the extent to which it will help indigenisation of various defence and aerospace related platforms being manufactured in the country based on Transfer of Technology (ToT)?

Transportation of Coal

2346. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total daily requirement of rakes for transportation of coal to power generation plants across the country, including Maharashtra;

(b) the actual dispatches of rakes against the target set for the first six months of financial year 2018-19;

(c) whether there is any demand-supply mismatch of rakes for coal transportation to power plants, including Maharashtra and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the rake availability and by when the coal supply will be restored to meet the demand?

Renovation of ROBs/RUBs in Rajasthan

†2347. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether inordinate delay in giving approval to the repairing work including construction work of bridges is posing a serious threat to human life in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether most of the railway zones have not been achieving the targets set with regard to the construction of bridges and the renewal work;

(c) if so, the names of those railway zones which are lagging behind their target;

(d) whether the running of trains have been restricted due to delay in repairing work;

(e) if so, whether the railways have incurred a huge loss due to speed restrictions as a result of delay in repairing work; and

(f) if so, the details of loss incurred by the Railways in this regard, zone-wise?

Sharing of Demographic Data

†2348. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to share demographic data of UID with the State Government/State Registrars;

(b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be shared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Seabed Mineral Exploration

2349. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to develop and test deep sea technologies for seabed minerals;

(b) if so, the details of the licenses issued by International Seabed Authority (ISBA) to India to explore deep sea minerals; and

(c) whether the Government has conducted any detailed study to assess the damage that exploration and mining could cause to the ecology of deep sea and if so, the details thereof?

Replacement/Modernisation of Railways Bridges

†2350. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail bridges reported to be in dilapidated condition in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action to replace these bridges or modernise them; and

(c) if so, the details of funds provided during the last two years to replace these bridges for saving the lives of the people?

Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services

2351. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecom (DoT) has issued any advisory/circular/correspondence order/direction for execution, implementation or use of Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017 (Rules) to any department, Ministry or public official in any State/UT and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether DoT has held any meeting or discussion to review working of the said Rules and if so, the dates of the meeting, list of attendees, agenda and the minutes thereof;

(c) whether there is any ongoing process by which DoT reviews operation of the Rules and disruption of internet access with particular reference to collecting data on number of directions/orders made under the Rules and if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether DoT has received any complaints, representations and petitions on the Rules and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the DoT in this regard?

Graded Discount System

2352. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has introduced graded discount system for trains that see less than 60% bookings and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether under the scheme, upto 20% discount could be available and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the flexi fare scheme is being scrapped for trains that have shown 50% utilisation; and

Land-related Disputes2354. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a World Bank study states that land-related disputes account for two-thirds of all pending court cases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to deal with the increasing land related disputes within a limited time frame; and

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

Solar Panels on Vacant Land2355. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:
DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plans to sell some of the electricity produced through its solar projects to State DISCOMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of existing solar energy production capacity of railways;

(d) the details of the total unused land in possession of the railways which could be utilized for installation of solar panels; zone-wise;

(e) whether the Government has conducted any study to make railway

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electromagnetic Radiations from Mobile Towers2353. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any empirical scientific study/research on adverse impact of electromagnetic radiations from mobile towers and mobile phones on human health especially minor children and other living beings and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of scientific studies/researches conducted world over on aforementioned subject and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to generate awareness among people about the deleterious effects of electromagnetic radiations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has identified Base-Transceiver Stations (BTS) violating electromagnetic norms and if so, the details thereof including the number of such BTS identified during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to curb harmful radiations from BTS and mobile phones?

sleepers mounted solar panels to generate electricity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of any such plan, if any, prepared by the Railways?

Skill Development in the Coal Sector

2356. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

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

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for skill development in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the details of the areas likely to be covered along with the efforts being made by the Government to create sufficient manpower with requisite skill in the coal sector;

(c) whether Coal India Limited has entered into any MoU to provide skill training;

(d) if so, the number of persons who have been provided skill training so far;

(e) the achievement made from the date of launching of the scheme; and

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

Review of Niti Aayog

†2357. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

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

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal regarding review of NITI Aayog;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has submitted a detailed proposal to the Government regarding more employment generation in economically backward areas particularly in Bundelkhand through (MGNREGA) and rural development schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the employment generated in economically backward areas in the country, State-wise including Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh?

Rover to Moon

2358. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is in the process of launching a Rover to explore moon and to study the potential for mining a source of waste-free nuclear energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost of the project and the time by which the project would be launched; and

(c) the total number of rockets/satellites launched by ISRO during the last three years ?

Sainik Schools

2359. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

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

(a) the details of Sainik Schools functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala along with the details of boy and girl students enrolled;

(b) the criteria or terms and conditions for common students to get enrolled along with the difference between the Sainik Schools and the Army Public School;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to admit girls in all the Sainik Schools across the country;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to open more Sainik Schools at various places in the country including Tamil Nadu; and

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

Rural Telephone Density

†2360. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring rural telephone density at par with urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for overhauling the existing telecom policy for enabling rapid expansion of telecom services in villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps for implementing the said recommendations and if so, the details thereof?

New EMU from Giridih to Koderma

†2361. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run a new EMU from Giridih to Koderma *via* Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the annual amount of revenue earned from the Giridih-Ranchi stretch during the last three years and the current year year-wise?

Working Days in a Calender Year

2362. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total working days of the Supreme Court and different High Courts in India in a calendar year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any initiative for curtailment of existing vacation of the courts in India in the interest of speedy delivery of the justice and to provide relief to the litigants and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any step for speedy trial by introducing radical changes in the court formalities and digitalisation in every phase of court work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Army Postal Service Corps

†2363. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the functions of Army Postal Service Corps;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to make this facility more effective;

(c) whether the Government has set up a separate unit for Army Postal Service; and

(d) the locations where the above postal facility is available in Bihar ?

Defence Startups

2364. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is currently the largest arms importer in the world and it is increasing every year;

(b) if so, whether the Government has launched the Defence India Startup Challenge to strengthen collaboration with defence forces and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also launched a number of initiatives to support startups working in defence sector and increase their engagement with the Indian forces and if so, the objectives thereof;

(d) the extent to which it will help to meet the national defence requirements; and

(e) whether the Union Government has been developing a plethora of new technology solutions in defence by incorporating the latest technologies and if so, the facts thereof?

Construction of Anand Nagar-Maharajganj Rail Line

†2365. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the Construction of Anand Nagar *via* Maharajganj Ghughi railway line under the Eastern Railway;

(b) the stage at which the construction of the said railway line is pending;

(c) whether the Government proposes to accord approval to the construction of the said Anand Nagar *via* Maharajganj railway line on priority basis; and

(d) if so, the time by which approval is likely to be accorded and if not, the reasons therefor?

Redevelopment of Stations under PPP Mode

2366. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to redevelop railway stations across the country in a phased manner under PPP mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of railway stations identified for redevelopment;

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

(d) the timeline finalized for the purpose?

Duplicate Passbook

2367. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision to issue duplicate Term Deposit Passbook to

the account holder by the concerned post office in case of loss of original pass book and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

Passenger and Coaching Services

2368. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Railways is not able to meet its operating cost of passengers and other coaching services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of operating cost of passenger services, zone-wise/State-wise;

(c) whether the profit earned from freight services is used to compensate the loss of passenger and coaching services;

(d) if so, the reasons why the Government was unable to improve this deterioration of finances of passenger and coaching services;

(e) the zone-wise/State-wise details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve passenger earning relative to expenditure, and thus improve operating ratio, year-wise since 2014; and

(f) the zone-wise/State-wise details of the percentage of railway budget spent on

passenger and coaching services, year-wise since 2014?

National Frequency Allocation Plan

2369. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has unveiled the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2018 (NFAP) recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has finalised National Digital Communication Policy 2018 (NDCP-2018) and if so, the details thereof including its objectives and the key features;

(c) whether the Government aims to provide universal broadband connectivity at 50 Mbps to every citizen by 2020 and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to establish a comprehensive data protection for digital communications that safeguards the privacy, autonomy and choice of individuals ?

Results-Framework Document

2370. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has published any Results-Framework Document for the past five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government has framed any alternative evaluation framework for assessment, which clearly identifies objectives, success indicators and target/actual values on those indicators?

Cleanliness at Stations

2371. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had called a meeting of its all zonal General Managers to chalk out an action plan on maintaining cleanliness at stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Railways have also been directed to constitute a Special Task Force to ensure removal of encroachments from its properties and construct biodiversity parks, plant trees and beautify the areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Acquiring Mines Abroad

2372. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited(CIL) proposes to acquire coal mines abroad on its own or through the

International Coal Venture (Private) Limited in order to meet the growing domestic demand of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the coal blocks acquired by CIL in foreign countries;

(c) whether CIL has assessed the potential benefits for the country's energy security as a result thereon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reserved Seats for Women in AC Coaches

2373. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to reserve accommodation in AC coaches of trains for female passengers ;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that several Members of Parliament has given request to provide daily trains for the Shekhawati region (Jhunjhunu-Sikar-Churu); and

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

Aadhaar Enrolment and Updation Centre

2374. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) will soon offer Aadhaar enrolment and updation facilities through its 3,000 customer service centres across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such services will be provided to the customers free of cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special Purpose Vehicles

2375. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether special Purpose Vehicles have been set up to upgrade 21 Railway stations in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the progress of the projects till date and the proposed timeline for upgrading the stations?

Mobile Internet Penetration

2376. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Mobile internet penetration in rural areas of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the availability of affordable smart phones and feature phones and better internet connectivity at

affordable rates by telecom providers have played a significant role in the adoption of mobile internet;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether mobile internet is predominantly used by youngsters of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the number of urban users and rural users under the age of 25, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether urban areas have around twice the proportion of internet users over the age of 45, while the age group of 25 to 44 has almost equal distribution of internet users in urban and rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of MPLAD Scheme

2377. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAM
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the utility and benefits accrued due to the implementation of the Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated, spent and unspent under the MPLAD scheme during the last four years and the current year;

(d) the reasons for the unspent funds during the said period;

(e) whether any concrete and innovative efforts have been taken to ensure that the funds allocated under MPLAD scheme are utilized fully; and

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

Private Sector in Weapon Production

2378. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to empower select private sector companies for production of weapons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether sufficient checks and balances have been incorporated to ensure total transparency in the process;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Chinese Ship in Indian Ocean

2379. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of any reports of Chinese naval ships carrying out exercises in the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any contact has been established with these ships or contact established whenever there is a movement of naval ships from China in the Indian Ocean; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the surveillance maintained by India over the sea lanes in the Indian Ocean ?

Extradition Agreement

2380. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Government is signing an Extradition agreement with Morocco and if so, the details thereof along with the list of countries with whom Government has signed Extradition Agreement in the last five years and the list of countries with whom Government is in talks in this regard?

New Lines/Gauge Conversion

2381. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any request for Gauge Conversion, new railway lines and doubling of railway lines for development of ports and industries in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be sanctioned?

Misuse of Social Media

2382. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to address the challenge of misinformation and pernicious rumours spreading *via* social media platforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to spread awareness among the users of social media platforms?

Digital India for Rural India

2383. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Digital India Initiative undertaken by the Government in rural and hilly areas in the country;

(b) the number of internet subscribers in the country separately in rural and hilly areas, State/UT-wise;

(c) the estimated funds required and allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of challenges faced for effective implementation of Digital India initiative and the measures taken by the Government so far?

Use of Animals in Army

2384. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether different types of animals are used for various purposes and operations in the Indian army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which these animals are treated once they are unfit for serving and the kind of arrangement made for feed and veterinary care of these animals; and

(d) whether it is proposed or proposes to use elephants in the army and if so, the details thereof ?

Introduction of New EMU from Dhanbad

†2385. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new EMU from Dhanbad to Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Internet Penetration in Rural Areas

2386. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether internet and broadband penetration, especially in rural areas is not so satisfactory and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is reluctance of investment in this regard in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise including the position in Odisha; and

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

Renewal of Catering Units

2387. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court of India has allowed to grant renewal of all catering units to the firm/company/co-operative society/ individuals irrespective of their catering licence against the provision given in Catering Policy, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to implement the said order?

Complaints against NRI Husbands

2388. SHRI DIBYENDU

ADHIKARI:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether wives of NRI husbands have reported around 2500 cases of harassment in the last five years period and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Gujarat, Punjab and Kerala reported almost 80 per cent of complaints and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes for pre-nuptial law agreements under International law; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check desertion of wives by NRI husbands and early lawful proceedings in this regard?

Employment to Differently Abled Persons

†2389. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to provide reservation in employment to persons cured from Leprosy, dwarfs and acid attack victims for the first time but whether this reservation is to be provided from reservation for disabled persons;

(b) if so, the quota fixed by the Government presently for disabled persons and whether the Government is considering to increase it; and

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

Electrification of Rail Routes

2390. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a proposal for 100% electrification of the rail routes by 2021-22;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the total electrification is expected to reduce the transporters' dependence on diesel, leading to reduction in oil imports and cutdown of carbon emission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Railway Network

2391. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned for the expansion of Railways network in hilly States especially in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to connect Paonta Sahib, the renowned religious place in Himachal Pradesh by rail; and

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

Formation of Plans

†2392. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate new rules regarding suggestions sought from Members of Parliament during formation of any plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Ministries are likely to be informed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Software to Track Railway Operations

2393. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently developed a new software to track railway operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the software would help in improving the quality of food served to the passengers in trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the software would be applicable only to important long distance trains or would be extended to local trains also and if so, the details thereof?

Artificial Rain

†2394. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

SHRI JANARDAN

MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce facility to use artificial rains making technique in places hit by drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified for the purpose;

(c) the areas where this technique has been used so far; and

(d) the outcome of the said technique?

New Train on Chhapra-Thawe Route

2395. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a new train on the Chhapra-Thawe Route in the Varanasi Railway zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the train will be started;

(c) whether there are sufficient trains running on this route and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding the number of passenger trains running on this route in a day with capacity of train and the estimated passengers boarding the train?

Rural-Urban Mobile Ownership Gap

2396. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's rural-urban mobile ownership gap is worse than Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether over 40,000 inhabited villages in the country do not have mobile phone services;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any scheme for addressing the said situation and if so, the details thereof?

Medical Services in Remote Areas

2397. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to provide emergency medical treatment services in remote areas through space satellite systems;

(b) if so, the details of pilot projects under observation, if any, and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the reaction and bilateral fruitfulness of AIIMS and ISRO in providing emergency medical services?

Joint Military Exercises

2398. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has indulged in Joint Military Exercises with Foreign countries during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, country and year-wise?

ISO-9001 Certificate

2399. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether to enable its bureaucracy to meet the best global performance standards, Government has now set a deadline for all Ministries and Departments to engage a certification agency to apply for ISO-9001 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether presently ISO-9001 is used in over 175 countries and is considered an international standard of good and transparent governance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether so far only the Ministry of Steel has secured the coveted ISO-9001 certification and other Ministries/ Departments are in the pipeline and if so, the details thereof?

Thorium Exploration

†2400. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any State-wise survey of sandy areas rich in Thorium and identified them;

(b) if so, the details of the said areas; and

(c) whether deposit of Thorium are in abundance, its quantity is worth exploitation and production in such areas and if so, the details thereof?

NESIDS

2401. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of funds allocated to the North Eastern States and spent therefrom under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), State-wise during the last two years?

Advertisement Policy

2402. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revamp the advertisement policy for the railway platforms; and

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

Increase in Cyber Crime

2403. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of identified cyber crimes in the year 2018-19, in comparison to the year 2017-18, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has adopted any innovative technological steps to reduce incidences of cyber crime in the country;

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

(d) the details of total number of cyber-security experts working for the Government along with total number of vacancies available for such experts;

(e) whether the Government has any plans to formally train experts to deal with cyber-threats in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government has made any effort to educate citizens regarding cyber crime and if so, the details of such efforts?

Military Service Pay

2404. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has rejected the long standing demand of armed forces for higher Military Service Pay;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of officers proposed to be affected by the decision;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Special Operations Division; and

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

Shimoga-Ranebennuru Rail Line

2405. SHRI B.Y.

RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Shimoga-Shikaripura-Ranebennuru railway line which was announced in Railway Budget 2012-2013;

(b) whether the Ministry has received the final survey report for this line;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the plan of action to construct this line by the Railways?

Abu Road to Ambaji Rail Link

†2406. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail link from Abu Road to Ambaji has been sanctioned in the Rail Budget for 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total length of the said rail line along with total cost of the said project;

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for survey and starting of construction work of the said rail line; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Redevelopment of Stations

2407. SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) has taken up a number of railway stations in the country for redevelopment ;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of railway stations which have been redeveloped so far and chosen to be redeveloped in the coming years; and

(c) the details of developmental works carried/being carried out by the IRSDC in the chosen railway stations?

Smart Railway Station

2408. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the station redevelopment project is estimated to cost over Rs. 1 lakh crore for 600 stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these redevelopment efforts will lead to creation of state of the art smart stations that will function as mini smart cities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government's approval was obtained for station redevelopment on 24.6.2015 to redevelop A1 and A category stations, but it failed to take off; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Lok Adalats

2409. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disposal of cases in Lok Adalats has considerably come down year after year from 2015-16 to 2017-18 (till December);

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

(c) the total cases disposed of by the said Adalats till June 30, 2018;

(d) whether the Government has provided funds to State Legal Services Authorities to enhance legal aid to the marginalized sections; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of cases through Lok Adalats?

Floor Prices for Voice and Data Services

2410. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some of the telecom companies including BSNL, have asked TRAI to consider setting floor prices for voice and data services and if so, the details thereof

and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has conducted a study to examine the repercussions of setting up floor prices for voice and data and its impact on the progress of Digital India; and

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

Creation of New Railway Zone

2411. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Zones in the country and the respective gross income generated by them in 2016-18;

(b) whether there is any requirement of a minimum amount of traffic and income to be generated by a proposed zone, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any weightage is given to the backwardness of a particular area for creating a new Railway zone; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for Non-Performing Civil Servants

2412. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any policy for removal of non-performing civil servants;

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

(c) the total number of non-performing civil servants who have been removed during the last three years?

Holding of Simultaneous Election

†2413. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to hold simultaneous election in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard including legal framework, logistics infrastructure and finances required so far and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government is considering e-voting linked to Aadhaar in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of New Trains

†2414. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of routes on which new trains have been introduced in the country during the last four years;

(b) the names of such routes along with the details of stations where stoppage has been provided on these routes;

(c) the names of such stations along with the dates of commencement of the said trains, train-wise; and

(d) the present status of all these trains along with the details thereof?

Poor Optical Fibre based Broadband Services

†2415. SHRI NAGENDRA PRATAP
SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints related to optical fibre broadband service received every day in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the number of days in which the said complaints are redressed;

(b) the optical fibre broadband speed given to the Members of Parliament and the number of complaints received with regard to poor speed of the said connections;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the problems being faced continuously by the Members of Parliament regarding poor services/operation of optical fibre broadband connection and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to make optical fibre facility accessible for common people and the cost which the Government proposes to reduce so as to make this facility accessible to all?

Backward Districts in UP

2416. SHRI KANWAR SINGH
TANWAR:

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

(a) the names of districts of Uttar Pradesh declared as backward/aspirational districts;

(b) whether the Government proposes to include more districts in the said list and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the backwardness of these districts and the extent to which the success has been achieved?

Allocation of 4G Spectrum to BSNL and MTNL

2417. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) that have 4G spectrum;

(b) whether the Government has allocated 4G spectrum to BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the BSNL and MTNL have long been requesting for allocation of the said spectrum and if so, the reasons for not acceding to the said request of these companies; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to allocate the said spectrum to these companies?

Cases Pending with CBI

2418. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons found guilty and punished in corruption cases by the courts after prosecution by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) during the last three years;

(b) the number of CBI cases in which the accused were acquitted and released by the courts during the above period;

(c) whether the Government reviews the functioning of the Investigating Officers of the cases in which the accused have been acquitted and released by the court; and

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

Low Percentage of Funding for R&D

2419. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been very low funding allocation (0.7% of GDP) to Science and Research and Development (R&D) in India for the past two decades;

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

(c) the measures taken by the Government to improve such *status quo*

in the areas of scientific innovation and development?

Laws and Rules Governing Communication

2420. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the acts and rules which govern various wired and wireless communications in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring amendment to the said acts and rules in view of majority of them reportedly being archaic in nature and communication being a constant evolving field and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has set up any Committee to study the relevance of such old laws and rules and if so, the details thereof?

Bio-technology Board

†2421. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up bio-technology boards in all the districts in Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) the total funds allocated/spent for the said purpose?

Golden Quadrilateral Freight Corridor

2422. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the projects under the Golden Quadrilateral Freight Corridor;

(b) the details of the amount sanctioned for these projects; and

(c) the details of the amount released out of the total sanctioned budget till November 2018?

Delay in Passport Issuance

†2423. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS
विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of issuing passports in Ranchi city of Jharkhand is being delayed without any reason and the passports are not being issued on time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of applications received for issuance of passports and the number of passports issued within the prescribed time limit during the last year;

(d) the number of applications lying pending for more than three months at present; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any action against any officer in this regard and if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

Diesel Locomotives Converted into Electric Locos

2424. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy formulated by the Government to replace diesel engines by electric engines on electrified railway routes in the country;

(b) the details of expenditure in regard to operation of trains hauled by diesel engine and electric engines;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to replace diesel engine operated trains by electric engine operated trains on all electrified rail routes to reduce expenditure and travel time of the trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign Law Firms

2425. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to allow foreign legal firms to practice in India in a phased manner beginning with their entry in non-litigious and international arbitration matters and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Bar Council of India, (BCI) the governing body regulating legal practice in India has accorded its permission

to allow foreign law firms to practice in India and if so, the reasoning of BCI for such initiative;

(c) whether the Government has taken into consideration the adverse impact of such a move on indigenous law firms and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government would stipulate a pre-condition that for setting up legal practice in India the foreign legal firms should employ at least 3/4th of Indians to do the legal and paralegal work; and

(e) if so, the status of the proposal at present?

Naval Offshore Petrol Vessels

2426. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether punitive action has been taken against Reliance Naval and Engineering for the delay in delivery of Naval Offshore Petrol Vessels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has cancelled the contract with the firm; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in Maharashtra High Court

†2427. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action to fill the vacancies in the High Court of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to fill the vacancies in a timely manner in the High Courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

4G based Mobile Phones

†2428. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp increase in the number of consumers using 4G based mobile phones since the launch of 4G services;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of 4G based mobile phones during each of the last two years, State/UT wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that telecom operators are unable to maintain the internet speed commensurate with increase in the number of 4G consumers; and

(d) whether the Government has directed the telecom operators to enhance their infrastructure in proportion to the number of consumers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Indian Investment in Projects Abroad

†2429. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries where India is providing assistance and investing in projects at present;

(b) the number of projects along with the details of the amount likely to be invested in these projects during the next five years and the names of countries where these projects are ongoing; and

(c) whether China is ahead of India in providing assistance and if so, the details of the countries where China has provided assistance?

Coal Production

†2430. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise grade, quantum and cost of coal production in various active coal mines in the country during the last five years along with the international price thereof;

(b) whether the consumer price of coal has increased during the last few years and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the total earnings of Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies during the said period;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to produce high quality and higher quantum of coal to meet the requirement of coal in the country;

(e) the details of the quantum and quality of coal supplied to thermal power plants run by the National Thermal Power Corporation and private thermal power

plants in Karnataka in accordance with Fuel Supply Agreement during the said period; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to supply adequate quantity of good quality coal to the said plants in compliance with the Fuel Supply Agreement?

Coal to Power Sector

2431. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India has despatched 84% coal to power sector in October, 2018;

(b) whether it is also true that CIL is despatching 1.34 million tonnes of coal per day to power plants in October, 2018; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

India Post Payments Bank

2432. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will leverage the strength of 3 lakh postmen, and grameen dak sewaks to offer doorstep banking services and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a limit of Rs. 1 lakh deposit in a payments bank account and the linkage will transfer any excess amount into the postal savings account of the same subscriber and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Dak sewaks 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?

Asteroid Mining

2433. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of asteroid mining in outer space;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the research and development undertaken as well as legal challenges arising out of the same; and

(c) whether the Government has identified and listed near earth asteroids of various sizes and if so, the details thereof?

Renovation of ROB at Darbhanga

†2434. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the road under the purview of Railways for construction/repair situated on both sides of railway crossing in Darbhanga district since 2001 to till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received by railway officers about the irregularities committed in construction/repair of roads; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken on the complaints?

World Class Railway Stations

†2435. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major steps taken to improve the standard of the railway stations in metropolitan cities of the country to make them world class railway stations;

(b) the State/Union territory-wise details of the railway stations selected for developing as smart railway stations; and

(c) the details of the budget expenditure incurred/allocated for the said purpose?

Data Privacy

2436. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data privacy is facing serious security challenges in the digital era;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address this issue?

Gross Domestic Product

2437. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India during the last five years; and

(b) the method by which the GDP rate is determined?

Use of Social Media by Students

2438. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNICEF India has come out with a child online protection in India report, which offers a glimpse into the risks and threats children face when they use the internet and social media and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the UNICEF report states that despite there being about 400 million internet users in the country, a majority of which are the youth, there are no reliable figures on the extent, patterns and trends of child online abuse and exploitation because no comprehensive survey has been carried out, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that around 43 percent of children active on social media claimed to have witnessed cruel behaviour on social networks, while 52 per cent indicated that they had themselves bullied people over social media and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

G-20 Conference

†2439. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether G-20 Conference had recently been held in Argentina;

(b) if so, the details of the delegates who attended the conference as representatives of India;

(c) whether Indian delegation also presented their view point in the conference; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of other countries thereto?

Benefits of Reservations

†2440. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a handful of city based dalits and scheduled tribes continue to enjoy the benefits of reservation in employment and other facilities even to the extent of filling 90 per cent of reserved category seats due to which economically and socially extreme backward dalits and scheduled tribes are deprived of reservation;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto including the details of dalits and scheduled tribes yet to get the benefits of reservation; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard and their outcome thereof?

Schemes for Minority People

2441. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of schemes launched for minority people in all over the country;

(b) the details of number of programmes launched in medical and education field during the last two years, State-wise; and

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

Railway Projects in Kerala

2442. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ongoing/ pending railway projects in Kerala and the amount sanctioned and incurred for implementation of these projects during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for speedy implementation of new railway projects in Kerala, especially related to improvements at the Ernakulam junction, Trivandrum junction and Thalasserry and Kozhikode stations;

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

(d) whether the Government is pursuing the Thalasserry-Mysuru Railway projects; and

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

Cost Overrun of Projects

†2443. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 216 rail projects are facing cost overruns as per the flash report presented by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in July, 2018;

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

(c) the original cost of the said rail projects along with the extent of rise in cost thereof and the period of delay in completion of the said projects;

(d) whether the Union Government has constituted a special task force for expediting the construction of the said rail projects;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the suggestions given by the said task force; and

(f) the measures undertaken by the Union Government for speedy completion of the said projects?

Gareeb Rath Express

†2444. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for giving a halt to 12113/12114 Nagpur-Pune Gareeb Rath express at Amravati district has been submitted to the Government by Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be given consideration?

ROB at Sitapur in UP

†2445. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to construct an overbridge over the Mahmoodabad-Kursi-Lucknow route and Biswan-Sidhauri route in view of the traffic jams on road caused due to heavy rail traffic in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which work of construction of overbridge is likely to be started on both of the said routes along with the details thereof?

Study on Functioning of FTC's

2446. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to check the proper functioning of Fast Track Courts (FTCs), the disposal rate in the fast track courts and the number of pending cases since 2016; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Marhowra and Madhepura Rail Projects

†2447. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has made both its Marhowra and Madhepura rail projects fully operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cost of both these projects;

(c) the rail line stretches where electrification work is being executed in Bihar along with the time by which the said work is likely to be completed;

(d) the time by which extension work of Danapur yard is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the people residing in Jamaluddin Chok village are facing inconvenience in water drainage due to expansion of Danapur yard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the measures being taken to address the above mentioned problem of people residing in Jamaluddin Chok village?

VIP Quota Reservation

2448. ADV. SHARADKUMAR
MARUTI BANSODE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to provide VIP quota for reservation in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether repeated requests for VIP quota reservation are not entertained at all; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Space Missions

2449. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has unveiled its roadmap to target 50 missions in the next three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has set a target of 22 missions for the year 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has enhanced its budget to meet its aggressive space activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to generate funds for these future missions?

Defence Personnel Killed on Duty

†2450. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of defence personnel have been killed or injured on duty and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the kind of compensation given to the families of defence personnel who were killed;

(c) whether several such cases of compensation are lying pending with the Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon?

Complaints against Senior Officers

†2451. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials found guilty by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) during investigation of complaints against the work of senior level officers during the last three years;

(b) the number of complaints received against the senior level officials along with the number of complaints addressed during the last three years;

(c) the number of such complaints which have not been addressed during the above period till date and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Development of Sabarmati Railway Station

2452. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would develop Sabarmati Railway Station as an additional terminal station of Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the details of plans to make it feasible;

(c) if not, what other station/plan is there to offload and decongest the Ahmedabad Railway Station in Kalapur area; and

(d) the efforts being made to develop integrated railway network and linked infrastructure in Ahmedabad as proposed by Railways for Metro cities including this mega city ?

Protection of Nuclear Materials and Facilities

2453. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by the Government for physical protection of nuclear materials and facilities;

(b) whether the cases of violation of the said guidelines have come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far;

(d) whether the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has suggested improvements to Indian Atomic Energy Regulatory Board towards strengthening the atomic regulatory framework in the country;

(e) if so, the details of such improvements along with the compliance of such suggestions by the Government so far; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Encouraging Young Scientists for Research Work

†2454. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the young scientists carrying out research for development of new technologies;

(b) whether the Government proposes to conduct some competitive exams to identify such talents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bilateral Talks with China and Russia

†2455. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leaders of India, Russia and China met for mutual talks during the G-20 summit and discussed some important issues there;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the issues discussed in the said meeting;

(d) whether any scheme/plan was prepared/formulated for implementation of any of these issues after discussions; and

(e) if so, the details of the plan/scheme?

Issuance of Aadhaar Card

†2456. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALLYAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons issued Aadhaar cards so far since the introduction of Aadhaar card scheme; and

(b) whether any such case has been reported where a person has been issued two Aadhaar card numbers and if so, the details thereof?

Research undertaken by Young Scientists

†2457. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking adequate measures to promote young scientists to undertake research work;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Young Scientist Research Programme and the details of amount allocated during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the eligibility regarding age for getting benefits under the programme along with the details of the achievements made under the programme so far;

(d) whether any special scheme or scholarship is being provided by the Government under the programme; and

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

Judicial Impact Assessment

2458. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government on the Judicial Impact Assessment report prepared by Justice Jagannadha Rao;

(b) whether no action has been taken on the said report; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of Notary

†2459. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Notary public appointed by the Government in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) whether there are many cases lying pending with the Government in respect of appointment of Notary public for more than three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded by the Government in respect of cases lying pending for appointment of Notary public?

Call Drop and Poor Mobile Network

†2460. SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an issue of regular call drop due to poor mobile network in the country and if so, the details thereof including the incidents of call drops reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Digital India Programme is not proving successful due to poor mobile network and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government is aware of the pitiable condition of BSNL and is taking any step for its improvement and if so, the details in this regard?

Lack of Education and Earnings in Youth

†2461. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 27.5 per cent male and female youths of various categories neither avail education nor make any earnings in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said percentage in the country is more than the percentage of other countries of the world;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set any targets at national level to improve the lives of the people falling under these categories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Ballot System for Election

†2462. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct elections on the basis of old system of ballot paper;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the credibility of election commission has become questionable due to frequent failures of EVMs;

(d) if so, whether elections are being conducted on the basis of ballot paper and not by EVMs in many countries now; and

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

Denial of Consular Access

2463. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that an Indian Consular team in Islamabad, Pakistan was prevented from meeting pilgrims visiting Nankana Sahib recently;

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

(c) whether the Government of India has lodged any strong protest with Pakistan Government on the issue; and

(d) if so, the response of the Pakistani authorities in this regard?

Items of Work under MPLAD

†2464. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to include items of work under MPLAD scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of said items of work.

(c) whether the Government has also decided to increase the amount of funds under the MPLAD scheme keeping in view the increased items of work and time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any decision has been taken/ is likely to be taken to issue the said guidelines for implementation and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Jiribam-Imphal Rail Line

2465. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal Railway Line has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not starting the train services on this line; and

(d) whether stations at Tupul and Imphal are ready and if so, the details thereof?

Empowerment by Digital India

2466. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the role played by Governments' Digital India Initiative in empowerment of people and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to measure the extent of adoption of digital technologies by the rural masses; and

(c) if so, the increase in digital penetration and usage of e-Government tools in the last three years, State-wise?

Grievance Redressal by Social Networking Sites

†2467. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the social networking sites operational in the country to appoint Grievance Redressal Officer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Railways in Kerala

2468. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Railways in Kerala;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide LHB coaches to trains running through Kerala on priority basis and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to sanction an exclusive railway zone for Kerala and if so, the details of the action taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is inordinate delay in running of trains in Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad Division;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to rectify the same; and

(g) whether the Government proposes to introduce more MEMU trains so as to provide conveyance to short distance passengers and if so, the details of the action taken thereon?

Regiments of Akash Missile

2469. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) recently gave approval for the procurement of two additional regiments of Akash Missile;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details and the benefits of the upgraded Akash Missile system;

(d) whether the DAC is working on progressing design and development of other defence equipment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Major Projects in North East

2470. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure related major projects started by the Government in various States of the North-Eastern Region during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds allocated/spent and the present status of these projects, State/project-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor implementation of these projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the projects initiated in association with the Japanese Government following Act East Forum started in 2017?

Decline in Passenger Traffic

2471. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passenger traffic handled by the Railways declined though the capital grew between 2013-17;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the route-wise details of decline in traffic;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding pricing policy of its competitors like road and air travel and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to enhance the competitiveness of railways *vis-a-vis* road and air travel, year and zone-wise since 2014; and

(e) the details of the percentage of railway budget spent on improving the competitiveness of Railways during each of the last four years since 2014?

Haj Pilgrimage

†2472. SHRIMATI TABASSUM
BEGUM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make arrangements for separate rooms instead of sharing room for husband and wife in Madina Munawara and Makkah Muazzama located in Saudi Arabia for Haj Pilgrimage and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government also proposes to send the air tickets and other

Haj documents at the residential address of Hajis through courier in place of calling Haj committee two days before and if so, the details thereof?

Funds released to Arunachal Pradesh

2473. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to the State of Arunachal Pradesh under different heads;

(b) whether the North Eastern Council has complained about the lack of funds and if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the schemes and programmes undertaken by the Ministry in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Government has made any impact analysis of the schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Passport Seva Project

2474. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Passport Seva Project and the launch of the kendras in all the constituencies;

(b) whether the Government can provide an update on the tender process with regard to the passport seva programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Services

†2475. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mobile connections in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and telcom operator-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the mobile services in rural, hilly and backward areas;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to make mobile phones available at cheaper rates in rural areas by bringing down their price and tariffs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to install a tower in Valmiki Nagar parliamentary constituency and if so, the details thereof including the time by which the said tower is likely to be installed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending Bills of MTNL

2476. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total bills of various departments of Government and Public Sector undertakings outstanding with MTNL during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to recover the said outstanding amount; and

(c) the details of MTNL's property which are under occupation of various other Government departments?

Lalitpur-Singrauli Rail Line

†2477. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval regarding Lalitpur-Singrauli rail line project to fulfill the demand of increasing population of the area;

(b) if so, the details of proposed expenditure, the length of rail line and the names of stations and halts;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work on the said rail project is not completed and construction works are going on with slow pace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which remaining works are likely to be completed?

Slums Developed on Vacant Land

†2478. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of slums have come up on the vacant land along the railway lines in metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof specially in regard to Mumbai City of Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to provide houses to the people living in slums situated along the railway lines in various metropolitan cities of the country specially Mumbai; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Information Warfare Techniques

2479. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is still banking on imported information warfare techniques;

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

(c) whether the GPRS technology belonging to the US did not perform as expected during the Kargil War; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government is taking to strengthen information warfare techniques?

NLCPR Fund

2480. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) funds are allocated to the North Eastern States for all round development of the region and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of projects which have been retained for funding from NLCPR funds in the current financial year; and

(c) the number of projects which have been selected for funding from NLCPR funds in the current financial year and the details of funds that have been released so far, project-wise?

Safety of Women in Trains

†2481. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes changes in the Railway Act regarding women safety; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Employment to Families affected by Land Acquisition

†2482. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for providing employment in the railway

services to members of families affected by land acquisition for rail projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons whose land was acquired for construction of Bhind station under the Gwalior-Etawah broad gauge rail line project during the period from 1995 to 1998;

(d) the number out of the above persons provided employment in the Railways;

(e) the number of persons affected by land acquisition who did not get employment in the Railways along with the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government for the benefit of persons rendered completely landless and unemployed due to land acquisition?

Energy Consumption

2483. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Railways to minimise use of fuel and bring energy efficiency with a view to cut down cost of operations;

(b) whether such steps have yielded results in terms of energy/monetary savings and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of energy consumption during the last one year, division-wise; and

(d) whether the Railways have charted out a plan to expand use of solar energy in its system, if so, the details thereof and the time by when it would be feasible to be used in train operations also?

National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board

2484. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives for launching the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) and the achievement made since its inception;

(b) the details of the agencies working under the NSTEDB;

(c) the details of the people registered and successfully trained by the NSTEDB since its inception; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for efficient functioning of NSTEDB?

Medical Assistance at Stations

2485. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism to provide medical assistance to the passengers, in the event of any mishap/emergency at the Railway Stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has appointed medical professionals for the purpose, if so, the number of such medical professionals appointed and deputed at

various Railway Stations across the country, zone-wise;

(c) the number of Emergency Medical Rooms (EMRs) opened at the Railway Stations along with the number of accident victims who availed benefits of the EMRs since inception, zone-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to extend EMR facility at all Railway Stations across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Ordinance for Temple Entry

2486. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation demanding an ordinance to overcome the recent Supreme Court judgement on entry of women in Sabarimala Temple and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to promulgate an ordinance to overcome Supreme Court judgement on Sabarimala and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government will take any measures/give directions to the State of Kerala regarding the implementation of SC judgement in this regard and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Formation of BRICS

2487. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for forming the BRICS association; and

(b) the benefits accrued to the country by being a member in this group?

Nuclear Deal

†2488. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries with which India has signed nuclear deal during the last two years; and

(b) the current status of these deals signed with other countries of the world?

Toilet Facility in EMU Train

†2489. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether toilet facilities are not available in EMU train from Chakradharpur to Gomo in Chakradharpur rail division under South East Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons for the lack of the said amenities in the train; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to provide toilet facilities in the said train?

Security Restrictions Guidelines

2490. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

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

(a) whether the Government has amended the Security Restrictions Guidelines of 1990;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the amended restrictions encourage the sectoral defence authorities to engage in smaller development works and enhance the relations with local populace; and

(d) if so, the details of works that fall within the revised regulations?

Number of Courts in the Country

†2491. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is committed to double the number of courts in the country;

(b) if so, the number of new courts set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to fill up the vacant posts of new judicial officials/judges in the newly set up courts; and

(d) the number of such courts proposed to be set up in Maharashtra?

Bharat Net Project in Rajasthan

2492. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the village Panchayats and Panchayat Samities that are not connected with optical fibre especially in hilly and desert districts of Western Rajasthan like Barmer, Jaisalmer, Nagore, Pali, etc.; and

(b) the time by which the said districts are likely to be completed under the Bharat Net Project?

Quadrupling of Cantonment-Whitefield Railway Line

2493. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has sanctioned any amount for quadrupling of the Bengaluru cantonment-Whitefield railway line which is pending for over 20 years;

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

(c) whether the required land has been acquired by the railways and what is the estimated time to complete the project to facilitate the convenience of people of Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways is considering additional trains on the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield route due to the traffic snarls faced by the commuters due to metro work; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Establishment of Railway Universities

†2494. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":
SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of establishing new universities by the Railways in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish Railway Universities in backward, inaccessible and border areas of the country including Uttarakhand and Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assistance is being taken from any educational institute, private institutes and foreign agencies to make railway services better, safer and comfortable;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Railways has started any research in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

New Projects

2495. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of new projects like new railway line and expansion of railway track have been pending due to inadequate fund and land acquisition across the country including the state of Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of new railway lines struck due to land acquisition and adequate funds, State-wise till now; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to clear those projects within the stipulated time period?

Performance of BSNL and MTNL

†2496. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) the financial performance including the profit earned by them during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the market percentage share of BSNL and MTNL in terms of number of landline and mobile phone connections during the same period alongwith the reasons for decline reported, if any, in its customer base on account of poor services;

(d) whether services and connectivity of the said public sector Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have deteriorated in comparison to private TSPs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the BSNL network connectivity is reportedly very poor in Bihar and various other states of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(f) the efforts made by the Government to improve the quality of services of BSNL and MTNL to enable them to compete with the private TSPs?

Telephone Exchanges

†2497. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing telephone exchanges in the country as on date State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges existing in rural areas of various States during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise;

(c) the State-wise and the location-wise details of the telephone exchanges which are not functioning as on date;

(d) the State-wise details of the telephone exchanges which have been modernised and upgraded as on date; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure smooth functioning of telephone exchanges and upgradation of the existing exchanges with the latest technique?

Make in India Policy

2498. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas in Railways in which 'Make in India' has been introduced;

(b) the number of projects being undertaken under 'Make in India' initiative and the investment made thereon so far; and

(c) the extent to which the manufacturing cost is likely to be reduced after the implementation of the said initiative?

UMANGApp

†2499. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched the UMANG app;

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

(c) the services proposed to be provided to the general public through this app;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce the app across the country; and

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

Promotion of Group A and Group B Posts

2500. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotion in different category officials of Group A and B is uniform and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the percentage of Group A and Group B retired technical officer with only one promotion is almost same or not and if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the percentage of Group A and Group B retired administrative officer with only one promotion is almost same or not and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether for technical officer the *ad-hoc* promotion phenomenon is adopted for Group B officers rather than Group A official and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the average period of *ad-hoc* for regularization of Group A and B officials?

IT Upgradation of Defence Wings

†2501. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade or make high-tech the information technology of all the three wings of Indian Defence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any mechanism or setup a committee for the development of the said technology and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said upgradation of technology is to be done completely indigenously or with the help of some foreign countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the upgraded information technology is likely to be provided to the soldiers?

Satellite Phones

2502. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the BSNL satellite phone service;

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

(c) whether the targeted objectives of the said services have been achieved till date and if so the details thereof;

(d) the organizations which have provided this facility; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the BSNL to launch similar satellite phones in future?

Developing Bamboo Based Products

2503. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has implemented the programmes to develop

value added bamboo based products, technology and processing to improve innovation, design capability and facilitate industry laboratory linkages and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has been able to achieve its objectives and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated/ spent during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the number of entrepreneurs trained during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to popularize the use of bamboo products by common man of the country?

Quality Norms for Telecom Operators

†2504. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down any norms for quality of network of mobile service providers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any information relating to the total number of subscribers of each of the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and if so, the details thereof TSP-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any data relating to such subscribers who are availing the services of two or more than two TSPs; and

(e) if so, the number of such subscribers who are using the services of another TSP in addition to BSNL State/ UT-wise?

Production of Radio Isotope

†2505. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cyclotron is used for production of radio isotope used for diagnostic and medical use in cancer and if so, the types of cancer in these radio isotopes are used;

(b) whether cyclotron-30, the largest cyclotron for medical use in the country became operational this year; and

(c) if so, the cost of its research and manufacturing?

Civil and Criminal Cases

†2506. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

बिधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the present number of criminal and civil cases in the country;

(b) the number of criminal and civil cases pending especially in Supreme Court and High Courts;

(c) the number of cases heard in Supreme Court and High Courts during the last three years along with the number of cases decided;

(d) whether the Government has any scheme to speed up the judicial process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Backlog of Track Renewal

2507. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways require additional tracks to clear track renewal backlog;

(b) if so, the details of annual requirement of the railways;

(c) the number of railway tracks required by the Railways for 2018-19 and the extent to which the SAIL is likely to be capable to provide railway tracks;

(d) whether the railways has placed an order on Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. to supply one lakh tonne railway track as a part of global tender;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. is likely to fulfil this demand of the railways; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of railways to clear the backlog of track renewal and doubling of track?

Replacement of Planning Commission

2508. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the merger of planned and non-planned budget and dismantling of the Planning Commission has proved non-effective, if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon;

(b) whether according to the Indian Exclusion Report 2017-18 released by the Centre for Equity Studies (CES), the Government's move to replace the Planning Commission with NITI Aayog has not been effective and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog's agenda so far has been to advocate privatisation in provisioning public goods and services;

(d) if so, whether the Government has studied the aforesaid report; and

(e) if so, the findings thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

**Cases Pending
in Various Courts**

2509. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
ADV. SHARADKUMAR
MARUTI BANSODE:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special plan to reduce the number of cases/dispose of cases lying pending for long in various courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, court-wise along with the status of National Judicial Commission as well as Law Reforms Mission at present;

(c) the State-wise/year-wise number of cases lying pending in the Supreme Court, various High Courts and other Courts during the last two years and the current year till date; and

(d) the details of guidelines issued/steps taken for speedy disposal of such pending cases and time limit fixed for

appointment of additional Judges as per requirement under the above stated special plan?

**Profitability of
Coal Mines**

2510. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the performance and profitability of coal mines in the country and if so, the names of the coal mines which are running in profit/losses;

(b) the details of the coal mines which are likely to be closed down after completion of the extraction work and the total decline registered in coal production due to abandoning/closing down of these coal mines along with the estimated loss to be incurred thereby in future;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make good/compensate the losses/shortages in the coal production;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the exploration and operation of small/closed/abandoned coal mines and new mining regions and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase domestic coal production and reduce the import of coal?

Freight Earnings

2511. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the freight earnings of the railways for 2016-17 decreased by 4.46% when compared to 2015-16;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details of the freight earnings thereof and the reasons therefor;

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

(d) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the reasons for the freight earning loss and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the Zone-wise and State-wise details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance freight earnings of railways, year-wise since 2014 ?

**National Bio-technology
Development Strategy**

2512. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

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

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the country's National Bio-technology Development Strategy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(c) whether the launch has achieved its objectives and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch a major mission for creation of new biotech products and setting up of new biotech clusters, biotech incubators and bio connect centres;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be set up;

(f) whether the Department of Bio-technology under this strategy create a technology development and translation network across India with global partnership and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to turn the sector into a \$100 billion industry by 2025 with focus in areas of healthcare, food and nutrition, clean energy and education?

Less Spending in R&D

2513. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging far behind in number of Ph.Ds. produced in science and technology per year compared to China and other countries which is adversely affecting India's pace of economic development and if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether India spends less percentage of GDP on R&D in Science and Technology compared to China and other countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a shortage of institutions which offer Ph.D. courses in the field of inter-disciplinary and cutting-edge frontier areas of Science and Technology and if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the other measures taken by the Government to improve Research and Development (R&D) in science?

Encroachment on Defence Land

2514. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME
GOWDA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been cases of mismanagement of defence land which has resulted in large scale encroachment, shoddy record keeping, unauthorised golf courses, dismal administration of leases etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the defence;

(c) whether there is urgent need for an independent Defence Land Management Authority to deal with lack of accountability and multiplicity of agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent encroachment of defence land in future?

Skill Development of Youth

2515. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any special scheme for skill development of youth belonging to minority communities and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of youth belonging to the minority communities in Uttar Pradesh who have benefited from the special scheme for skill development launched for them?

Train Wheel Sensors

2516. DR. UDIT RAJ:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce train wheel sensors for the safety of trains in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the trial run, if any, proposed in this regard?

Meeting with TSPs

2517. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has held discussions with Telecom Services Providers (TSPs) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed therein; and

(c) the details of the participants of the said meetings?

LHB Coaches

2518. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to switch over to Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches over ICF coaches in view of their higher speed and safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has introduced and proliferated any Global Positioning System (GPS); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives for installing the said GPS systems?

Pilferage and Theft of Coal

2519. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made in regard to pilferage and theft of coal in the Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also taken note of illegal sale of coal from the coal mines/blocks including captive coal blocks resulting in huge loss to the exchequer;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of such complaints reported during each of the last three years, company-wise;

(d) the action taken by the Government against those found indulging in illegal sale of coal; and

(e) the mechanism put in place by the Government to check illegal sale of coal from the coal blocks?

Dam on Brahmaputra by China

2520. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is constructing several dams on the Brahmaputra river which is affecting the river water and if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken to stop such activities;

(b) whether any mechanism of exchange of information on the Brahmaputra river has been evolved between two countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has consulted with China for evolving any mechanism to take stock of the situation in each other's territory and to monitor the water sharing arrangement etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sanctioned Posts of Information Commissioners

2521. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission;

(b) the total number of vacancies in the Commission as on date;

(c) the exact date on which each vacancy in the Commission was created; and

(d) the reasons for delay in filling up these vacancies?

NCCC

2522. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC) to generate near real-time macroscopic views of the Cyber Security threats in the country and if so, the details thereof including its objectives;

(b) whether NCCC is a multi-stakeholder body, being governed/managed by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked and released for NCCC in the last two years and during the current year;

(d) the number of Cyber Crime Awareness Workshops organised for police officers and other personnel during the last three years by NCCC; and

(e) the concrete steps taken under the IT Act for removal or blocking of such content which affect the sovereignty, integrity and security of the country?

Integrated Action Plan

†2523. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the districts identified for socio-economic development under the Integrated Action Plan (IAP), State-wise/area-wise;

(b) whether any scheme is being implemented in leftwing extremists dominated/naxal affected districts under IAP;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds released and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/district-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to cover more districts including the newly constituted districts of Chhattisgarh which are dominated by leftwing extremists/naxal outfits and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes under the IAP; and

(e) if so, the State-wise details thereof along with the time by which these are likely to be covered under the said plan?

Data Encryption

2524. SHRI MAGANTTI
VENKATESWARA RAO
(BABU):

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are problems regarding Data Encryption in the country as mentioned in the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018; and

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

Akash Missile

2525. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many countries have shown interest in purchasing Indian Make Akash Missile;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to sell Akash missile to any country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Climate Change on Weather Condition

2526. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is witnessing the evidence of significant changes in extreme weather events and the extreme rainfall due to climate change and if so, the long term measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has conducted or reviewed any studies on the possible impact of climate change on the weather conditions in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is ready to use Continuous Plankton Recorders (CPRs) in the Arabian Sea to understand the migration of fishes because of the rise in seawater temperatures, which can also affect the livelihood of people in years to come and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has implemented or proposes to implement any permanent mechanism to study the rise of water level in rivers and reservoirs because of heavy rainfall in States like Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Electrified Railway Route

2527. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that around 46% of the railways *i.e.* 66,000 km. is already electrified and work on another 20,000 km. is ongoing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railways will now electrify the rest of the 13,675 km. at a cost of Rs.12,314 crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Extradition of Offenders

2528. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been successfully extradited by the Government along with their details in the last four years;

(b) the details of the extradition treaties signed by the Government in the

last four years with countries where no extradition treaty existed;

(c) the number of requests for extradition the Government has received in the last four years from foreign governments;

(d) the details of requests it has given to foreign governments especially regarding human rights violation; and

(e) whether the Government has considered implementing the Justice Malimath Committee Report for creating a centralised agency solely for extradition and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hamari Dharohar Scheme

2529. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under Hamari Dharohar Scheme in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has set up any mechanism to monitor the utilization of these funds by State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Manufacturing of Electronic Products

†2530. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturing of electronic products particularly of mobile

handsets have declined due to lack of clear cut export policy in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is a need not only to expand the component industry and

prepare its eco-system but also to promote handset export to give it a boost; and

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

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