

## 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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#### Pay Level in DANICS

461. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether providing Group 'A' status and pay in level 10 to Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Island Civil Service (DANICS) disturbs vertical relativity in the system; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not disturbing the so called vertical relativity as already Goa, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh are Group 'A' services which are feeder cadre for IAS (AGMUT) like DANICS?

#### Indian Fishermen in Pakistani Jails

462. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan Marine Security Agency (PMSA) very often apprehends the Indian fishermen and their boats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of fishermen are lodged in Pakistani jails even after completing 22 months of their jail term and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to get all the fishermen and their boats released by Pakistani authorities?

#### Intrusion at Border

463. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent and increasing incidents of

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Chinese and Pakistani troops crossing over to the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control/Line of Control;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Chinese and Pakistani authorities to reduce tension along the border and to prevent the recurrence of such incidents; and

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

#### Reforms in CBI

†464. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously contemplating extensive reforms in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Postal Ballots for NRI

465. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government intends to bring a legislation

to allow NRIs to vote through postal or e-ballots, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set any time frame for this; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to bring a legislation to this effect?

#### Earth Science Plans/Projects

†466. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of earth science plans/projects implemented/under implementation by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the said schemes during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the progress made under these plans/projects during the said period;

(d) whether the Government is satisfied with the progress made thereon; and

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

#### Joint Military Exercise with China

467. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a joint military exercise with China recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is first of its kind after the Doklam issue and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this exercise was focussed on any threats and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the exercise seeks to improve the relations between the two countries and if so, the details thereof?

#### Online Child Sexual Abuse

468. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

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

(a) whether it is true that the Cellular Operators Association of India has approached the Government flagging operational issues in implementing a directive that mandates use of an Internet Watch Foundation list for blocking online child sexual abuse content;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that such sites should be barred as per the Interpol list provided by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Shortage of IFS Officers

†469. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:  
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to meet the severe shortage of officers in Indian Foreign Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is thinking of recruiting personnel from other civil services, armed forces and specialists from private sector to fill the severe shortage of officers in Indian Foreign Service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### UN Visa

470. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will not give visa to people who hold UN visa and are stateless;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when was a change made in the policy in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for denial of visa to exiled Bangladeshi poet Daud Haider?

#### Collegium System

471. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some controversy erupted over the Hon'ble Supreme Court Collegium's recommendation for appointment of Supreme Court Judges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Collegium is following any criteria on selection of Supreme Court Judges from sitting High Court Chief Justices/Judges of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not considering the seniority of judges in this regard?

#### Welfare Scheme for Minorities

472. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new welfare schemes being implemented for the welfare of minorities in the country at present along with the names of schemes initiated exclusively in the last four years;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the various schemes in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and schemes-wise;

(c) the target set and achieved under the said schemes during the said period, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) whether the funds allocated under these schemes have not been fully utilised by the State Governments during the above-said period;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(f) whether there are some slippages in achieving the targets and percolating the benefits down to the beneficiaries; and

(g) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which the Government is planning to plug these loopholes for effective implementation of these schemes?

#### Decline in Military Expenditure

473. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the military expenditure as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has reduced over a period of time, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is not spending in sufficient proportion on operations and maintenance of military equipment and development of defence infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the funds allocated for modernisation and procurement/manufacturing of equipments during the last three years and the current year so far?

#### Operationalisation of GSLV

474. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to expedite operationalising of the Geostationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) by rectifying the snags noticed in earlier launches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to utilise the GSLV for commercial space launches; and

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

### Digital India

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

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Digital India Programme to digitize various sectors;

(b) if so, the current status of Digital India Programme, the target fixed/achieved under the same so far;

(c) whether the Government has identified new sectors for which urgent digital initiative is required and whether the Digital India Programme has been introduced by the Government at the district level;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the new initiatives undertaken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to bridge digital divide in the country?

### Increase in Speed of Trains

- †476. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the speed of some trains during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railway tracks are capable enough to manage the increased speed of trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the railway tracks keeping in view the increased speed of trains?

### Notary Public Licences

- †477. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have granted Notary Public Licences in the States;

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

(c) the details of total number of Notary Public Licences granted in Rajasthan including Udaipur district?

### Wing for Children Found at Stations

478. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent study by the All India Working Group suggests to set up separate wing to deal with children found as the Railway Police or Railway Protection Force cannot effectively discharge the duty of child care and protection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government proposes in this regard?

### Prediction of Thunderstorms/Lightning

479. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) is set to launch an end-to-end prediction system for predicting thunderstorms/lightning;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the system is likely to be functional;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the IMD to strengthen its observational network to reduce the human losses during the thunderstorms in the country;

(d) whether IMD and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune are developing a new website for IMD along with the mobile Apps for farmers and city forecasts; and

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

### Stoppage at Alappuzha Railway Station

480. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken any decision regarding the extension of stoppage at Alappuzha Railway Station for Train number 16355/ Kochuveli-Mangalore Antyodaya Express, which was granted on an experimental basis for six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of average passengers availing the benefits of this experimental stoppage at Alappuzha Railway Station; and

(e) whether the Railways has analysed the profit/loss due to this stoppage and if so, the details thereof?

### Launch of DD Science and India Science Channels

481. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched the initiatives DD Science and India Science channels to popularise science in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the initiatives aim to develop the scientific temper in Indian society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Chandrayaan-II

482. SHRI MALLIKARJUN  
KHARGE:  
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Chandrayaan-II programme;

(b) the reasons for missing stipulated deadline of January 2019 for the launch of Chandrayaan-II and by when it is expected to be launched now;

(c) whether the delay in the Chandrayaan-II programme resulted in any escalation in the budget of Rs. 800 crore which was announced earlier for the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether ISRO has planned 32 missions this year and if so, the details thereof?

#### Package for Bundelkhand

†483. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to give any special package to the backward areas like Bundelkhand in the forthcoming plan/action plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Evaluation of Laboratories

484. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any standards to evaluate the working of the laboratories that test vaccines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these laboratories are able to meet the international standards;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana

485. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme called Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY);

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

(c) whether the Government has any record regarding the claims settled under PBBY during the last five years; and

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

#### Internet Shutdown

486. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry maintains records of details pertaining to the suspension of internet services in the country during law and order situations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any necessary steps to ensure that people have access to emergency communication services during internet shutdowns; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Development of Science and Technology

487. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:  
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/projects for development of Science and Technology (S&T) undertaken in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the State-wise details of funds allocated and released for these schemes/projects;

(c) whether Non-Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Organisations are also engaged in the implementation of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of such organisations and the details of funds granted to them during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including in Uttar Pradesh?

#### Repair of ROBS

†488. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway bridges which are in dilapidated condition and need major repair, strengthening or reconstruction as on date and the details thereof;

(b) whether any detailed scheme has been formulated to repair, strengthen and reconstruct dilapidated bridges which pose danger for the operation of trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Partial Shutdown of Internet

489. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of partial shutdowns in the country in the past five years, where the speed of connectivity was reduced;

(b) the details of the economic losses incurred due to such partial shutdowns; and

(c) the number of website blockings in the past five years and the reasons therefor?

#### New Mobile Towers in Naxal Areas

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

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether targets have been fixed by the Government to install new mobile towers in the Naxal affected areas;

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

(c) the number of mobile towers made operational so far along with the location-wise details thereof;

(d) the reasons for not commissioning the leftover mobile towers; and

(e) the response of the Government thereto?

#### Military Expenditure as Percentage of GDP

491. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the military expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has reduced over a period of time and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether India is not spending proportionately on operations and maintenance of military equipment and development of defence infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the funds allocated for Defence modernisation and equipments during the last three years?

#### Facilities at Model Stations

492. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is embarking on a programme of improving facilities at the selected railway stations in the country with a view to make them Model Stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the railway stations identified for this purpose in the State of Telangana; and

(c) the details of the facilities being provided under the Model Stations programme?

#### Medical Colleges

493. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to establish medical colleges in the Railway hospitals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the courses that will be offered in these medical colleges and the details of the admission process; and

(c) the tentative date by which such proposals will be brought into effect?

#### ROB at Hazaribagh

†494. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway over bridge at Hazaribagh Road Station under Dhanbad

division of East Central Railway was approved years ago and if so, the date of approval of the said over bridge;

(b) whether the share of the State and Union Government has been determined for this project and if so, the reasons for not starting the work so far;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take action against the negligent officers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has proposed to construct an underpass as well as overbridge, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the work of said bridge is likely to be initiated?

#### Kayakalp Council

495. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up "Kayakalp", an innovation council to seek suggestions to improve the Railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has framed the terms of reference of the "Kayakalp";

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the salient features of the "Kayakalp" council?

#### Evaluation of PM 15-Point Programme

496. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had appointed organisations/institutions to evaluate some of the programmes under Prime Minister's New 15-point programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of organisations/institutions appointed for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government has received the evaluation report from these organisations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these organisations have pin-pointed some of the programmes lagging behind its target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government to rectify the lacunae which have been found in implementation of the programmes?

#### Survey of Railway Projects in Karnataka

497. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have carried out any survey in Karnataka, including Bidar-Nanded, for laying of new railway lines, gauge conversion of old lines and electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's plan for the current year for laying of new lines, gauge conversion and electrification in Karnataka?

#### **Broad Gauge Link between Chhapra and Muzaffarpur**

498. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken construction of a broad gauge link between Chhapra and Muzaffarpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set a time frame to build the said broad gauge link; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total finances allocated to the project?

#### **Services and Spectrum by BSNL**

†499. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL, which is 100 per cent owned by the Government is providing its services to remote and rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether 4G spectrum has been allocated to this company so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether due to non-allocation of 4G spectrum, BSNL is unable to compete with the private operators resulting in gradual loss of revenue;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the annual losses suffered by the company along with the steps taken by the Government to tide over the losses?

#### **Cancellation/Delay of Trains**

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

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that most of the time trains are delayed/ cancelled due to fog and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has installed fog safety devices to solve these problems and if so, the number of trains in which fog safety devices have been installed so far, zone-wise;

(c) the extent to which this device helps to run the train in dense fog along with the number of trains proposed to be equipped with such device in near future, zone-wise; and

(d) the other measures being taken by the Government for safety of passengers and trains?

#### **Schemes for NER**

†501. SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:  
SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:  
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:  
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the schemes launched by the Government for the North Eastern Region (NER) since the year 2014 till date along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said schemes;

(b) the State-wise details of the proposals received from various States along with the proposals approved by the Union Government under the schemes sponsored by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region;

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

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

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

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

#### **Human Space Mission**

502. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of India's flagship human space mission programme – Gaganyaan;

(b) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has announced to send Indian astronauts to space;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of astronauts shortlisted for this purpose and the total funds required for the project;

(d) whether ISRO has undertaken the development of critical technologies relevant for manned space mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other programmes announced by ISRO for the current year?

#### **Unmanned Level Crossings**

503. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by the Railways for eliminating unmanned railway level crossings across the country during the last four years;

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

(c) the number of accidents which occurred at unmanned railway level crossings during the last five years, State-wise?

### Internet Facilities in Maharashtra Villages

†504. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether remote villages of Maharashtra have no internet facility;

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

(c) whether in remote villages where internet/broadband facility is available, its service is at very slow speed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the efforts made by the Government to solve the said problem?

### Singareni Collieries

505. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has staked a claim to the country's second largest State-owned coal firm, Singareni Collieries, now being controlled by Telangana.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Home Ministry has advised apportioning the assets of the headquarters of an undertaking with inter-state operations on population basis and dividing the operational units on location basis; and

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

### Swarna Pravas Yojana

506. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swarna Pravas Yojana to impart skill development for overseas employment to the Indian youth is yet to be implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons proposed to be skilled under the scheme;

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

(d) the action taken by the Government for the implementation of the scheme expeditiously and successfully?

### Digital Locker

507. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government offices and departments accept documents *via* DigiLocker and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether efforts are taken to ensure that benefits of DigiLocker are also made available to people in areas with low internet connectivity and if so, the steps taken so far in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any awareness drives to urge people to upload their documents on DigiLocker and simultaneously with private entities like educational institutions, healthcare providers etc. to register as requestors and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of people who have registered as users and the total volume of documents that have been uploaded?

### Coastal Security Agreement

†508. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sign any new safety agreement with any other country for coastal security of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the components likely to be included in it?

### 5G Spectrum

509. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 3G and 4G timelines were missed but 5G cannot be afforded to be missed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to ensure the 5G services within the time frame;

(c) whether it is also true that spectrum offer made in the last four years never achieved the target and all the spectrum auctions of the Government failed to achieve results; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in this regard?

### Operating Ratio of Railways

510. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current operating ratio of the Railways;

(b) whether the operating ratio of the Railways has breached 112% and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reel back expenditure;

(d) whether it is true that a large portion of the Railways expenditure is being incurred on a number of court cases; and

(e) if so, the total amount incurred in this regard during the last three years along with the details of these court cases?

### Services and Spectrum by MTNL/BSNL

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

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of services including spectrum being provided by MTNL/BSNL across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the number of States/districts/villages being covered by 2G/3G service of MTNL/BSNL across the country, at present;

(c) whether the Government is planning to provide 4G spectrum to MTNL/BSNL to start rolling out 4G service across the country to compete with private players;

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

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented along with the funds likely to be sanctioned therefor; and

(f) the details of the number of States/districts/villages likely to be covered initially under this service?

#### Revision of Flexi Fare System

512. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has implemented flexi fares for premium trains which have drawn criticism from various quarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the trains in which flexi fares were introduced;

(c) whether the Railways has taken any decision to scrap/withdraw or revise the flexi fares in these trains; and

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

#### Waitlisted Tickets

513. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways could not meet expectations of passengers on better quality services with higher fares;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that a passenger who purchased a waitlisted ticket by paying a higher amount does not have an assurance of a confirmed ticket; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Bullet Train Project

514. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has asked the Railways to borrow funds required for the bullet train project from the market and not expect it as additional gross budgetary support from the budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the National High Speed Rail Corporation requires around Rs.10,000 crore this year mainly for land acquisition;

(d) if so, whether this was part of the Government of India's commitment towards the Rs.1.08 lakh crore mega project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Space Agencies

515. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum has recommended that the established space agencies in the region should promote space applications including rice crop monitoring, global rainfall monitoring, fire hotspot, haze monitoring and disaster management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas ISRO has been concentrating as far as the above said areas mentioned by Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency are concerned?

#### Data Privacy Threat by Public Wi-Fi

516. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Cellular Operators Association of India the public Wi-Fi without license may threaten data privacy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has written a letter to the Government in this regard; and

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

#### Vacancies of Doctors

517. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there are around 2,000 doctors in the railways with a vacancy of around 550;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that during emergency on account of rail accidents, doctors from Railways reached to the spot of accident very late and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Railways to fill up the vacancies of doctors?

#### Public Procurement Policy

518. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has mandated giving preference in all public procurement policies to locally produced cyber security products where intellectual property rights are owned by companies or start-ups incorporated in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that though intellectual property registration is not mandatory in India, a firm claiming benefit should have the right to use and commercialise the product without third party consents, distribute and modify it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Freightage Policy

519. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways follow a Dual Freightage Policy offering concessional tariff for transportation of goods for domestic consumption and non-concessional tariff for transportation of goods meant for export and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the non-concessional tariff for transportation of goods is three times higher than the concessional tariff and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CAG has noted in its report that iron ore meant for export was transported at concessional tariff causing a loss of Rs. 29,000 crore to the Railways and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proactive steps taken to plug the loopholes in the tariff rules in order to prevent the unscrupulous exploitation leading to huge loss for the Railways?

### National Research Development Corporation

520. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to revive National Research Development Corporation (NRDC); and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons and purpose to revive the NRDC?

### Pravasi Bhartiya Divas

521. SHRI GAJANAN

KIRTIKAR:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH

SINGH:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held 15th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives of organizing Pravasi Bharatiya Divas;

(c) the number of participants participated in Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, country-wise;

(d) the issues discussed during the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas and the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether any assurance was received from the Indian Diaspora regarding investment in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### Decrease in Passengers due to High Fares

522. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was degrowth of 2.7% in the number of passengers during September, 2016 to July, 2017 despite availability of higher number of berths/seats;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also true that airfares were cheaper than the fares of a large number of railway routes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there was a suggestion for review and fine tuning of various fare related schemes, so that not only more revenue is earned but also the number of passengers is increased; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Telecom Service Providers

†523. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of 55 thousand crore rupees of the Government is due on telecom service providers and out of this 44 thousand crore rupees is stuck in litigation;

(b) if so, the reasons due to which the Government has not been able to recover the said amount;

(c) the reasons for not delicensing those service providers who owe more than 500 crore rupees;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the reformative measures taken in this regard?

### IDEX Scheme

524. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to boost innovations under the Innovations for Defence Excellence (IDEX) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any intention to support the shortlisted proposals for successful completion and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has selected any thrust areas under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Seats in CDS

525. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 400 seats in Combined Defence Service (CDS) examination are declared for male candidates and only 10-12 for female candidates and a large number of female candidates after being recommended fit for the services end up not making into the merit due to meagre number of seats for them;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase women participation in Armed Forces and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is aware that a large number of male seats every year remain vacant through CDS entry; and

(e) if so, whether Government is planning on transferring these vacant seats

to female candidates and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### LTC Fare Ticket

526. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that 'LTC fare' for flight tickets in Air India for all destinations/sectors are normally threefold/fourfold higher than the ordinary tickets issued/available in the Air India and other private airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for charging threefold/fourfold LTC fare;

(c) whether steps will be taken to avail tickets in all airlines including private airlines to claim LTC for the entitled Government servants; and

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

#### Basic Amenities

527. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received about inadequate basic amenities especially in the long distance trains;

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

(c) whether the Railways plans to invest more funds in order to provide better

amenities to the travelling public especially on long distance trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Indians imprisoned in Gulf Countries

†528. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian origin labourers are imprisoned in gulf countries in cases of accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to get the long term prisoners in Gulf countries released through Government funded counsellors for acquaintance of their cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Schemes for Internet and 4G Services in Rajasthan

529. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated by Central Government to expand internet services in the rural areas of the country including Rajasthan; and

(b) the names of cities of Rajasthan covered under 4G services at present and names of important cities and tourist places where 4G services would be made available by the end of the current year?

#### Pay Fixation of Central and State Employees

530. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is treating the Central Government Employees and the State Government Employees, equally in the pay fixation, on their appointment to the higher post with higher responsibilities selected through UPSC with normal pay;

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

(c) whether the Government is providing one increment to the Central Government Employees and the State Government Employees, in the pay fixation, on their appointment to the higher post with higher responsibilities selected through UPSC with normal pay;

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

(e) whether the Government is following FR 22(I) (a) (i) for the pay fixation of the Central Government Employees and the State Government Employees, on their appointment to the higher post with higher responsibilities selected through UPSC with normal pay; and

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

#### Skill Development and Job Opportunities

531. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken by the Government for skill development and increasing the job opportunities for the youths of North Eastern Region;

(b) the number of model skill centres set up in various districts of the North-Eastern States;

(c) the total number of persons placed through the skill centres *vis-a-vis* the target set for this purpose during the last five years in the North East Region; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the same?

#### Central Administrative Tribunals

532. SHRI P.K.

KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted Central Administrative Tribunals (CATs) throughout the country with a specific objective that these CATs will remove pendencies of the long pending cases, lying in various High Courts and deliver decisions in categorical manner as per extant rules and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is not a matter of heart burning that deserving appellants, seeking for justice, awaiting in queue since years together, can be seen in Delhi Administrative Tribunal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Appointment of Judges

533. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court Collegium has proposed names for appointment of Judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States, post bifurcation of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the vacant posts of Judges in High Court and other posts in various courts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the time by which all these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(e) the present status of construction of new High Court at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh?

#### **New Mobile Towers in Jharkhand**

†534. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile towers sanctioned to be set up in East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) the number of mobile towers out of these set up so far, the location-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of mobile towers which have not been set up so far along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether responsibility has been fixed and if not, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

#### **Projects under MPLADS**

535. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of the works/projects undertaken under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and their actual financial performance during the last three years and the current year including in Karnataka;

(b) whether several projects/schemes are lying pending;

(c) if so, the scheme-wise and State-wise reasons for delay in completion of these projects/schemes; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the delayed works/projects?

#### **Proposal from Coolies**

536. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways is not able to take any initiative to stop unjustified human exploitation just for the reason that it didn't receive any proposal for coolies across the country with upgraded tools to carry heavy baggage of passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for non-availability of tools for carrying baggage?

#### **Punctuality of Trains**

537. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mail, express and superfast trains that are being run by the Railways, daily and how many of these reach their destination on time;

(b) whether it is a fact that these trains are not running on time and reaching destination very late and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, railway zone-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that mail, express and superfast trains originating from different stations in Odisha are not given due importance and are deliberately delayed in other railway zones and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the system in place and the measures taken by the Government to ensure that mail, express and superfast trains reach their destination as per the time table?

#### **Appointment of Lokpal**

538. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of appointment of Lokpal;

(b) the reasons for the delay in appointment of Lokpal; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for appointment of Lokpal without further delay?

#### **4G Speed**

539. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the news that 4G speed in India is the slowest in the world;

(b) whether it is true that average 4G speed is slowest across the countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with comparison with other countries;

(d) if so, whether the Government will find out the reasons and take appropriate measures to enhance 4G speed to bring it at par with other countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the internet speed of the country will be made faster?

#### **Leakage of Question Papers**

540. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government regarding frequent leakages of question papers in Government recruitment exams;

(b) the existing mechanism with the Government to prevent leakages of question papers;

(c) the reasons for the frequent delays in exams for recruitment in Staff Selection Commission and whether the Government has taken any action to resolve the matter of cancellation and delays in exams; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### National Litigation Policy

541. SHRI PONGULETI  
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement National Litigation Policy which seeks to achieve speedy delivery of justice; and

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

### Strategic Centre of IAF

542. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make Andhra Pradesh as a strategic centre for Air Force and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that as a part of this, Donakonda in Prakasam district, drone manufacturing unit in Anantapur and cyber security centre at Amaravati has been chosen to set up training centre for helicopters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

### Bad Quality of Food

543. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH  
SIGRIWAL:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether serving of substandard items/eatables and unhygienic conditions of compartments have been reported in Rajdhani and Shatabdi and other long distance trains and if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto;

(b) the number of complaints received in regard to serving of stale/inferior quality of eatables and the other deficiencies in the catering service during the last one year, zone-wise;

(c) the corrective action taken including termination of contracts of the contractors in the matter;

(d) the other steps taken or being taken by the Railways to improve the quality of eatables/food items and other services in the trains; and

(e) whether Railways proposes to do away with the compulsory booking of meals in Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains and if so, the details thereof?

### Deportation of Prisoners

544. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR  
JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians who have completed their jail terms in prisons of foreign country;

(b) the country-wise details of steps taken for their deportation/administrative transfer; and

(c) the steps taken by Indian Missions for the deportation or administrative transfer of 360 Indian

nationals who were identified in 9 countries as having completed their jail sentences in March 2018?

### Introduction of Trains

545. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Union Government has announced four new categories of trains to facilitate rail passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the said categories of trains are started as per the schedule prepared by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to expedite the introduction of trains to facilitate passengers?

### Publicity of Aadhaar Programmes

546. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether UIDAI has been hiring advertising and creative agencies for publicity of the Aadhaar program;

(b) if so, the details of such agencies hired since 2014 and the total funds spent thereon;

(c) whether divulgence of information about the amount spent on advertising and publicity through hired agencies can be

refused by UIDAI under RTI and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any information sought under RTI has been refused so far; and

(e) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

### Outsourcing of Spacecraft Assembly Integration and Testing

547. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and UR Rao Satellite Centre have entered into contractual agreements with multiple vendors to outsource Spacecraft Assembly Integration and Testing (AIT) activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the scope of work and contractual execution modality; and

(c) the number and details of satellites that the vendors are expected to assemble over a specified timeframe?

### Converting Cantonment Areas into Military Stations

548. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Army has sent a proposal regarding converting cantonment areas into exclusive military stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total area at present under cantonment boards in the country;

(c) the rationale behind this idea and the extent to which Indian army is likely to save funds after converting cantonment area into military stations;

(d) the problems likely to be faced by civilian population in their movement mobility which they are at present enjoying after such conversion; and

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

#### Online Unit Centres

†549. SHRI PRATAPRAO  
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any step to increase the number of online unit centres for the implementation of all public welfare schemes run by central and State Governments and to ensure the benefit of the said scheme to beneficiaries through off-line application in case on-line system is not working;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Train 18

550. SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways will roll out its latest technological innovation *i.e.* Train

18 which will not only beat the comforts and speed of the premium Shatabdi Express but will also be engine less;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the biggest advantage of Train 18 is that it will have engine on both the ends like Metro; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Induction of Artillery Gun Systems

551. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army inducted three artillery gun systems recently after the Bofors artillery gun system procured from Sweden in early 1980s;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new systems are fully imported or there is any plan to couple this with Make in India initiative;

(d) if so, the details thereof in each gun system;

(e) whether any of the gun systems are proposed to be developed indigenously; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Funds for Different Schemes

†552. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amounts released under different schemes/projects of the Ministry to Darbhanga in Bihar;

(b) whether the released amount is used under the scheme/project;

(c) if so, the schemes/projects for which work has been completed or yet to be completed; and

(d) the reasons for not completing the works?

#### Training to Cadets of NCC

†553. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to import training to cadets of National Cadet Corps (NCC) and to engage them in nation building;

(b) whether the Government propose to integrate the activities of NCC Indian Scouts and Guides, Home guards and Territorial Army to establish coordination among them for National Security and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the suggestions have been received from different quarters for making NCC training mandatory for school/college students; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

#### Survey for Laying of Railway Lines in Gujarat

†554. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to lay railway lines,

gauge conversion and track electrification in Gujarat;

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

(c) the outcome of the said survey?

#### Delayed Ongoing Railway Projects

†555. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several ongoing railway projects are getting delayed for their completion due to which their cost is steeply escalating;

(b) if so, the details of such projects, zone-wise and the reasons for their delay;

(c) the details of the funds spent on the said projects till date; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to complete these projects immediately to have a check on any further cost escalation?

#### Quality of BSNL Service

556. SHRI BALABHADRA  
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the quality of BSNL service in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status thereof in Nabarangpur Parliamentary Constituency comprising Nabarangpur, Koraput & Malkangiri districts of Odisha?

**Bio-toilets**

557. SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to install bio-toilets in all trains particularly in long distance trains;

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

(c) whether the Government has also felt any bottlenecks in the execution of this plan; and

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

**Time Bound Hearing of Cases**

558. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for time bound hearing of various criminal and civil matters at the Session Courts and District Courts level; and

(b) if so, the status of implementation of such proposals?

**Broadband and Wi-Fi Hotspots**

559. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has completed broadband connectivity in all Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Kerala under Bharat Net project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of GPs connected through broadband and number of GPs yet to be connected, district-wise; and

(d) the number of Wi-Fi hotspots provided in GPs of the country, State-wise?

**Pay Fixation of Defence Personnel**

560. SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is disparity in fixing the pay of defence personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to resolve the same;

(c) whether the Government has received representation from army officials to rectify the anomaly in the 7th Pay Commission and if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the rank of military officials compared to the similarly ranked civil officer in civil service and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the parity and other service benefits of military personnel are decreasing compared with the similarly placed officers in the country and if so, the action taken to resolve the issue?

**Eco-Task Force**

†561. SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the deployment of Eco-Task Force Battalions engaged in protecting environment at present along with their locations;

(b) whether any action plan is in operation for the better utilization of new technology to enhance capacity and efficiency of the said Task Force;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up more such Battalions in consultation/coordination of State agencies in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Explosion in Ammunition Depot**

†562. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who were injured and killed in the explosion at the Central Ammunition Depot in Pulgaon, Maharashtra, on 20.11.2018;

(b) whether any investigation has been conducted and responsibility fixed in this regard;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and the action taken against the official responsible for the incident;

(d) whether the injured persons and family members of the deceased persons have been provided any compensation and employment by the Government; and

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

**Amendment to Extend Reservation**

563. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the view/stand of the Government on reservation;

(b) whether there are provisions to do amendment in Constitution to extend the reservation;

(c) if so, the steps that have been initiated by the Government in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures the Government is taking to resolve the issue of reservation in light of various public litigations?

**Upgradation of Coast Guard**

564. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to upgrade the functioning of coast guard to reach out during emergency situations like cyclone in deep sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government to increase the manpower and ensure provision of modern equipment to coast guard;

(d) whether the Government is ready to constitute separate coast guard unit in

highly populated coastal districts like Jamnagar in Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Prediction of Localized Extreme Weather Condition

565. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is undertaking any steps to improve prediction of localized high impact extreme weather systems, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any collaboration undertaken on this front to improve the understanding of the warning systems in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Kartarpur Corridor

566. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop railway lines on the Kartarpur Corridor from Gurudaspur Sahib to International border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to double railway line between Amritsar to Pathankot and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railway is planning to provide new LHB coaches for trains

originating from Amritsar to other destinations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Prediction of Rainfall

567. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current mechanism being followed to predict the rainfall;

(b) whether his Ministry is considering to take any steps to devise an intelligent prediction system with modern analytic tools by using local weather information for rainfall prediction;

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

(d) the details of the current flood warning system being used in the country; and

(e) whether the Government is taking any steps to improve the system and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

#### Open Defecation

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

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that people are facing a lot of inconvenience due to open defecation near railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiative under the Swachh Bharat Programme to maintain cleanliness near railway stations of the country and to construct public toilets; and

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

#### NITI Forum for NER

569. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established a special NITI Forum for the development of North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the functions of the NITI Forum and tasks assigned to it; and

(c) the details of developmental works done so far under the aegis of NITI Forum in the north eastern region?

#### Posts Equivalent to Group 'A' of Government of India

†570. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the executive level posts in the Central Public Sector Undertakings *i.e.* executives at board level or below board level who come in Group 'A' in management committee, are considered equivalent to Group 'A' of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether junior management Group 'A' post of central public sector banks, financial institutions and insurance corporations are considered equivalent to Group 'A' of the Government of India and clerks and peons are considered equivalent to Group 'C' of Government of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not considering Group 'B' officials of public sector banks, financial institutions and insurance corporations equivalent to the same of the Government of India?

#### Travel Advisory by Britain

571. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether countries like Britain have cautioned their citizens regarding the travel to India, especially to Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to withdraw such notification?

#### Reliance on Coal

572. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's reliance on coal will continue to be between 42 per cent and 50 per cent even in 2047;

(b) if so, whether this will have any impact on India's commitments under the Paris Agreement; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to develop clean coal technologies and if so, the details thereof?

### Investment in Atomic Energy

†573. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether suggestions have been received from various parties to permit foreign direct investment in atomic energy sector;

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

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

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

### Nai Roshni

†574. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of  
MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nai Roshni Scheme is implemented in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries who availed the benefits of the scheme since its

inception in the State of Maharashtra, year-wise and community-wise;

(c) the number of projects that have been implemented in the State of Maharashtra, year-wise; and

(d) whether the scheme significantly empowered women and reduced gender discrimination in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

### Complaints By NRI Brides

†575. SHRI RAM KUMAR  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is receiving complaints regarding crisis being faced by the women of Indian origin after their marital relations with non-resident Indians;

(b) if so, the total number of complaints received by the Government from 2014-15 to 2018-19; and

(c) the number of cases out of these complaints resolved in favour of the women by the Government?

### Capital Expenditure in Defence Sector

576. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the capex in defence sector has been abysmally low and

has come down to 34 per cent in 2018-19 from 39 per cent in 2013-14;

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

(c) whether or not the budgetary allocations and procurement have been adjusted as per Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Inconvenience to Passengers

†577. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the problems caused to the passengers due to lack of two different trains from Hazrat Nizamuddin to Khajuraho and Manikpur instead of the single link train number 11248 Up Sampark Kranti;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that passengers on this rail route do not have to face inconvenience while travelling to their destinations?

### Air and Road Connectivity in North East

578. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:

Will the Minister of  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether increased air and road connectivity in recent years has increased tourism in the North East region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of roads and highways constructed in the region in the past four years; and

(d) the details of air connectivity increased in the region during the above period?

### R-upgradation of Safety Norms

†579. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the special steps taken by the Government to upgrade the various safety norms of Indian Railways during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has set any mechanism or taken any steps to ensure passenger safety and to check the recurrence of accidents keeping in view the accidents occurred in the past years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Projects Declared as National Projects

†580. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING  
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has suggested that the projects which State Governments are not able to complete should be declared as national projects;

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

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government has requested that Mumbai-Harbur Link, Virar-Alibaug Multi Model corridor, Navi Mumbai International Airport, Pinjar-Damanganga and Na-par River Linking projects should be declared as national projects on the same lines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

#### Crime/Robbery in Trains

581. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):  
DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken serious note of the recent robbery in Duranto Express by armed robbers near Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the signaling system has been tampered with and the reasons for RPF personnel not deployed/present in the train at the time of the incident; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the train passengers' safety and security along with the compensation, if any, to the victims?

#### Indian Workers in Foreign Countries

†582. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens working in foreign countries, country-wise;

(b) whether any system is in place to monitor their working conditions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Threat to Coastal Community

583. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal vulnerability due to sea erosion, cyclones, floods, etc. has become a reality which poses a big threat to the lives of large coastal communities, especially the fishermen and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken steps to prevent such hazardous situation by implementing newer anti-sea erosion techniques;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the new measures taken to protect and restore the entire coastline of the country; and

(d) whether the stakeholders have been taken into confidence while implementing preventive measures and if so, the details thereof?

#### Unutilized Land

†584. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area of Railway land lying unutilized and undeveloped in various States of the country and the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the date since when this land is lying unutilized and whether the Government has created any monitoring mechanism to safeguard the said land from encroachment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme of the Government to provide the said land on lease for other purposes is under consideration and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps for proper development and utilization of the said land; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### National Telecommunication Security Policy

585. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put in place or proposes to put in place the National Telecommunication Security Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including salient features of the said policy;

(c) whether all the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are following the instructions issued by the Government regarding security audit of telecom equipments, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action taken/being taken by the Government against erring TSPs, TSP-wise?

#### Wagon/Coach Factories

†586. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of manufacturing capacity of different engine and wagon/coach factories in the country, factory wise;

(b) the number of engines and wagon/coaches manufactured during the last three years in comparison to their manufacturing capacity, year and factory-wise;

(c) the details of shortage of engines and wagons/coaches in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for enhancing the manufacturing capacity of these factories to meet the increasing demand of engines/wagons/coaches?

#### Scholarship to Minority Students

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scholarships that the Ministry gives to students along with the number of students who have received those scholarships during the last three years;

(b) the funds envisaged and actually allocated by the Union Government to various scholarship schemes in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of scholarship schemes for the students of the minority communities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to simplify the procedure for awarding the scholarships and to identify the lacunae and shortcomings in the existing scholarship schemes; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to constitute an expert panel to look into these issues and if so, the details thereof?

#### NMDFC

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and the procedure to avail concessional loans under these schemes;

(b) the funds allocated by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) along with the details of utilization of allocated funds by NMDFC for the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether most of the beneficiaries are not in a position to avail concessional loans provided under these schemes due to complicated procedures;

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

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to make NMDFC more effective?

#### Universities for Minorities

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether universities for minorities exist in the country at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of students who have passed out of such universities during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has announced some new universities for the minorities to encourage them to go in for higher education;

(d) if so, the number of such new universities announced and sanctioned during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and location-wise;

(e) whether the Union Government has received any proposals for setting up of universities for minorities from different States of the country including from Haryana at Mewat district; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

#### Workers engaged by Contractors

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers engaged by the contractors in each of the ancillary coal mine of the Coal India Limited (CIL);

(b) whether any agreement is signed between the contractor and the management regarding the working condition and wages of such workers;

(c) if so, the total remuneration fixed for payment to various categories of workers engaged by the contractors;

(d) whether the workers are being paid as per the agreement; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken by the management in this regard?

#### Schemes Launched

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the schemes launched by the Government under Ministry of Coal during the last five years along with the details of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the said schemes;

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

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

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

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

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

#### Performance of Schemes Launched

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

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Tariff Transparency

†593. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether transparency in tariff is an issue of prime concern for the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the telecom sector is affected due to non-transparency;

(c) whether TRAI has been receiving complaints from consumers, highlighting lack of transparency in carriers' tariff offers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on these complaints;

(e) initiatives taken by the regulator to determine "relevant market" based on relevant product against which it receives a complaint;

(f) whether the telecom regulator has fixed a penalty of Rs. 50 lakh per circle for every tariff plan that is found to be predatory; and

(g) if so, the details of the companies fined for predatory tariff plan during the last one year?

#### Special Trains for Kumbh Mela

594. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has made adequate arrangements for the travel of pilgrims who are expected to visit the Sangam, Prayagraj during Kumbh Mela, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of special trains being run by the Government for the said purpose;

(c) whether the present availability of trains is not sufficient to meet the requirement of a large number of saints and sears, common pilgrims and tourists from across the globe; and

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

#### Vacancy in Judiciary

595. SHRI VIRENDER  
KASHYAP:  
SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of posts of Judges sanctioned and lying vacant in High Courts/Supreme Court and the lower judiciary, Court/State-wise and the steps being taken to fill these vacancies along with the reasons for these vacancies;

(b) the posts of Judges which have been filled by the Government during 2015-2018; and

(c) whether the Government is going to introduce Indian Judicial Services (IJS) at all India level and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Funds Released

†596. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

#### Non-Delivery and Late Delivery of Money Orders

597. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints of non-delivery and late delivery of money orders to the recipients have increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

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

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the number of officials found guilty in such cases and action taken/being taken against them so far;

(e) the mechanism put in place by the Government to facilitate efficient handling and curb such complaints in the country; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to make the Money Order System a good competitor to the other mode of electronic money transfers in the country?

#### NPS for Defence Personnel

†598. SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to introduce New Pension

Scheme for retired employees of defence sector;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether old pension scheme has been discontinued and if so, the reasons and the grounds therefor; and

(e) the reason as to why Government pension scheme has been discontinued when private sectors and banks have introduced life pension scheme for semi-Government employees by contributing some amount by making saving?

#### Ceasefire Violations by Pakistan

†599. SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:  
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp increase in the number of cases of violations of ceasefire on the line of control by Pakistan;

(b) if so, the month-wise number of cases recorded along with the number of casualties reported as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy in view of the zero tolerance policy to retaliate such incidents of violations of ceasefire by Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### MoU on Illegal Immigrants

600. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has raised concerns before signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the UK over the return of illegal immigrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is concerned that a large number of Indians can be sent back without humanitarian considerations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are nearly 40,000 illegal Indian immigrants in different parts of Europe and if so, the details thereof?

#### Cyber Crime

†601. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI  
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cyber crimes reported during the last three years along with the current status of the said crimes;

(b) the increase in such crimes in terms of percentage during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to deal with cyber crimes by making strict cyber laws; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### New Nuclear Projects

602. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government using the provisions of Atomic Energy (Amendment) Bill, 2015 has initiated fast track setting up of new nuclear projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with selected localities, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism for speedy completion of these new proposals;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has been facing any difficulties/resistances from local people; and

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

#### Flexi Fare System

603. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flexi fare scheme introduced by the Railways has resulted in lower occupancy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that though the scheme has benefitted by more than Rs. 550 crore, the scheme has forced passengers to look at the option of air travel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Women Judges in High Courts

604. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

SHRI PARBHUBHAI

NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of high courts across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the sanctioned strength of women judges in these high courts across the country;

(c) the details of the number of women judges working in these courts, at present, across the country, State/UT-wise including in West Bengal;

(d) whether the strength of women Judges is not upto the sanctioned strength and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase their strength in these courts?

#### PM 15 Point Programme

605. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any district level committees pertaining to Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme is working in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any review has been conducted regarding the functioning of these committees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Union Government for the effective functioning of the said committees?

#### Cyclone Prediction

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

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in recent past, there was another cyclone other than Ockhi which originated from the vicinity of Sri Lanka and moved towards the coast or to north through sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India Meteorological Department (IMD) was able to predict cyclones, one or two days before it hit the coast, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps the Ministry has adopted to predict such cyclones early and warn all concerned?

#### Universal Service Obligation Fund

†607. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund to mobile companies in remote areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the allocation made from the said fund to various companies during the last three years; and

(d) the state-wise number of villages equipped with phone facilities?

#### Pending Court Cases

608. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME GOWDA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of cases are pending in various courts across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including number of cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts during each of the last four years, State/Court-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the sanctioned strength and vacancies of Judges in such courts and action taken to fill these vacancies at the earliest;

(d) whether Government has taken note of delay in delivery of justice to litigants for various reasons;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of cases pending in various courts in the country;

(f) whether the arrears committee formed by Supreme Court and High Courts

have failed to solve the problem of pendency if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to facilitate faster disposal of cases; and

(g) whether Government is going ahead with its proposal of bringing in National level exam conducted by UPSC to appoint judges in lower judiciary and if so, the details thereof?

#### Wafer Fabrication Facility

†609. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up semiconductor wafer fabrication manufacturing facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to promote manufacturing of semiconductor wafer in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### New Train from Agra to Udaipur

†610. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run train no. 19665 Khajuraho-Udaipur city express between Agra and Udaipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Training of Astronauts

611. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up an intensive training center to train the astronauts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch a manned space mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Delay of Trains Due to Fog

612. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trains which have been cancelled/delayed due to fog this year in the country and the loss of revenue incurred by the Railways as a result thereof;

(b) whether any new technology is being developed or is in operation to reduce the dangers of delay and accidents due to fog;

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

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the trains run on time during the winter season?

### Gaganyaan Programme

613. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the planned budget and the current status of the Gaganyaan;

(b) whether India has officially planned to have a woman astronaut as part of the programme and if so, the steps taken for selection and training of Indian astronauts for this programme;

(c) whether India will be taking any assistance from foreign nations for this programme, monetarily or otherwise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Halt Station at Chitrakoot

†614. SHRI BHAIKON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received suggestion to provide a halt station in the name of Chitrakoot Dwar near famous pilgrimage site, Chitrakoot in Jhanshi-Manikpur railway division;

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

(c) the details of the action taken in this regard till date?

### Legal Service Authority

615. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether there is a standard remuneration given to legal aid lawyers per case for magistrate courts, if so, the State-wise information on the same; and

(c) whether there is a standard remuneration given to legal aid lawyers per case for sessions courts and special courts, if so, the State-wise information on the same?

### GDPR

616. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the impact of European Union's General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on Indian businesses and if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government intends to address the issues arising from the GDPR and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has addressed or seeks to address issues of data integrity, protection from unlawful processing, accountability of actors, fairness and transparency and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government intends to define consent, list special conditions for child's consent, require demonstration

of consent by the data controller under the IT Act (2000) as is done in the GDPR and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) apart from provisions under Rule 5(7), the fate of the data collected once consent has been removed?

### Heat Waves

617. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of global rise in temperature especially in Indian continent in the last five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of deaths due to intensive heat waves were reported in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct a detailed scientific study on the 'heat wave' phenomenon in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof including Kerala;

(d) whether the Government has also assessed the impact of intensive heat waves on human beings and flora and fauna of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the issue?

### Attrition of Scientists

618. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether attrition of scientists from research institutions and laboratories is being witnessed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any system of holding exit interviews of scientists who indicate their willingness to quit research institutions/labs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage reverse brain drain of scientists from abroad and if so, the extent to which such measures have been successful;

(d) the details of the number of scientists who have been repatriated; and

(e) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to assist the scientific community and motivate them to continue their research in the country?

#### Dynamic Fare System

619. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:  
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the dynamic fares introduced in the Suvidha trains are very high and passengers are unable to bear such exorbitant rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations and proposals

to reduce the dynamic fares, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Railways to reduce the fares?

#### Halt at Sijua

†620. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make a halt at Sijua on Giridih-Madhupur railway line;

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

(c) whether the Government has received any letter for making contribution from MP funds for the above work; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not getting the work started by the Government?

#### Indian Sports Service

621. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to include the Indian Sports Service in the list of IAS and allied services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to consult various stakeholders in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to give a final shape to the said proposal?

#### Supply of Coal to Power Plants

622. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the coal stock and augmented the supply of coal to power plants to meet the country's energy demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka had demanded to ensure immediate supply of coal to Raichur Thermal Power Station, BPTS and Yermarus Thermal Power Station, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether there is scarcity of coal in Karnataka and whether Karnataka currently has on an average five days stock of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is an increase in the coal stock in Power plants as on 31.12.2018, as compared to 31.12.2017; and

(f) if so, the details of supply from CIL to power plants as on 31.12.2018 as compared to 31.12.2017, State-wise?

#### Railway Projects in Bihar

†623. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing railway projects in Bihar at present, project and zone-wise, details thereof;

(b) the number of projects out of these, which are running behind their schedule, project-wise, details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the cost of the projects has escalated due to their running behind schedule, project-wise, details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to complete the said projects as per the schedule?

#### Lack of Source of Income

†624. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several lakh families in the urban areas of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir do not have any source of income as per the preliminary statistics available on the basis of socio-economic and caste census conducted in these States;

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

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Facilities in Mail/Express Trains

†625. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state the number of mail/express trains in which better facilities have been provided/proposed to be provided for passengers during the current financial year and the train-wise details thereof?

### Performance of Schemes Launched by Government

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

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Funds for Educational Upliftment

627. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the enhancement made in the budget allocation by the Government of India since the last five years till date in comparison to budget allocation made from 2009 to 2014 for the educational upliftment of minority communities;

(b) the extent to which the Government of India has implemented 15-point programme for the welfare of minority communities, in percentage; and

(c) the details of all works done under 15-point programme?

### Mobile Connectivity in Maharashtra

†628. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the base transceiver station in Maharashtra to increase mobile connectivity;

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

(c) the number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) working at present in Maharashtra, location-wise; and

(d) whether the said BTS are sufficient as per present requirement and the reaction of the Government thereto?

### Money Spent by UIDAI

629. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the money spent by UIDAI on information, education and communication (IEC) activities to generate awareness and convey benefits of Aadhaar to the residents; and

(b) the corresponding list of agencies hired and values of contracts for these activities?

### Pending Cases in SC

630. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending court cases in the Supreme Court, State-wise especially for Punjab;

(b) whether the number of cases pending have increased since 2014 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has not implemented the online facilities for all administrative matters of the Court and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government consulted the States in implementing online facilities in the lower courts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Prevention of Cyber Crime

631. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the legal, technical and administrative measures taken by the Government to prevent cyber crimes have achieved the desired results;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases of cyber crimes reported across the country during the last four years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has sought technical aid from some of the developed countries of the world to prevent cyber crimes in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with any other steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

### Data Costs and Call Tariffs

632. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has brought down data cost from Rs. 269 per GB to just Rs. 19 per GB;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that call tariff has shrunk to barely 17 paise from 51 paise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Internet Services**

633. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has asked the centre to not allow internet services by unlicensed operators or delicensing of the V-band spectrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the twin steps could jeopardise the massive investments made by the telecom firms and hurt their financial viability and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether the Government is considering the two proposals relating to the above and if so, the details thereof?

**Post Banks**

†634. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of post banks and whether this service has been launched and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of post offices in the country in which post bank service has been launched;

(c) the names of post offices of Bihar in which this service has been launched; and

(d) the major differences between post bank service and services provided by other Government banks?

**Pending Projects**

†635. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the projects of the various States including Chhattisgarh pending with the Union Government/NITI Aayog along with the reasons for pendency;

(b) the number of schemes/projects sanctioned, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government has received requests from States for approval of pending projects;

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

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Mechanisation of Electrification Programme**

636. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways is considering to make complete mechanisation of the electrification programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the electrical works like stringing the cables and other related works would be machine controlled for the first time in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revision of Fee for Medical Services**

637. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has revised fee for medical services to Rs.100/- from Rs. 20/- and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways doctors across India attend around 8000 calls per month from passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the calls are turning out to be for non-serious reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Nuclear Power Generation**

638. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry intends to increase the nuclear power generation from its installed capacity of 6780 MW to 63 GW and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal with the Ministry to make the Railways and other Public Sector Undertakings, such as ONGC, IOCL and NTPC etc. to jointly fund the country's nuclear energy

expansion programme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited is engaged in negotiation with these said PSUs to float joint ventures to set up nuclear power plants across the country; and

(d) whether the Atomic Energy Act allows the NPCL to collaborate with Indian PSUs and if so, the details thereof?

**Quota/Reservation for Contractual Workers**

639. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to make quota/reservation for contractual work and part time jobs in all Central and State Government jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Telecom Infrastructure**

640. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has spent Rs.60,000 crore between 2014 till June, 2018 on telecom infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the segment-wise amount spent during the above period;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has doubled mobile base transceiver stations from 7.9 lakh to 18 lakh and optical fibre cable laid from 7 lakh Km. to 14 lakh Km.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical System

641. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to set up 15 Technology Innovation Hubs, 6 Application Innovation Hubs and 4 Technology Translation Research Parks under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main functions and methods of functions of the Mission; and

(d) the advantages and usefulness of the proposed Mission?

### Assembling of Satellites

642. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has roped in three partners to help it assemble 27 satellites at a quick pace over the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ISRO expects 27 spacecrafts ready by July, 2021; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Village and Family Courts

643. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of Village Courts, Lower Courts, Family Courts, tribunals functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated to the States in this regard during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the total estimated number of courts required to be constituted for speedy disposal of pending cases in the country?

### E-Network for Courts

†644. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide online facility to people by connecting all the courts with e-network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far; and

(d) the time by which online facilities are likely to be provided to the people by connecting all the courts with e-network in the country?

### Internet Connectivity

645. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that despite its campaign of Digital India, several villages in the country do not possess internet connectivity and the ones which possess, have extremely poor internet speeds;

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

(c) the number of villages which do not have internet connectivity in the country, especially in Rajasthan, State-wise and district-wise;

(d) the expected time limit by which each and every village in the country is expected to get high-speed internet connectivity; and

(e) the measures being taken to improve the poor internet speed provided to the villages?

### Attacks on Indian Fishermen by Sri Lanka

646. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently received any representations regarding continuous attacks by Sri Lanka on Indian fishermen and capture of their properties;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of attacks on Indian fishermen by Sri Lanka reported during the last three years; and

(c) the details of action taken by the Government to protect Indian fishermen in high sea?

### BPO Promotion Scheme

647. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds used out of the Rupees 50 crore allocated for the North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS);

(b) the number of jobs created out of the target of creation of 15000 jobs under the said scheme; and

(c) the State-wise details of the same?

### Signalling and Telecom Mechanisms

†648. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether strengthening of signalling and telecom mechanism is the only way to control the increasing traffic on rail tracks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made in this direction so far?

#### Remote Sensing Data

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

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is using high resolution remote sensing data to bring efficiency in implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of PMFBY with the use of remote sensing services; and

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

#### Increase in Rates of Diesel

650. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is the largest consumer of diesel and sudden increase in the rates of diesel has adversely affected its financial resources; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Fuel Supply Agreement

651. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average price realizations of coal sold by Coal India through the fuel-supply agreement (FSA) route fell 3.4% quarter-on-quarter and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Coal India may miss out on meeting its production target of 600 million tonnes in 2017-18, going by the production pattern during the first nine months of the year 2017;

(c) the production target for the year 2017 given to the Coal India Limited;

(d) the extent to which it has been achieved; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to achieve the target?

#### Mobile Network in Railways

†652. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN  
BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to develop its own mobile network;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard; and

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

#### MPLADS Funds for Railway Projects

653. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken decision to provide equal financial assistance to railway projects taken under MPLADS by hon'ble Members of Parliament in their constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from hon'ble Members of Parliament seeking financial assistance for railway projects taken under MPLADS;

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

(e) the details of financial assistance provided to such projects, State-wise?

#### Security at Stations

654. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of security personnel deployed at each railway station in Delhi;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen security arrangements at railway stations in Delhi during the last four years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to modernize railway stations in Delhi in the last four years?

#### GPS System

†655. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH  
YADAV:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several shortcomings are being noticed in the GPS system;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken so far by the Government to remove the said shortcomings;

(d) the measures taken by the Government so far to make the navigation app more effective and to provide correct information;

(e) whether any action plan is being implemented by the Government to make GPS system more transparent; and

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

#### Darjeeling Himalayan and Nilgiri Mountain Railways

656. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways along with UNESCO has proposed to develop and conserve the Darjeeling Himalayan and Nilgiri Mountain Railways;

(b) if so, the details of estimated cost of the project and the special features likely to be added therein along with and the expected rise in tourism; and

(c) the time by which the above projects are likely to be completed?

### Illegal Migrants in Gulf Countries

657. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 2,000 people from Andhra Pradesh living illegally in Gulf countries out of the total 70,000 Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether UAE has issued a directive to illegal migrants to leave its country and given three months time and has also given one month amnesty period which has expired in November last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Ministry is going to help these hapless people from Andhra Pradesh for their return and provide them employment etc.?

### Regional Bench of SC and HC

658. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for setting up of Regional Benches of Supreme Court and High Courts in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposals received till date, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) the details of the criteria adopted by the Government for setting up of additional Benches of High Court in the States; and

(d) the number of such benches set up so far and number of Benches proposed to be set up in the country, State-wise?

### Utilization of ICWF

659. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have data on the percentage utilization of the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) by Indian Missions for repatriation of Indian prisoners;

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

(c) whether the Ministry have also data on the person-wise utilization of the ICWF; and

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

### Implementation of Recommendations of Second ARC

660. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has begun implementation of the recommendations of

the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC);

(b) if so, the details of the status of implementation;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to undertake a review of administrative institutions and agencies for the purpose of reform in order to free them from political interference; and

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

### Freight Charges

†661. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freight charges for road transportation are higher than railways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the approximate total freight being handled by road and railways transportation respectively;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the railways freight handling share; and

(d) if so, the targets fixed therefor and the time by which these are to be achieved?

### NUDGE Unit

662. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has established a 'NUDGE Unit' to design better behavioural interventions for proper implementation of schemes and policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of composition of such unit if it exists;

(d) the mandate of the said unit; and

(e) the details of the schemes which the unit has worked on?

### Advance Minesweepers

663. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether advanced minesweepers are required to detect, track and destroy underwater mines laid by enemy forces;

(b) if so, whether Indian navy started the process in 2005 to acquire 24 such vessels in collaboration with South Korea to guard the West and East coast and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has now cancelled the said project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to fill the gap of Naval requirement in the country to detect such mines in the West and East coast?

### Bases in Antarctica

664. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual missions to maintain India's three bases in Antarctica is proposed to be continued;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to undertake more expeditions and research on the other poles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Mechanism to Enhance Cooperation

665. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently introduced any alliance/mechanism to enhance cooperation in wide-ranging spheres including exploring ways to substantially enhance India's economic involvement in business and development sector of Central Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning in developing viable connectivity options between India and Afghanistan and Central Asia to further facilitate trade and economic activity in the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Train from Ranchi to Jaynagar

†666. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the Member of Parliament to run trains from Ranchi to Jaynagar daily;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken on the said representation so far along with its outcome?

### Rail Projects in Andhra Pradesh

667. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects that are yet to be completed in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the total funds that have been allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh towards the completion of newly introduced projects, including new rail lines;

(c) whether the Railways has taken cognizance of the increased requirement of new rail lines in the State of Andhra Pradesh to be built in and around the new capital city and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has a plan to increase the funds allotted to the State owing to its increased rail infrastructure requirement and if so, the details thereof?

### North East Rural Livelihood Project

†668. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

SHRI OM PRAKASH

YADAV:

SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to institutionalize market links to provide maximum benefit to the beneficiaries under the North East Rural Livelihood Project;

(b) whether the North East Rural Livelihood Project has great impact on employment of rural population of North Eastern region;

(c) if so, the number of various other schemes being implemented by the Government to make this project more effective; and

(d) whether the Government is working on any other new scheme for the development of North Eastern region and if so, the details thereof?

### BSNL Services

†669. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of mobile, landline telephone and internet services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in rural, remote and hilly areas of different States is poor and unsatisfactory and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of quality benchmarks and services made available actually;

(c) the State-wise details of most affected districts in terms of poor service and network;

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to bring improvement in all these services;

(e) the State-wise details of proposed base tower stations to be established in less accessible areas;

(f) whether a large number of base tower stations in rural and remote areas are not functioning and there is no adequate power back up due to lack of diesel or due to theft of allocated diesel to electric generator; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government to improve this condition?

### Harassment of Indian Workers in U.S.

†670. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether H1B visa holder Indian professionals in America are made to work on less pay and adverse working conditions according to their work skills;

(b) if so, the discussions, if any, held by the Government with the American administration to ward off the problem; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Illegal Hoardings and Banners

†671. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether hoardings and banners for advertisement are being illegally installed inside the boundary and premises of Mira Road and Bhayandar railway stations of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the total number of legal hoardings, banners and information panels installed inside the boundary of Mira Road and Bhayandar Railway Stations; and

(c) the action taken by the Railway Administration regarding illegal hoardings and banners for advertisement?

#### **Rank of India in Research and Development**

672. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rank of India among all the countries of the world in investing towards Research and Development; and

(b) whether there is any plan of increasing the allotment to catch up with the developed countries and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Live Telecast of Court Proceedings**

†673. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the live telecast of the proceedings of the High Court, Supreme Court and District Courts would bring

transparency in their functioning as has been observed in the working of the Government after starting live telecast of proceedings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any step to bring such transparency in the judiciary; and

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

#### **Electrification of Rail Lines**

674. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is putting electrification of railway lines on fast track and planning to double the electrification work in the next five years;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme formulated in this regard and the percentage of railway tracks electrified so far;

(c) the annual target fixed for electrification of railway lines and the extent to which this target has been

achieved along with the time by which all railway lines in Uttar Pradesh are likely to be electrified;

(d) whether meter gauge lines have also been electrified and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to convert all meter gauge lines into broad gauge lines and if so, the time limit fixed in this regard?

#### **Judge Population Ratio**

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

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Judge Population Ratio has deteriorated in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is a huge gap between sanctioned and actual strength of Judges in Supreme Court, High Courts and Subordinate Courts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with its impact on the functioning of the judiciary in the country;

(c) the number of Judges appointed in the said courts during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the Judge Population Ratio in the country?

#### **Circulation of Fake Clips**

676. SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any monitoring or evaluation of erroneous clips that induce panic or hate at the source of origin, to examine their validity before they are circulated widely and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to actively dismiss fake clips and to spread information regarding authenticity of clips;

(c) whether the Government plans to take any steps to assist the Election Commission in preventing the viral spread of fake news before and during the upcoming general elections 2019; and

(d) the details regarding digital transactions over the last 3 years since 2015, including details from new payment modes such as BHIM UPI, National Electronic Toll Collection, etc.?

#### **Zone-wise Audit of Rakes**

677. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:  
SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken zone-wise audit of daily, bi-weekly or tri-weekly passenger/express rakes of their lie-over period after reaching their destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not exploring the same for revenue generations for further nearby extensions which could also be considered as additional trains in the vicinity; and

(d) the time by which the Government would come with a comprehensive plan for extension of trains to nearby destinations during their lie over period?

#### Representation of the People Act

†678. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to make provision in The Representation of the People Act to de-register those political parties which came to power after registering win in Lok Sabha and Assembly elections but failed to fulfil the promises made in their election manifesto during the third year of their rule as well as failed to fulfil 75 per cent of promises made in the election manifesto; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Mobile Services in Villages

†679. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUHDARY:  
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecom and mobile service has not been made available so far in many inhabited villages in the country;

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

(c) the extent to which the said problems have been addressed with the help of modern technology and equipments;

(d) the outcomes thereof; and

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

#### Delay in Kollam Station Development Works

680. SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the development works at the Kollam Railway Station along with the steps taken by the Government to complete various works at the above station in a time bound manner;

(b) whether it is a fact that delay in execution of the various works is causing much hurdles to the passengers and if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government to complete the construction of second entry works at the above station in a time bound manner;

(d) whether delay in sanctioning funds is the main reason for delay in carrying out the railway developmental works and if so, the action taken for timely release of the funds; and

(e) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that such delays do not adversely affect the completion of various developmental works at the above station?

#### Army Recruitment Camps

681. SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of army recruitment camps are held/being held every year in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such recruitment camps held during the last four years and proposed to be held during the current year, State/city-wise;

(c) whether any army recruitment camp is held during the said period at Madurai; and

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

#### Internet Services and Net Neutrality

†682. SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage coverage of internet services in the country at present;

(b) the effect of net neutrality in increasing the internet coverage in the country along with the details thereof;

(c) the targets of the Government to increase the said percentage;

(d) whether any initiative has been taken in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details of the schemes prepared for the rural areas of the country including Rajasthan; State-wise?

#### Delay of Trains due to Fog

†683. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Duranto, Rajdhani, Shatabdi and other premium trains are reaching their destinations very late even after clearance of foggy conditions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against those committing such negligence; and

(c) the measures proposed for running premium trains on time?

#### Flexi Fare System

684. ADV. M.  
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the number of passengers in premium trains after the introduction of flexi-fare system declined when compared to pre-flexi period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is considering to introduce any scheme to increase the number of passengers in all classes and trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds Released to Sonapat and Darbhanga**

†685. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to Sonapat in Haryana and Darbhanga in Bihar under various schemes of his Ministry;

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

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

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

#### **Attack on Army Camps**

†686. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian soldiers are being killed in terrorist attacks on army camps in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the month-wise number of soldiers killed during the last one year till date;

(c) the details of various security measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the success achieved as a result of the action taken?

#### **Aadhaar Cards**

687. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record regarding the number of Aadhaar cards issued in the country, so far;

(b) if so, the State and gender-wise details of the Aadhaar card holders in the country;

(c) whether the Government is planning to make Aadhaar card compulsory for each and every citizen in the country and as a sole document for identity proof; and

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

#### **Special Category Status**

688. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States that have been granted Special Category Status (SCS);

(b) the criterion followed for granting SCS; and

(c) the reasons for not granting special status to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Meetings of MPs with Concerned GMs**

689. SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the advisory Committee meetings being held with concerned railway GMs and Members of Parliament has displayed dissatisfaction among MPs as none of the advices have been taken into consideration, while taking up railway projects in their respective States;

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

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

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#### **e-Ticket Online**

690. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has launched a scheme allowing a person to get an insurance cover of upto Rs. 10 lakh on booking a train ticket online by paying less than on rupee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said facility is reserved for passengers of the Railways who book e-Ticket and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any suggestions to incorporate other passengers who book ticket through traditional methods; and

(e) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA  
*Secretary General*

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