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List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(Ministries of Commerce and Industry; Culture; Human Resource Development; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

(वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संस्कृति; मानव संसाधन विकास; श्रम और रोजगार; सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम; पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस; कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता; इस्पात; पर्यटन; जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय)

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Reverse Charge Mechanism

†2991. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reverse charge
mechanism adopted in the industrial sector;

(b) whether the said mechanism is
causing problems in the functioning of
industries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which reverse charge
mechanism is likely to be banned; and

(d) whether the Government is
considering to bring changes in reverse
charge mechanism, if so, the details thereof?

National Commission for ST

2992. DR. P.K. BIJU

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated,
released and utilised for the National
Commission on Scheduled Tribes separately
showing the expenditure incurred for each
centre during the last three years;

(b) the details of sanctioned strength
and vacant positions across various centres/
offices of the Commission; and

(c) the number of cases dealt with by
the Commission during each of the last
three years along with the current status
of such cases, State/UT-wise?

Portrait of Mohammed Ali Jinnah

2993. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
received requests from public
representatives to remove the portrait of
Mohammed Ali Jinnah installed in Aligarh

Muslim University Students Union Office,
the nodal authority to take final decision;

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

(c) if not, whether the Government
on its own initiative propose to take any
action because of portrait which is hurting
the feelings of Indians and if so, the details
thereof; and

(d) whether the Government also
proposes to withdraw the life membership
of Jinnah from Students Union?

Welfare of Agrias

2994. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G.
FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agrias in Gujarat are
involved in production of salt;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
assistance provided to them by the
Government; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government
to provide housing, electricity, water,
education etc. to them?

Employment Guarantee Scheme

†2995. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
formulated/proposes to formulate any new

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Employment Guarantee scheme for the
unemployed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is
satisfied with the present schemes/
programmes being implemented to check
unemployment in the country;

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

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

Playgrounds in Schools

†2996. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of secondary schools
in the country that do not have any
playground, State/UT-wise including
Gujarat and West Bengal along with the
reasons therefor;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes
to introduce scheme in this regard and if so,
the details thereof?

Development of Tourist Destinations in Mumbai

2997. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has identified various locations in and around the city of Mumbai for developing as tourist attractions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the places like Sassoon Dock and Sewree Fort in the city are proposed to be developed as wedding destinations to attract visitors from all over the country and abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop Mandwa as wellness destination with facilities like yoga and meditation along with restaurants near the Mumbai Port and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allow shooting at the Mumbai Port; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-medical Equipments in ESIC Hospitals

2998. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospitals Non-medical equipments such as - OT, CSSD, MGPS, Laundry-standardization was done in July 2010 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the technical specifications of these products have become obsolete as standards have evolved over the years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for using the same technical specifications for these products when superior specifications are available

now and beneficiaries can be provided better healthcare services and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether only few companies are being favoured and this manipulation is causing loss of public money and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the action taken in this regard?

Number of Colleges

†2999. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of colleges/institutions that provided education and training in yoga and naturopathy during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the other measures being undertaken by the Government for standardization of teaching of yoga and naturopathy in the country?

Annual School Education Report

3000. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annual School Education Report (ASER) for 2017 has been released recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the major points revealed by the said report;

(c) whether the said report had pointed certain inadequacies in the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE Act) and the state of education in the country; and

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

Non-hoisting of National Flag on Red Fort

3001. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Red Fort in Delhi was seen without National Flag for 3 days continuously *w.e.f.* May 6 to 8, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not hoisting the National Flag at Red Fort during the said period;

(d) whether any action has been taken/being taken by the Government against the officials of ASI responsible in this regard; and

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

Polytechnics under Skill Development in Maharashtra

†3002. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polytechnics established in the State of Maharashtra under the National Skill Development Mission, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with overseas educational institutions to bring improvement in the quality of education;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Healthcare Services through ESIC

†3003. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced/contemplating to introduce healthcare services also for pensioners and the unorganised sector through Employees State Insurance Corporation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of labourers benefitted/likely to be benefitted therefrom so far in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far, State/UT-wise?

Boarding Schools for Girls

3004. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up boarding schools especially for girl children in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has identified the places where these schools to come up, State-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Buddhist Circuit

3005. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any plan for development of Buddhist circuit and heritage tourist places and cities related to Lord Buddha under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Buddhist sites in the country and the steps taken for the development and promotion of these sites along with funds/grants allocated therefor during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Buddhist circuit development project is under consideration of the Government along with the criteria for selecting tourist centres sites under the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time limit fixed for the development of Buddhist circuit; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to develop Buddhist circuit by including Buddhist sites in Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh in the said circuit and if so, the details thereof?

Central Universities

†3006. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central Universities in the country;

(b) whether this number is in line with the proportion of the number of students;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to set up/start new central university and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a new central university in Bundelkhand region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development by PSUs

3007. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Skill Development initiatives taken up by PSUs are not being communicated to the concerned MP/MLA from time to time to take suggestions from his constituency jurisdiction and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the any steps being taken by the Government to involve the MP/MLA of

the concerned area to take part in such skill development initiatives?

Development of Five Year Plan to ST

3008. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes have been implemented from 2014 till end of the 12th Five Year Plan date for the development of Scheduled Tribes in that State of Kerala; and

(b) the details of special assistance given by Central Government under (i) Pre-matric Scholarships and Post-matric Scholarships for tribal students, (ii) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme (SCA to TSS), (iii) Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India, (iv) Vanabadhu Kalyan Yojana, and (v) Conservation-cum-Development Plan for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) from 2014 till date?

Revamp of Labour Laws

†3009. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any survey to review/scrutinize the existing labour laws and policies in the country during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering to amend the existing labour laws and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has consulted various labour organizations and industrial organizations and all other stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government in the field of labour welfare in accordance to the international treaties and conventions?

Development of MSME Sector

3010. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), play a pivotal role in the overall industrial development of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also taken note that the MSMEs continue to face several problems in production and marketing of their products and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study to find out concrete solutions for these problems and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to empower the MSMEs sector to create more employment opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Production Sharing Contracts

3011. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has streamlined the existing Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) with four key changes in the policy framework to increase domestic hydrocarbon production and if so, the details thereof along with any plan to increase exploration period by two years and appraisal period for one year for North Eastern fields;

(b) whether the Government has started bidding process for 55 oil and gas blocks under Discovered Small Field (DSF) Policy/revamped policy regime and if so, the details thereof along with the number of blocks auctioned so far and the total revenue generated/earned therefrom, oil blocks-wise;

(c) whether the Government has deferred the bidding for 60 oil and gas fields in the DSF-II bidding round which were likely to be launched in June, 2018 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has announced New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) that would help to increase the revenue of the States if so, the details and salient features thereof;

(e) the details of PSCs signed by the Government for 26 discovered blocks, 28 exploration blocks under pre-NELP and 254 blocks under NELP, block-wise; and

(f) whether the ONGC proposes to hire services of international oil firms and has invited offer in this regard to raise output from mature oil fields and if so, the details thereof?

Oldest Civilisation in India

3012. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake any research work to find out the oldest civilization in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details and name of the oldest civilization in the Indian sub-continent as per records available;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to find out the facts relating to erstwhile Kumari-continent as mentioned in the ancient Tamil literature; and

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

Promotion of Commerce and Industry

3013. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of various central subsidies sanctioned and released to each State in the North Eastern Region for promoting industry and commerce during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether complaints regarding misuse of the said subsidy have been received during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve those complaints?

Educational Institutions

3014. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Government funded Educational institutions which do not give reservations to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) for admissions/jobs as per the norms fixed by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is fact that Aligarh Muslim University does not apply reservation policy norms; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government from time to time to safeguard the interest of SCs/STs in these institutions?

Impact of MGNREG on Bonded Labourers

3015. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ascertained the impact of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREG) Scheme on the release and rehabilitation of the bonded labourers;

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

(c) whether the objectives of the MGNREG Scheme have been aligned with the objectives of the Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of bonded labourers who availed the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme during each of the last five years, State/ UT-wise?

Economically Weaker Section Children

3016. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBSE has any information regarding the Schools across the country which are not following the EWS norms properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise, particularly in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if not, the reason therefor; and

(d) the details of private Schools in the country against which any enquiry has been initiated regarding financial or other irregularities by CBSE so far particularly in the above mentioned States?

Polytechnic/Women Hostels in Rajasthan

†3017. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release the amount of Rs. 37.33 crore for opening 15 new Government polytechnics and for construction of 26 women Hostels in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these new 15 polytechnics and 26 women hostels are likely to be started?

Roads in Tribal Areas

†3018. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of the Scheduled Tribes dominated villages have not been connected with the link roads;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of villages at present;

(c) whether the Scheduled Tribes dominated villages in Sirohi district of Rajasthan has not been linked with the national highway so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the district administration is not constructing the link road approved by the district collector due to pressure from some factory owners and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

SC/ST/Women Entrepreneurs under Startup Scheme

†3019. SHRI VINOD KUMAR
SONKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Start up India has an objective of producing Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe(SC/ST) and women entrepreneurs from 125 lakh bank branches of the country as targeted by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the bank branches which have achieved/yet to achieve this target;

(c) the details of the number of such districts in which Start-up India scheme has been launched in the country, District-wise;

(d) whether the Government is reviewing Start-up India scheme and if so, the number of such bank branches which are not taking any interest in the scheme along with the action taken against such branches; and

(e) the time by which the Government is likely to achieve its target of producing SC/ST and women entrepreneurs?

Medicinal Herbs in Forest Areas

†3020. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether bio silk, ved amvala, karanj, saal seed, tamarind, mahua etc. found in the forest areas of Jharkhand are abundant with medical herbs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the indigenous enterprises related to these are the basis of self-employment and self-reliance of the tribal people; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide employment to the tribal youth by providing training, incentives, augmentation and marketing network of the indigenous talent and traditional enterprises related to these products and if so, the details thereof?

Examination Pattern

3021. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is to make changes in class X and XII examination pattern from 2019 onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the move is being currently tested as a pilot project in the ongoing compartmental examinations;

(d) whether it is also true that CBSE is also planning to provide logistics support to examination centres which lack adequate printing and xerox machines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

National Council For Teacher Education

3022. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed shifting of 4 regional committee offices of National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) from Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Jaipur and Bangalore to Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for this shift;

(c) the jurisdiction and role of regional committee offices of NCTE in the 4 States where it is currently located;

(d) whether eastern regional committee of NCTE can sufficiently govern over its jurisdiction of States in the North East, Odisha and West Bengal with its offices in Delhi;

(e) whether the representation from eastern regional committee of NCTE, Bhubaneswar has expressed in writing or otherwise its opposition to the shift of its office to Delhi; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Setting up of Tourism University

† 3023. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism University to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the norms determined by the Government to establish such Universities;

(c) the places identified for this purpose and the estimated expenditure in this regard; and

(d) the time by which these Universities are likely to start functioning?

National Integrated Logistics Policy

3024. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce a National Integrated Logistics Policy to supplement commerce and industry in the country; and

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

Promotion of Rubber Products

3025. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has a proposal to set up a company on the

lines of Cochin International Airports Ltd. to produce value added rubber products so as to ensure a better price for rubber growers and the Centre has been requested to join in their endeavour; and

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

Contribution of Tourism Sector in GDP

3026. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution made by the Tourism sector to the nation's total Gross Domestic Product(GDP);

(b) whether there has been an increase in foreign tourist arrivals in the country in 2017-2018;

(c) if so, the details thereof with regard to percentage increase; and

(d) the details of income earned from foreign tourist arrivals in the year 2017-2018?

Subsidy for Pilgrimages

3027. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to distribute subsidy for domestic and international pilgrimages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the worship/pilgrimage places selected in this regard; and

(d) the details of funds spent for the tourist destinations which promotes pilgrims in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Transparency in Public Procurement

3028. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring in transparency in public procurement in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures towards achieving transparency in public procurement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken all the State Governments into confidence to make the said initiative a successful one; and

(d) if so, the details of State Governments which have come forward to join hands for the said scheme?

Digital Library

†3029. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken some firm steps to strengthen traditional knowledge and Digital Library in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any action plan has been prepared to link intellectual property with research fellowship and promotion in national laboratories, institutions and universities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to include intellectual property in the curriculum of schools and colleges; and

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

ST List of Assam

†3030. SHRI NABA KUMAR
SARANIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Assam for inclusion of six communities from Assam into the Scheduled Tribe category;

(b) if so, the present status of particularly tribals and Cooch Rajbangashi community;

(c) whether any complaints have been received by the Government regarding problems being faced in receiving Scheduled Tribes (STs) certificate from State Governments;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government with regard to the State of Assam;

(e) whether a number of recommendations still awaiting approval of the Government for inclusion of various tribes in the STs list; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Targets under PMEGP

3031. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has failed to meet the target during the year 2017-18;

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

(c) whether Khadi and village Industries Commission has reduced the target by 50 per cent for the year 2018-19, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the banks have not approved new applications under the said programme; and

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

RTI Applications

3032. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the RTI applications at National

Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)-Gujarat from 2016 to June 2018;

(b) if so, the details of RTI district-wise at NIOS Gujarat;

(c) the details of the RTI applications date and reply dates, district-wise; and

(d) the details of the RTI replied to Kheda, Vadodara, Anand, Surat, Sabarkantha, Ahmedabad?

EPFO District Offices/Service Centres

3033. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the EPFO has upgraded its district offices/service centres at various places in the country;

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

(c) whether it is also proposed to open more EPFO offices in various States/UTs in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new offices are likely to be opened?

Aboriginal Tribes Community

†3034. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of the Aboriginals is continuously shrinking particularly in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has started centrally sponsored 'Aboriginals community development' programme for the comprehensive development of aboriginals;

(d) the funds released and utilised for the development of tribals during the last three years; and

(e) the outcome of the development schemes for the upliftment of such tribals?

Students Studying in Different Shifts

†3035. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision of shifting the students of same family studying in kendriya vidyalayas in different shifts in a single shift due to which a lot of inconvenience is faced in sending and bringing back the children of the same family;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the guidelines issued by the Government for retaining the children of the same family in one shift?

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3036. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a person can sing a song of any singer in karaoke, record it as hobby in friends, social function and upload it in

social media under fair use clause of Copyright Act and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received complaint of blocking a Facebook account holder for singing and recording songs in karaoke and uploading it on Facebook receiving complaint from the copyright owner of the song;

(c) if so, how it could be done when a person sings songs in karaoke and upload it on Facebook without any commercial use and monetary benefit under the Copyright Act; and

(d) whether the Government will take up the issue with Facebook and seek clarification for blocking the account of such singer and issue instructions to unblock account and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

R&D Projects in Steel Sector

3037. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is an urgent need for Research and Development (R&D) in the Iron & Steel sector to increase steel production in order to sustain the target of 300 million tonne production capacity by 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to improve R&D in the aforesaid sector;

(c) the details of steel PSUs as well as private sector companies that are allocating at least 1% of their sales turnover towards Research and Development activities; and

(d) whether the Government proposes the formulation of a Special Steel Development Fund for R&D in Steel production to be used in highly specialised

areas such as defence, space, atomic energy in order to increase quality and to boost domestic industry, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Encroachment of Monuments

3038. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical sites protected by ASI in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a number of historical and protected monuments/sites/structures/buildings have been illegally encroached upon by certain individuals and groups in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of encroachments removed by the Archaeological Survey of India and civil authorities during each of the last three years, State and Monument-wise;

(d) the funds released by the Government for the maintenance and upkeep of these monuments during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the further steps taken by the Government to keep such monuments free from encroachment?

Promotion of Tourism in Bundelkhand

†3039. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme and has released/proposes to release special package to promote tourism in Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount released for all the tehsils (janapadas) for this purpose during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of progress made in this regard so far?

Substandard Quality of MDMS

†3040. SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of incident where cockroaches, lizards etc. like poisonous insects were found in the food served in schools under mid-day meal scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of complaints received in this regard during the last five years and the current year, year/State-wise;

(c) the action taken against the person responsible for serving unhealthy food to children in schools along with the schools of Bihar from where such incidents have taken place; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of food to be served under the said scheme?

New National Steel Policy

3041. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets set under the National Steel Policy-2012 could not be achieved;

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

(c) whether the Government has assessed the shortcomings of National Steel Policy-2012 and proposes to launch a New National Steel Policy;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the time by which the New Policy is likely to be implemented; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to develop and make the steel sector globally competitive?

Wholesale Price Index

3042. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wholesale price index of the country for May, 2018 has showed highest ever inflation during last 8 months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether prices of vegetables cross over 12 months average inflation rate of 65 per cent therein;

(c) if so, whether fuel and power prices also rose about 8 per cent in May

and is successively higher in comparison to last two years; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government to check the inflation and price rise?

Modernisation of Steel Sector

3043. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce cutting-edge technologies for the benefit of the indigenous Iron & Steel industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps towards achieving energy efficiency and emission reduction through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of United Nations Development Plan (UNDP);

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has directed all public sector steel companies to set up energy efficiency and emission reduction provisions under their modernisation and capacity expansion programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for modernisation of the steel sector in the country?

Per Capita Consumption of Natural Gas

3044. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:
PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's natural gas per capita consumption is far behind the global average and if so, the details of per capita consumption in the country as against the per capita consumption on the rest of the world particularly BRICS countries;

(b) whether the country suffers from a significant supply deficit in the gas market;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the shortfall that has existed in the past three years and the current year along with the projections of the state of deficit in the coming two years; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to create reserves of natural gas for their use in emergency situation in the country and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to create such natural gas reserve?

Irregularities in FSNL

3045. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints against MD/higher officials of FSNL for alleged irregularities, violation of rules, unfair practices, malpractices and harassment of their employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such complaints registered/ action taken against the officials during each of the last three years;

(c) the mechanism put in place by the Government to monitor the functioning of FSNL to check irregularities/malpractice therein; and

(d) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government to redress the complaints/grievances in the FSNL?

BITEs Scheme

3046. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Block Institute of Teachers (BITEs) intended to create a pool of trained elementary teachers from amongst minority and Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of minority concentrated districts identified for BITEs in the States and Union Territories;

(d) the location of BITEs and the number out of them functional in the minority concentrated districts as on date; and

(e) the details of students of minority community studying in these institutions as on date and funds released for this purpose during the year 2017-18?

Number of Universities

†3047. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Universities in Meghalayas whose Certificates and degrees are valid for Government jobs and higher studies across the country; and

(b) the details of the Government, private and deemed Universities in the country?

Scholarships for North Eastern Students

3048. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the "Ishan Vikas and Ishan Uday" scholarship schemes for students of North Eastern region;

(b) the details of funds allocated and the number of students benefited under the said schemes till date; and

(c) the target of beneficiaries under the said schemes during the current year?

Tourist Circuits and Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

3049. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features, aims and objectives of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) whether it is true that the Government has identified around 15 tourist circuits and approved around

68 projects across the country under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of tourist circuits and projects identified and implemented by the Government so far, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the time by which these 68 projects are likely to be completed?

Cultural Talent Discovery Scheme

3050. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently introduced cultural talent discovery scheme under which a cultural data bank is being prepared by registering artists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the objective of this scheme is to applaud new talent and protect old arts, culture and artists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Seats in Engineering Colleges

3051. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that it is a serious concern that the seats in engineering colleges are falling vacant;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received more than 150 applications for closure of engineering colleges in the country; and

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

NET Exam

†3052. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give employment to those who have done Ph.D from abroad in Indian Universities without sitting for National Eligibility Test (NET) exam;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken so far by the Government; and

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

Status of World Heritage City to Aurangabad

†3053. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted intensive research with the purpose of getting the status of the World Heritage city to Aurangabad city and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the latest number of the total small and big monuments in Aurangabad city and the details with regards to the years of establishments of these monuments;

(c) whether due to the lack of strong basic infrastructure, Aurangabad city is

lagging behind in the list of the World Heritage cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made by the Government to improve the basic infrastructure in Aurangabad?

Promotion of State Specific Tourism

†3054. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to promote State specific tourism internationally;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to promote tourism in various States including Madhya Pradesh along with the allocation made in this regard during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is organizing a travel show/exhibition in Ujjain so as to provide an invaluable platform/forum to promote the goods produced by the local community;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the prospective scheme of the Government in this regard?

IIT, Bihta

†3055. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of courses introduced in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bihta;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce certain disciplines in view of the resources available there;

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

(d) the number of posts of teachers lying vacant in IIT, Bihta along with the measures being taken to fill these vacant posts; and

(e) whether any draft is being prepared to set up full fledged campus in IIT, Bihta and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Tourism in Maharashtra

†3056. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether new tourism policy has been formulated to promote tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to promote tourism in Maharashtra?

Solar Charkha Mission

3057. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Solar Charkha Mission recently and if so, the details thereof including its aims, objectives and financial outlay for the purpose along with the number of Clusters covered and the number of artisans likely to be benefited therefrom State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up 15 New state-of-the-art technology centres in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the budgetary allocation for Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for FY 2018-19 has been increased and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has set up 4 Portals for promoting Ease-of-Doing Business and if so, the details thereof?

Port Restrictions on Rubber Imports

3058. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has eased port restrictions on import of rubber under the Advanced Authorisation Scheme;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware that the decision will cause huge import of rubber and further decline in the price of natural rubber in the domestic market and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has proposed any measures to address the

issues faced by the rubber cultivators in the country due to price fall of natural rubber; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Streamlining the Admission Process

3059. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the universities to start an elaborate counselling system to streamline admission process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made it clear that the seats of universities have to be filled through informed process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sponge Iron Plants

†3060. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sponge iron plants operational in public and private sectors in the country including Chhattisgarh at present;

(b) the details of employment opportunities generated in these plants;

(c) whether any provision has been made to provide jobs to the local people in the above said plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Multi-Product Retail Outlets

3061. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Federation of Retailers Association of India (FRAI) a representative body of Micro, Small and Medium traders having 34 retail associations across the country has expressed displeasure against Government decision on trade/product restrictions for outlets selling multiple products of everyday use and controls on in-shop advertising;

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

(c) the details of the draft proposals by the Government in this regard?

Natural Gas Marketing Margin

3062. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has taken any decision regarding the issue of marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas marketers;

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

(c) whether the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been communicated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MACP for Teaching Staff

3063. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) has not been extended to teaching staff of Kendriya Vidyalayas which has already been implemented in Central Government and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of criteria for grant of senior/selection grade;

(c) whether due to restriction of 20% of vacancy and other conditions, only few teachers are eligible for grant of senior/selection grade;

(d) if so, the details of eligible teachers during the current year, post-wise;

(e) whether the representations have been received for removing all conditions for granting senior/selection grade, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(f) whether there is urgent need for formulating any other alternative policy/measure like time scale promotion, in place of MACP to teaching employees of KVS to compensate loss of two years and if so, the details thereof?

Details of Schools

3064. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Government schools across the country, State/UT-wise including West Bengal and Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government is planning/proposing to start pre-school classes in Government schools across the country including West Bengal;

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

(d) whether the Government has started pre-school classes in some of the States as a trial, if so, the details thereof along with its results?

Conservation of Culture of the Country

3065. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for conservation and development of diverse culture, customs and traditions of our country especially of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the funds allocated to the Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations for the purpose during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

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

(d) the details of programmes formulated to promote Indian culture and to create awareness about it?

Engineering Clusters in Gujarat

†3066. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any engineering cluster has been set up in Gujarat under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount allocated/sanctioned therefor, location-wise; and

(c) the major aims and objectives for setting up of the said clusters and number of such clusters which have been made operational in Gujarat?

Development of Tourist Migrant Areas

†3067. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of places in the State of Gujarat at which the proposal of developing tourist migrant area is under consideration of the Government; and

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

Economic Development Schemes for Tribals

3068. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched recently any scheme aims at economic development of tribals involved in collection of Minor Food Produces (MFPs) by helping them in optimum utilization of natural resources and provide them sustainable livelihood and if so, the details thereof.

(b) whether the scheme is applicable to all tribal hamlets/villages and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to provide skill upgradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facility and if so, the details thereof along with the list of such initiatives successfully functioning State-wise;

(d) whether the tribal population in India lags behind other social groups on various social parameters even after surplus Government schemes for their welfare and empowering and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Project Mausam

3069. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Project Mausam along with the details of the countries with which the Government is trying to revive historic maritime cultural and economic ties under this project;

(b) whether the Government is implementing an action plan for achieving a World Heritage Transnational nomination for "Indian Ocean Maritime Routes";

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of its implementation; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilised for this project during 2017-18 and the first three months of 2018-19?

Online School Fee

†3070. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been made mandatory to deposit fees in CBSE schools of the country online and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has been also enforced for other financial transaction of the schools also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to consider to implement such system also in private schools to promote cashless transaction and if so, the details thereof?

Cases of Overpayment

3071. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that any cases of overpayment due to promotions given because of counting of past service in violation of University Grants Commission(UGC) rules and regulations have come to notice in central universities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, then in such cases the UGC has given written instructions to the concerned central universities for recovering the amount of overpayment and if so, whether the amount of overpayment has been recovered;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there are any cases in central universities where in spite of the objections of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) and directions issued by UGC, the employees continue to be overpaid and if so, the details thereof and whether any responsibility has been fixed for such continued overpayment; and

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

Status of Faculty Position

3072. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to the status of faculty position in Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to release of Rs. 55.96 crores in four years and Rs. 42 crores in 2018-19 helps to complete the campus and other infrastructure at the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether the Ministry has allotted Rs.300 crores a year to compete it in the coming two years and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

Construction Near Monuments

3073. SHRI P. KUMAR:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the monuments which are vulnerable to climatic change and air pollution in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the Government is aware that several heritage sites/buildings in the country including those in the National Capital Region are being damaged due to illegal constructions near/around them and if so, the details thereof along with the norms fixed by the Government for construction near/around such monuments, building/site-wise and State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the preventive steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard as well as to preserve the heritage sites/buildings?

Eklavya Model Residential Schools

3074. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States where Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education; and

(b) the details of capital cost of establishing and recurring cost of running each of these EMRSs?

Modern Schools in Tribal Areas

3075. DR. ANBUMANI
RAMADROSS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special Plan to construct modern school in constituency of Sitheri village of the tribal area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Different State Boards

3076. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there has been inflation of marks by

different State Boards as a result of which the institutions are facing problems in conducting various admission processes for Universities and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures which the Government has taken to reduce such problems;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any mechanism or directed the State boards to come up with a uniform pattern of courses, exams and assessment for better assessment of students from all over the country and if so, the details thereof.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to establish separate authority for assessing the marks and bringing them in uniformity with national boards like CBSE and If so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Missing of Valuable Articles from Museums

3077. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any valuable articles have reportedly gone missing from various museums across the country;

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

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

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against the culprits including staff/officers found responsible/involved therein; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Misuse of Trade Promotion Schemes

†3078. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for promotion of foreign trade and export in the country;

(b) whether any cases of misuse of these schemes have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

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

(d) the steps taken by the Government to put a check on such cases of misuse of these schemes and the outcome thereof?

Employment Oriented Education to Students

†3079. DR. RAM SHANKAR
KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/likely to formulate scheme to provide employment oriented education to the students to deal with the challenges of the dwindling employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which it would help to get employment;

(d) whether the Government has made an understanding with the Universities regarding the professional courses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Model Villages for STs

3080. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed model villages for the welfare of tribal communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States where such model villages have been set up; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated and utilized by the various States for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Learning Outcomes

3081. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether learning gaps in schools, highlighted by the ASER exercise over the years, are leading to elevated dropout levels and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the steps undertaken by the Government in this regard and the details

of enrolment in the country under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State/UT-wise?

New Defence Parks

3082. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated the process of setting up new defence parks in the country including one in Kerala and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of these projects;

(b) whether these defence parks are in collaboration with State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Drug Addiction in Students

3083. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three corporations have identified 1820 school kids between the age 7-10 years who consume tobacco, solutions, inhalers, gutkha and other drugs in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of children died due to using such drugs in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for protection of

school children from drug abuse including steps taken to crack down on alleged sale of drugs among students in school and college campus and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of illegal use of drugs in different Central Universities?

Promotion of Co-working Spaces

3084. KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered any measures for the promotion of co-working spaces in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any proposals for FDI in setting up of co-working spaces in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Para 5.2.10.2 of the FDI Policy excludes the leasing of property for creation of co-working spaces from amounting to real estate business and if so, the details thereof?

Granite Clusters in Telangana

3085. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop granite Clusters in Telangana

with the adoption of the cluster development approach to infuse life into the granite industry; and

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

Admission under Discretionary Quota

3086. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to start new Kendriya Vidyalayas School in Tamil Nadu State; and

(b) the total number of seats the Government has provided under discretionary quota of the Hon'ble Minister during 2017-18 and details of K.V. school including Tamil Nadu State, school-wise?

Ranking of Bihar

3087. DR SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current scenario of Technical Colleges (Management, Technical and Other Technical related) in Bihar and the ranking of Bihar in the country;

(b) the number of Bihar students studying in other States of the country; and

(c) whether the Government has observed this phenomenon and if so, the steps taken to address this issue?

WIPO Copyright Treaty

3088. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given its approval for accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performers and Phonograms Treaty which extends coverage of copyright to the internet and digital environment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits accrued by accessioning these treaties?

Development of Ancient Temples3089. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of temples conserved by the Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country including in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and spent for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, temple-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the preservation and conservation of various temples including ancient temples in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Cooking Gas

†3090. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether PNG cooking gas has not been brought under Essential Commodity Act due to which a large number of PNG cooking gas customers are deprived of it and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring PNG cooking gas under Essential Commodity Act to ensure that most of the customers can avail the benefit of PNG cooking gas?

Guidelines on Tribal Sub-Plan3091. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by the NITI Aayog for implementation of Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan (STSP);

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized by various Central Ministries and States for the implementation of said STSP during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether cases of alleged irregularities and violation of guidelines including diversion of funds in implementation of the aforesaid STSP by

State/UT have come to light and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the State/UT-wise number of complaints received during the aforesaid period and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard thereto; and

(e) the mechanism established to monitor maximum utilization of funds under the said STSP?

Cultural Exchange Programmes

3092. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cultural exchange programmes to boost ties with other nations;

(b) whether there is any potential for exchange programmes of experts for production and productivity enhancement of commercial crops; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to tap this potential?

Scholarship to Transgender Students

3093. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted any scholarship schemes for transgender students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase or diversify the range of scholarships for transgender students; and

(c) the maximum compensation offered by scholarships currently available to transgender students?

Export of Khadi Products3094. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of khadi products have shown a remarkable growth during the current year in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, sale and export of khadi products during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote khadi industry and to exploit/tap its export potential to the maximum?

Standardisation of Yoga Education

3095. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted/proposes to constitute any expert panel/committee for the standardisation of yoga education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which the said panel/Committee is likely to submit its report;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recognised yoga in the form of a full fledged curriculum at graduate and postgraduate level and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of full time or part time courses being run for preparing yoga instructors for universities/colleges;

(e) whether there is no Central legislation for regulation of education and practice yoga and naturopathy systems and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps been taken by the Government in this regard?

Yoga in Schools

3096. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce Yoga as a subject in all CBSE schools across the country, in near future, specially in UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of professional Yoga courses approved by the Government so far?

Incentives under EoDB

3097. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the initiatives taken by the Government to relax the conditions for Ease of Doing Business for corporates;

(b) the change in laws and concession given by the Government during the last four years for ease of doing business for the corporates in the country;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government for relaxing the conditions for issuing construction permits to corporates;

(d) the details of the concession declared by Government during the last four years for the electricity tariff and connection to the corporates;

(e) the details of the action taken by the Government during the last four years for relaxing the provision for registering the property for corporates; and

(f) the details of the action taken by the Government during the last four years for making corporate investor protection?

Recruitment in ITDC

†3098. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment to the post of Assistant Manager in Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) through on campus selection/placement at All India level was conducted by Institute of Hotel Management in the year 2011 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the services of these managers have not been regularized so far and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not making these candidates permanent despite the lapse of seven years due to which their future is at stake while services of the candidates of the subsequent batches have been regularized/made permanent;

(d) whether the Government proposes to regularize the services of these candidates;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Institutions of Eminence

3099. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH
DEO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of applications which were received by the Ministry for the status of Institutions of Eminence (IoE), State-wise;

(b) the details of applications which were received after the initial deadline of December 12, 2017, which was extended to February 22, 2018;

(c) whether it is true that list of the 40 applications had initially been shortlisted by the Empowered Experts Committee (EEC) in April 2018 and later scrapped; and

(d) if so, the reasons behind the shortlist being scrapped in favour of re-examination of all 114 applications?

Private Coaching Institutes

†3100. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI R. DHURVA
NARAYANA:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to formulate any guidelines for private coaching institutes in view of increasing level of stress among children for competitive exams;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum

†3101. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up a museum of National importance for the tribal freedom fighters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Degree Colleges

†3102. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the sub-committee constituted under the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended to set up residential degree colleges/polytechnic colleges/special women universities for women in every district headquarters and free education for women upto post graduation level; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the said recommendations?

Punishment in Schools

3103. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any rules/guidelines with regard to corporal punishment on schools students;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that several schools are using corporal punishment on school students; and

(d) if so, the punitive action taken against such institutions that does not follow the rules and guidelines prescribed in this regard?

Hike in School Fee

3104. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to form uniform fee framework to check frequent and arbitrary increase in school fees by unaided and private schools and if so, the details thereof along with the number of private management schools, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to put a ceiling on maximum fee to be charged from the students keeping in view the payment capacity of common man and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also received suggestions from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to the effect that Centre may consider to cap school fee hikes at 10% per annum covering all private and unaided schools and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the said recommendations/suggestions are likely to be implemented by the Government; and

(e) whether the Government has also issued guidelines on regulating fee in private schools that prescribe penal provision for those institutions that violate the norms due to number of complaints pouring in from aggrieved parents across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and Hostels

†3105. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi girls hostels and other girls hostels running in the country including Madhya Pradesh under "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" along with the number of girls living in them;

(b) the number of girls hostels running under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) along with the number of girls living in them;

(c) whether due to shortage of hostel facilities at higher secondary level in comparison to the number of girls living in the hostels for secondary level students is creating hurdles in the education of girl students;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the hostel facility and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is also considering to upgrade all the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereon?

Teaching Staff in Eklavya Model Residential Schools

3106. PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has started Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) for better education to the tribal students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that there are no regular teaching and non-teaching Staff in EMRSs and the existing staff is working in unfavourable service conditions;

(c) if so, whether the Government is going to appoint regular teachers or enhance wages to the existing staff at par with other teaching and non-teaching staff; and

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

Upgradation of ITIs Infrastructure

3107. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12,000 Industrial Training Institutes across the country has now been transferred to the Ministry from the Ministry of Labour and Employment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to upgrade the infrastructure of the ITIs and introduce in-service training for the teachers and instructors to be at par with the latest technology of the respective trade to impart appropriate training to the students for

employment in the industries likely to come up under the Make in India Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the any action plan formulated in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government also has any plan to emulate the training module prevalent in other countries including China, South Korea, Taiwan or Germany in the ITIs and if so, the details thereof?

Support and Security to the Women Employed in the Unorganised Sector

3108. DR. KARAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan/proposal to review the policy extending support and security to the women employed in the unorganised sector;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware that more than 90 per cent of the women workforce in the unorganised sector in the country remain unaddressed by the Maternity Benefits Act, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

MICE Promotions

3109. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives to the MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) sector, where revenues have been crimped following policy changes like the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to relax visa norms and conduct MICE promotions through roadshows in markets like Europe this year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has appointed an agency to study the size of the market and revenue generation potential through MICE activities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to ease regulations for MICE businesses, besides inviting greater participation from private entities and State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has set a target of achieving 2% global MICE market share for MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) INDIA and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to promote India as a favourable destination for MICE industry; and

(f) whether the Government has conducted any study to gauge the revenue generation potential of the MICE industry and if so, the details and the findings thereof?

Public Procurement Policy

3110. DR. BHAGIRATH
PRASAD:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of ensuring 4 per cent of the total procurement done by ministries, departments and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) from the entities owned by SC/ST under the Public Procurement Policy (PPP) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure its strict implementation;

(c) whether the Government's e-Marketplace (GeM)/Public procurements portal facilitates compliance of above provision of PPP and if so, the details thereof along with salient features of this Public Procurement Portal 'MSME Sambandh' and the value of total procurement made through GeM so far; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for strengthening the MSMEs sector in the country?

Free SIM Card to Foreign Tourists

3111. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the scheme of providing free SIM Cards to foreign tourists arriving in the country through the e-visa route;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the details of the scheme being implemented in this regard;

(c) the total number of tourists arrived in the country on e-visas and the revenue earned therefrom during the year 2016, country-wise; and

(d) whether the Government aims to double the foreign tourist arrivals and revenue therefrom in the next three years and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Tourism Hub in Punjab

3112. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hub in Punjab under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details along with the present status and action taken by the Government on the said proposals?

Minimum Wages for Beedi Workers

3113. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI ANANDRAO
ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI C.R. PATIL:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beedi workers are being covered under minimum wages Act and if so, the details thereof along with the minimum wage in different States being provided to the beedi workers;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase their minimum wages keeping in mind the effects of price increase and GST applied to the raw materials, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation for raising minimum wages to beedi workers by any beedi worker association and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any policy or framework is being developed by the Government to address the gap in the minimum wages for beedi workers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to guarantee/ensure minimum wages, proper healthcare and benefits of various social security schemes to the beedi workers especially the female beedi workers who constitute a major chunk of the beedi workers in the country?

Setting up of Oil Refinery

3114. SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRIMATI BUTTA
RENUKA:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 proposes Green field crude oil refinery and Petrochemical Complex at Visakhapatnam and the said act also proposed that IOCL and HPCL would examine the feasibility within six months from appointed day and if so, the details thereof and the current status of the project;

(b) whether the economic feasibility for the said project is not being considered as its economic benefits will only help in strengthening of the bifurcated States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different approaches are adopted for central financing of both PSU-led projects *i.e.* Assam Gas Cracker and IOCL Visakhapatnam refinery and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether HPCL and GAIL have entered into an agreement with Government of Andhra Pradesh to set up a petrochemical plant in the State and if so, the details of the said agreement and the employment likely to be generated after setting up of the said plant and the time by which the plant would be completed; and

(e) whether Viability Gap Funding (VGF) was taken from any other State earlier and if so the details thereof along

with the reasons for asking /seeking VGF for Andhra Pradesh?

Promotion of Adventure Tourism

3115. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to promote adventure tourism exclusively across identified spots in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to ensure health and safety alongside all adventure tourism activities in view of increasing number of reported accidents and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of tourists visited country for adventure tourism during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up Adventure Tourism Board and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to develop Adventure Tourism in the Himalayan region and ravines and forests of Bundelkhand and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Kapad Beach

3116. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Kapad Beach in Kozhikode is a tourist as well historical beach;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the strategic measures being taken to develop this as an international beach destination;

(c) the funds sanctioned/likely to be sanctioned in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for promotion and facilitation of tourists on the said beach?

Schemes for Bihar

3117. SHRI MOHD. ASRARUL
HAQUEL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented in Bihar for Scheduled Tribes (STs) ;

(b) the details of the beneficiaries under the above schemes/programmes; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation of various projects meant for STs, particularly in Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

Job Creation

3118. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the job creation is not being done at the expected level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is true that vocational training plays a vital role in creating jobs in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to bring the vocational training into mainstream in the country;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to chalk out a strong policy road map for job creation and vocational training in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard?

Employment amongst Degree Holders

3119. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of youngsters having graduate, postgraduate and technical degrees are unemployed and looking for work/jobs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rate of unemployed youth in the country in comparison to other developing countries has increased in the past few years; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof and the details of the strategies being adopted/proposed to be adopted by the Government to ensure employment to educated youth across the country?

Private Teachers Training Institutes

3120. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether private agencies are being permitted to undertake teacher training and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any guidelines for the functioning of such private teacher training institutes and if so, the details thereof and the mechanism in place to monitor the working of such private institutes;

(c) whether the relevant rules do not allow a school to be run for profit in the country whereas the private institutions operate solely on the objective of making profits and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has identified such institutions which have violated the rules and if so, the punitive action taken/to be taken against such institutions?

Naxal Affected Area in Bihar

3121. SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for tribal population of Bihar especially naxal affected districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Beautification of Forts of Mumbai

3122. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided by the Government for repair, maintenance and beautification of Riwa, Mahim and Sion Hillock Forts of Mumbai along with its utilization during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the cases of encroachment of the said Forts have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the number of tourists visiting the said Forts have decreased drastically due to dilapidated condition of these Forts during the said period;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for proper upkeep/maintenance of the said Forts and to remove encroachment therefrom along with achievements thereof?

Convocation Ceremony

†3123. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines to almost all the universities in the country to hold convocation ceremonies every year;

(b) if so, whether the Government is likely to provide funds separately for the said ceremonies;

(c) the number of universities in Bihar against which complaints have been received that they are not holding convocation ceremonies; and

(d) whether the Government has received any list of such universities which had not been holding the said ceremony till date and if so, the details thereof?

Ethanol/Bio-diesel Production

†3124. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the retail price at which the ethanol blended petrol is sold to the consumers along with criteria adopted/fixed by the Government to ascertain/fix the selling price of gas in the country;

(b) whether any dispute has arisen over fixing of production price of the ethanol and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and current status of the said issue;

(c) the details of the Government agency or authority responsible for the implementation of the ethanol blended fuel along with the impact of Section 3 of the industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 on the taxation of ethanol in various States;

(d) whether the Government has formulated National Policy on Biofuels with the aim to reduce carbon emission by 40% and to increase production of biofuels in the country and if so, the details thereof and any plan to provide financial incentives for increasing production of biofuels;

(e) the details of target set for production of bio-diesel in the country during the last three years and the current year and extent of success achieved in this regard so far; and

(f) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has prepared a scheme for bio-diesel production with the motto of 'Diesel nahin ab khaadi se – Diesel Banega Baadi se' a few year ago and if so, the details thereof along with the extent of success achieved therein so far and the other efforts being made by the Government in this regard?

Schools Infrastructure

†3125. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing infrastructure in schools in tribal areas of the country State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Government has proposal/idea for infrastructural development of such schools in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and released for the said purpose during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the Ministry of EF&CC has registered reservation against development/establishment of schools in forest areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Hike in Fee

3126. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR: SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the education grants sanctioned/released by the Government to various educational institutions for higher education during each of the last three years and the current year, institution-wise;

(b) whether the Government to channelise a portion of education infra grants as loans *via* the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA);

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

(d) the details of the funds raised by the HEFA for this purpose; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check hike in fee in higher education?

Development of Ancient Places of Maharashtra as Tourist Spots

†3127. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop the remote villages, Small and Medium cities in the country as tourist destination and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop the ancient places of Maharashtra as tourist spots and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a thousands of years old civilization has been unearthed in the country during excavation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the tourists find it difficult to locate the place pertaining to Chandavati due to lack of knowledge of its historical importance and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for publicity of the said place; and

(e) the details of steps taken by the centre/State Governments to promote the tourism through Embassies/Missions in other countries?

Schools for Tribal People

3128. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schools for tribal people established in the country, State/UT-wise during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether less number of schools are functioning in tribal areas, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether school dropouts rate among tribals in primary and secondary level is on rise in the country, if so, the details of such dropouts during the last three years and the current year along with the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise; and

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

NEET Exam

3129. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for Engineering courses is being planned on the lines of NEET (Medicine);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, whether the Government would take States on board while deciding NEET for engineering courses and the time by which the new scheme is likely to be adopted?

Skill Development to Scheduled Tribes

3130. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that skill development of tribal hamlets/villages are very slow due to objections from forest officials and NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any inter-ministerial mechanism to speed up the implementation of tribal development schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether primary infrastructures like roads, power lines, community health centres, drinking water projects are badly affected due to stop memos by forest officials;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has any plan to settle such disputes as early as possible by establishing any minister level committees/bodies; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Van Dhan Kendras

3131. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTALA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set up 3000 Van Dhan Kendras involving 30,000 Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the country under the Van-Dhan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such guidelines have been issued for this scheme and districts

selected for the implementation of the scheme, State/UT-wise and if so, the details thereof?

Secretary Post in NIOS

3132. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recruited the permanent post of Secretary in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);

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

(c) the details of the interview taken for the post and details of total applicants from all the States till 7 June, 2018?

School Fee

†3133. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the private schools in Delhi including those have been allotted land on concessional rates are not following the Delhi High Court directives regarding increase in school fees and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the private schools are not submitting the required records in the Court even after being given four weeks time and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the basis for increase in fees in private schools in the country including Delhi;

(d) the total number of higher secondary schools running in the country, particularly Delhi without seeking recognition from Central Board of Secondary Education; and

(e) whether the Government has started Audit of Private schools and if so, the details thereof including the names of such schools and the irregularities committed by them?

Photography in Monuments

3134. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently allowed photography within premises of protected monuments and sites and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is receiving numerous representations/ requests in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this decision is likely to forecast security threats in the case of certain monuments and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government has directed the Archaeological Survey of India to permit photography at all their monuments and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the other new policies recently announced by the Archaeological Survey of India for public benefit since July 1, 2018;

(f) whether it is a fact that ASI has banned all Swachh Bharat activities and provision of public services within distance of 200 metres from monuments like Humayun's Tomb, etc.; and

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

Appointment of Vice-chancellors

3135. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently a Search Committee headed by Justice Lodha had been set up for appointment of Vice-Chancellors to the Universities in Tamil Nadu after finding such offices were vacant for a long time and needed to be filled in by meritorious academicians and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether based on the recommendations of the Search Committee, new Vice-Chancellors were appointed to the Madras, Anna, Barathiyar, Barathidasan, Manonmaniyam, Tiruvalluvar and Madurai-Kamaraj Universities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many Universities in Tamil nadu including the Ambedkar Law University in Tamil Nadu have several vacancies in the level of Vice-Chancellors, Registrars and Heads of Departments etc., if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether of late several instances of corruption have come to the notice of the Government and the Universities, such

as Barathidasan University, Periyar Tamil University and Tiruvalluvar University and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the proactive role the Ministry plays in ensuring that the Tamil Nadu Universities are rid of corruption and they get qualified academicians to top posts of Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, Controller of Examination, Heads of Departments and other teaching and non-teaching staff so that the Universities impart good education to children?

Skill Councils

3136. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of various sector skill councils and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) was conducted to find out the outcomes of the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of youth skilled and placed in job by the Ministry since its inception?

Procurement Policy

†3137. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a negative attitude towards domestic value addition in Government procurement policy, difficult conditions of contract, continuous import and old machinery for which no replacement incentive is given zero import duty under 'Project import' and delay in project implementation are major factors for restricting domestic demand; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the measures taken to improve the situation?

Subsidy on Kerosene

†3138. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT: SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not paid heavy amount of outstanding subsidy on kerosene to public sector oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise along with the reasons therefor and the time by which the said outstanding amount is likely to be paid;

(c) the State/UT-wise details of kerosene allocation to different States on subsidised rate during each of the last three years; and

(d) whether the Government has declared/proposes to declare certain States/ Union Territories kerosene free and if so, the details thereof along with names of such States?

Online Education

3139. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning/proposing to start online education across the country;

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

(c) the details of the classes initially involved under this online education;

(d) the details of the Universities/ Institutes involved for this education across the country; and

(e) the details of the target set for this?

Research Scheme

3140. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to include North East or tribal students from North East Region in PM Research Fellowship Scheme; and

(b) whether the Government has considered the view to make scheme more inclusive and if so, the details thereof?

Categorization of Tourist Places

3141. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has categorized various tourist places of our country according to their importance,

number of tourists visiting both domestic and foreign tourists and their revenue generation;

(b) if so, the details of such categorization along with the name of such tourist places; and

(c) the number of tourist places in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka which have been identified or categorized as places of international tourist hub interest?

Logistics Parks in Chhattisgarh

3142. SHRI KAMALBHAN SINGH MARABI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a logistic park policy for creation of a leading business destination and to promote ease of doing business across the country including Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has sought funds from the Union Government to create logistic parks in the State and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of funds sanctioned to the State for the purpose during the current year?

MSME Universities

3143. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up State-level universities dedicated to entrepreneurship and MSMEs with an outreach through MSME clinics on the pattern of agricultural universities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up a dedicated Entrepreneurship and MSME University (EMU) to combine academic teaching faculty with practitioners to nurture entrepreneurship and to produce self-confident entrepreneurs and an army of trainers to create an ecosystem for entrepreneurship and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Employment-Oriented Education

3144. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines/rules regarding the employment-oriented education and fee to be charged to private technical education institution in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received reports/complaints regarding violation of the said guidelines/rules by these institutions during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Odisha; and

(c) if so, the corrective follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Private Colleges

†3145. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:
DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government and Private colleges in the country as on date, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of colleges in which the posts of Principal and lecturers are lying vacant and the number of colleges where facilities of library etc. is not available;

(c) the number of colleges receiving grants from University Grants Commission (UGC) the names for providing grant to the private colleges; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance qualitative education in the private and Government colleges?

Import Price of Crude Oil

†3146. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the import price of crude oil in the country during February, 2014, June, 2016 and May, 2018; and

(b) the rate of Central Taxes and State VAT on diesel and petrol along with the retail price of petrol and diesel in Punjab, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai during February, 2014, June, 2016 and May, 2018?

Performance of STC

†3147. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the performance of State Trading Corporation (STC) during each of the last three years including the profit accrued and the loss suffered;

(b) whether any activities of irregularity or fraud have come to light in the corporation during the said period which led to financial loss;

(c) if so, the details of the investigation ordered and the results thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to compensate the loss, improve the functioning of the corporation and to avoid recurrence of the said incidents?

Deemed University

3148. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government wants a new provision that mandates that deemed University should have at least 5,000 students on roll and not less than 250 regular teachers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that currently an institution, to be eligible for deemed tag, should be accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council or National Board of Accreditation

continuously for three cycles and the Government desires to reduce it to two cycles;

(c) if so, whether deemed University is expected to have adequate number of full-time fully qualified and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government wants the University Grants Commission to replace this with a specified teacher-student ratio of 1:20; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Quality Control Orders for Steel Products

†3149. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to meet increasing demand of steel products in the country Government proposes to bring new products under quality control order in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

WTO

3150. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existence of multilateral trading platform, the World Trade Organisation is now under threat;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether India strongly supports its need for regulating trade norms and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some WTO member countries are now questioning the accepted trading norms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas/Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

†3151. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the current/pending proposals for setting up Kendriya Vidyalayas/Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country especially in Bihar and Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any new proposal to establish Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district in Bihar and Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the advantages that the Navodaya Vidyalayas impact the best possible education with the least charges over the other schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any reservation in the establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas on the ground that these institutions follow three language formula which include teaching Tamil, Hindi and English in Tamil Nadu under CBSE rules and if so, the details thereof?

Sanction for IIM

3152. SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government assured sanction of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) under the 13th Schedule of Andhra Pradesh (AP) Re-organisation Act, 2014 despite the commencement of classes, financial sanction for the project is awaited; and

(b) the status of the Infrastructural work at the campus site and expected date of completion and the academic schedule for the first batch expected to start at the campus site?

Development of Tourism in NER

3153. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places in Assam presently covered under the North-East Circuit;

(b) the total amount allotted to develop the tourism sector in North-East especially in Assam during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Assam;

(c) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to develop the tourism sector of North-East, especially Assam; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to include the North-East in various websites related to tours and travels?

World Sanskrit Conference

3154. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inaugurated the Seventeenth World Sanskrit Conference which was held at Vancouver, Canada recently;

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

(c) the number of participants participated in the above Conference, country-wise;

(d) the financial expenditure incurred in organizing this Conference; and

(e) whether research is being conducted on Sanskrit computational linguistics in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the significant progress made in this regard?

Funds to Various Schemes

3155. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for various schemes during the last four years along with the review report;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints regarding fraudulent persons involved in different schemes/proposals or implemented by the Government in different sectors during the last four years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government against such fraudulent persons and the measures/mechanism being adopted to ensure fair implementation of the scheme?

RUSA Scheme

3156. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) in Aspirational Districts are being set up under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes 'Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan' (RUSA); and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal of the Ministry to provide assistance for faculty support for at least five years and also to provide support for establishment of MDCs in other backward districts of Odisha and more specifically in the Blocks?

Attracting Regional Talent in Drama

3157. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been successful in attracting the regional talent in the field of drama;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the follow up/corrective action taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Higher Education for STs

3158. SHRI HARISH MEENA:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that enrolment of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in higher education is low according to All India Survey on Higher Education, 2016-17 as only 5.2% ST's have enrolled themselves in higher education;

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

(c) whether the Government is conducting/proposes to conduct any programme to increase the number of ST students in higher education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PMRF Scheme

3159. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students admitted in the Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF) Scheme in the academic year of 2018-19 along with their distribution across the various Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), from which the students were selected;

(b) whether the Government is planning to expand the said scheme to students belonging to other institutions of repute, (other than the CFTIs) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is planning to revise the admission process for the scheme by including a national test or setting up of alternative screening process and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Merger of Flipkart and Walmart

3160. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations from various trade bodies urging to quote into the modalities concerning the merger of Flipkart and Walmart allegedly circumventing the FDI policy/guidelines on e-commerce; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard?

ST List of Uttar Pradesh

3161. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Scheduled Tribes which have been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Kharwar, a Scheduled Tribes Community has been included in few districts of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is also aware that the Kharwar Tribe people are deprived of job reservation and other benefits due to non-inclusion in the ST list of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, whether the Government would ask Uttar Pradesh Government to consider the inclusion of Kharwar Tribe in the list of STs in the State of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Adequate Funding for Exporters

3162. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters of India have complained of lack of adequate funding at reasonable costs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is proposing to provide an equity of Rs.1,000/- crores through budgetary allocation to the Exim bank and strengthen the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) to provide fund to the exporters at a low cost; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Government proposes to implement such measures for the benefit of the exporters?

NEET and JEE Exams

3163. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government has proposed to have new biannual National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test especially the provision of eight different time slots and as many different question papers with different difficulty levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the fully online test will load the examination against students from rural and poor background and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to entrust the job of conducting NEET to an external body and the details thereof?

CSR Fund of ONGC

3164. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:
SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use the CSR fund of ONGC and IPCT for the education purpose of the street children in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Licences Issued to Slaughter Houses by APEDA

†3165. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the slaughter houses having licence from Agriculture and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the licences granted by APEDA for opening of new slaughter houses during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State/UT-wise and district-wise details of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of the export of different kinds of meat taken place during the year said period; and

(d) the details of the revenue earned therefrom, meat-wise and year-wise?

National Tribal Carnival

3166. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to preserve, protect and promote ethnic culture of the tribals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes under implementation for the purpose in the State of Odisha;

(c) whether the Government proposes to organize National Tribal Carnival in the near future in Odisha;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of organizing such carnivals; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for showcasing and promotion of various facets of tribal culture on a large scale in Odisha?

Viswa Bharati University

3167. SHRI ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed any irregularities and malpractices in managing various affairs such as administration, financing and appointments of the Viswa Bharati, Central University during the last several years;

(b) if so, the details of each of such irregularities and malpractices being noticed by the Government;

(c) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Central Bureau of Investigation have also examined these irregularities and malpractices in Viswa Bharati;

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

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

Literacy

†3168. SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the literacy rate has increased in the country recently;

(b) If so, the details of the literacy percentage during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the current percentage of primary, middle, secondary, senior secondary grade literacy in the country separately; and

(d) whether any efforts have been made/likely to be made to increase literacy rate in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Scope of HEFA

3169. KUMARI SHOBHA

KARANDLAJE:

SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for expanding the scope of Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) by enhancing its capital base and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified the institutions for which financial assistance is required to improve the quality of education and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any funds for the said purpose;

(d) if so, the amount earmarked and sanctioned till date; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to mobilise the resources for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Cultural Exhibition in Foreign Countries

3170. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running/implementing any scheme to promote international cultural relations, which aims at developing cultural relations between India and various countries of the world through cultural agreements and cultural exchange programmes as well as to spread Indian culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to organize culture exhibitions in foreign countries to promote Indian culture world wide;

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

(e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Tribes Sub-Castes

†3171. SHRI GYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the sub-castes in these tribes, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh along with the details of facilities provided to these sub castes;

(c) whether Maaiwar and Baadi sub castes come under the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and the facilities being provided to them;

(d) whether these two sub-castes do not come under the list of Scheduled Tribes in some States and if so, the details thereof including Madhya Pradesh along with the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to include these two sub-castes under STs and if so, the details thereof and the time by which these two castes are likely to be included in the list of STs; and

(f) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding including these sub-castes under the list of STs and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Floating Storage Re-gasification Units

3172. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up five Floating Storage Re-gasification units (FSRUs) including the one proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with location of the said project; and

(c) whether the Government has considered Amalapuram for location of this project, which is part of the upcoming Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region and if so, the details thereof?

Train Skill Labour Force

†3173. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of the Government to train skilled labour force in view of strategic role played by the manufacturing industry in the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

(b) the total number of persons provided employment after training in this sector during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has extended its co-operation to the agencies associated with the manufacturing industry for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the targets fixed by the Government for the next three years?

New Plants by Oil Companies

†3174. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state the number of new plants set up by the petroleum companies in different parts of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the last four years and the current year, State/location/ company-wise?

Literacy Rate

3175. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a significant gap in literacy rate among several States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, category-wise and district-wise in Bihar including the State's average literacy rate *vis-à-vis* national average;

(c) whether steps are taken by the Government to increase the literacy rate including the digital literacy especially in remote rural regions of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures taken by the Government to improve the enrolment of students in primary schools in areas which lacks infrastructure and where literacy rate is below par; and

(e) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government towards for education and development during each of the last three years, year-wise and State/ UT-wise?

Kanya Ashram

†3176. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kanya Ashrams sanctioned for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the country and the number of Ashrams functioning with the food, medical facilities, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to open more of such schools and it has received proposals from various State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of such proposals accorded approval out of them alongwith the amount of sanctioned funds for the same during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the monitoring system put in place for improving the Standard of education as well as the performance and achievements of students in such schools?

Publication of Historical Inscriptions

3177. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN: SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.: SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASI and Epigraphic Society of India have discovered and copied several thousands of Tamil inscriptions found in ancient temples of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the Tamil inscriptions found so far, State-wise, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to publish those historically important Tamil inscriptions and allocated any funds in this regard;

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

(e) whether the ASI has adequate epigraphists to execute the work and if so, the number of epigraphists working in ASI?

Reservation for STs

3178. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:
PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Constitution of India guarantees proportionate representation in respect of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Government services on which there is no maximum ceiling;

(b) whether the Government of Telangana has requested the Union Government for enhancement of ST reservation as per their population; and

(c) the stand of Union Government on enhancement of STs reservation?

Import of Solar Cells and Modules

3179. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale import of solar equipments including cells and modules is adversely affecting the domestic industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints on this issue and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the increased imports of 'solar cells whether or not assembled in modules or panels' in India have caused serious injury or threaten to cause serious injury to the domestic producers of the product and if so, the details of the investigations conducted by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is considering or has recommended imposition of safeguard duty on import of solar cells and modules for two years to protect domestic players from steep rise in inbound shipments of the product and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of total solar panels and modules manufacturing capacity in the country, State-wise along with the steps taken or proposed to be taken to boost local manufacturing of solar cells and modules to cater to the growing needs?

Setting up of MSMEs

†3180. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA:
SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of MICRO,
SMALL AND MEDIUM
ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up at least one unit of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in each village to check migration of people towards urban areas in search of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of MSMEs set up during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of people who have lost their jobs in the MSMEs during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether there is any connection between demonetisation and reduction in employment opportunities in the MSMEs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

PNG Supply

†3181. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is using/proposes to use PNG for the supply of cooking gas to every household and if so, the details thereof along with the number of cities where only PNG is being used and the funds spent thereon till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether all the big cities in Bihar including Patna are deprived of PNG/CNG and the State Government has sent any proposal to provide the PNG/CNG in Bihar and if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the said proposal; and

(c) whether the Government has explored the feasibility of domestic and industrial PNG in the city of Ludhiana along with the existing infrastructure for Industrial areas and if so, the details thereof along with any feedback from entrepreneurs in the region regarding their acceptance of the PNG?

Staff under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan

†3182. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether honorarium at the rate of Rs. 3000 for head cook, Rs. 2500 for Assistant cook/Assistant and Rs. 3000 for chowkidar per month has been sanctioned in all the States under the Balika Chhatrawas Yojana in the year 2016-17 under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the rate at which the honorarium was sanctioned in these hostels for Madhya Pradesh in the year 2015-16; and

(c) the reasons for difference in the rates mentioned above and the rates prevailing in Madhya Pradesh?

Welfare of Drivers

†3183. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has passed any specific bill regarding the security (Pension, ESI and PF) of the drivers and their dependent families in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether benefits can be provided to the drivers after issuing Sarathi Suraksha Card to them in future and if so, the details thereof?

Tourism related Works under PRASHAD Scheme

3184. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:
SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken up any work in the State of Andhra Pradesh to be implemented under PRASHAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the popular pilgrimage places like, Tirupati, Antarvadi, Annavaram, temples in East Godavari District and Simhachalam Temple in Visakhapatnam and in Arasavalli Temple in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh have been included under PRASHAD Scheme and if so, the details thereof along

with the funds sanctioned and allotted for each temple;

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned and utilised for the integrated development on priority basis of pilgrimage places of various States including Chhattishgarh under 'PRASHAD' Scheme;

(d) whether the Government has selected famous religious sites/pilgrimage places of Chhattishgarh for their development under the said Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Shortage of Farm Labourers

3185. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortage of farm labourers is being constantly felt in the country during the last few years;

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

(c) whether the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act has also diverted farm labourers to other sectors of jobs, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard along with the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Cloak Room facility at Monuments

3186. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to maintain hygiene and cleanliness standards across monuments in Delhi;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure proper cloak room facility at the monuments for visitors carrying valuable items; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds spent for the purpose in Delhi during the year 2017-18, monument-wise?

Higher Education to Children of Naxal affected Areas

†3187. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any new project to provide higher education and nutritious food to the children of Maoist and Naxal affected areas;

(b) whether the Government is likely to invite any Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) for the purpose to provide education and employment to the children and youths of such affected areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Quality Education

3188. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of higher professional education is bad particularly graduates of engineering and information technology could not get employment due to poor standard;

(b) if so, whether the Government has initiated any action plan to ensure quality education in engineering colleges across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the actions have been taken by the Government to develop professional courses across the country?

SEZs in Bihar

†3189. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to set up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in a backward State like Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any step to set up SEZ for pharma sector to alleviate the backwardness of Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

SEZ Proposals

†3190. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) received by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of the proposals approved so far, State-wise along with the funds likely to be spent in this regard, project-wise;

(c) the State-wise details of the number of proposals under consideration of the Government along with the reasons for not giving approval; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be given approval?

Declaration of Pilgrim Places as National Pilgrimage Centre

3191. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand that Sabarimala in Kerala be declared as National Pilgrimage Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether there are any similar requests from Kerala and other State

Governments to declare other pilgrim centres as National Pilgrimage Centres;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government on these requests, State/UT-wise?

Skill Development in Jammu & Kashmir

†3192. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/programmes being run by the Government for providing skill development training in agriculture and ancillary sectors to the farmers in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) the number of farmers trained through these schemes and the extent to which they are benefited;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked any fund for this purpose under different schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of funds earmarked and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year?

Foreign Trade

†3193. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign trade is not in the interest of economic growth of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the average annual loss incurred during the last five years and the current year;

(c) whether foreign trade of India is done under the rules of World Trade Organisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has made efforts to change the rules of World Trade Organisation for protecting the interests of India and if so, the details thereof?

Ph.D. Scheme

†3194. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

SHRI PARBHUBHAI

NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Visvesvaraya Ph.D. scheme;

(b) the details regarding the number of students enrolled under the said scheme in the country till date, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the scholarship provided under this scheme and the details of the research done, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is satisfied with its outcomes;

(e) if so, the details of State/UT-wise targets set and achievements made under the scheme so far along with the number of research done under this scheme; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for making coverage of the area to increase the funds allocated under this scheme?

Pipeline Gas Supply

†3195. SHRIMATI SANTOSH

AHLAWAT:

SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR

SINGH:

SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND

SARSWATI:

SHRI R. DHRUVA

NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to supply gas to all cities in the country through pipeline and if so, the details thereof along with name of the cities identified by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(b) the State-wise number of gas pipeline projects proposed in the country including Maharashtra;

(c) whether any project is proposed for Jalgaon district of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and

(d) the current status of the Jagdishpur-Haldia-Paradeep pipeline project along with the reasons for delay in the said projects and the industries likely to be supplied gas through the said pipeline in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Bihar?

Industrially Backward Regions

†3196. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain areas/regions in both plain and hilly States despite having rich natural resources are still industrially backward in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote industrial development of the said areas/regions;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned and target fixed in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote industrial development of the said areas/regions in the country?

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana

†3197. DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU
JADHAV:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing incentives to industries and employees for promotion of employment generation in the country under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of industries and employees provided incentives under the said scheme in the country since inception, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Maharashtra;

(d) the total fund earmarked and provided for the implementation of the said scheme, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for generation of employment opportunities through the said scheme along with the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Beedi Workers

3198. SHRI C.R. PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

CNG Stations

3200. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the number of CNG Stations in Delhi/NCR, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of requirements/prerequisites for any individual/firm intending to install a CNG station?

Pre-Matric/Post-Matric Scholarship

†3201. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned/ released and utilized under Pre-Matric Scholarship/Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for ST students during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enhance these scholarship amounts being provided under the scheme;

(c) whether from the years 2014-15 to 2017-18, no funds have been released to the States of Arunachal Pradesh and

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of Beedi workers employed in the Beedi industry in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether many women and children have been employed in Beedi making industry and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is implementing/proposes to implement any schemes for providing alternative livelihood for such women and children and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details and amount of funds allocated to different States for providing alternate livelihood for Beedi workers and the utilisation reported therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, so far, State/UT-wise?

Transparency in Grants

†3199. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any irregularities in providing grants to educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the method being adopted by the Government to ensure transparency and efficiency in the process of proceeding grants to educational institutions?

West Bengal under the Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the funds have not been released to States of Karnataka, Meghalaya and UT of Daman and Diu during the years 2014-15 to 2016-17 and even the grants for North- Eastern States have not been released for two consecutive years;

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

(f) the details of the amount was distributed to how many students during that academic year?

Employments in MSME Sector

3202. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to integrate vocational training into the school curriculum while revitalizing

the education imparted in Government schools to enhance job creation in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce cluster development mechanism to align the micro, small and medium enterprises' growth with the job-creation agenda and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector has immense potential in employment generation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether large number of employment opportunities are created with use of relatively less capital in the MSME sector and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether there is ambiguity on the data of employment generated through MSME sector and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether to boost the MSME sector, a separate policy and sector-wise policies are required and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to frame separate policy and sector-wise policies to boost the MSME sector?

Contract Teachers

3203. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are thousands of *ad hoc*/contract teachers working in schools, are not getting even minimum wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking serious note that the school managements are exploiting teachers to work more for low wages; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Government to streamline the wages to all contract and *ad hoc* teachers in schools in the country?

Revamping of Crude Import Policy

3204. SHRI P.K.
KUNHALIKUTTY:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI DEVAJBHAI G.
FATEPARA:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO(AVANTHI):
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been able to achieve the targets fixed to reduce its dependency on oil imports during the last four years and if so, the details thereof along with the likely hurdles coming in the way to reduce crude oil dependency and the steps taken to address the same in an effective way;

(b) whether the Government has revamped its crude import policy and if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the revamping of crude import policy is likely to benefit the common man;

(c) the quantum and value-wise crude oil imports made by the Government during the said period, year/country-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to seek exemptions from sanctions imposed by United States of America and look at alternate payment mechanism to enable it to purchase oil from Iran and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to stock oil by our refineries to meet any eventuality;

(e) whether the price of crude oil in the Indian basket has shown a sudden rising trend recently and if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on the country along with the price of crude oil during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(f) whether the Government has requested OPEC to reduce the prices of crude oil which are reportedly hurting the fiscal balance of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the OPEC in this regard; and

(g) whether the prices of oil and gas have become subject to the vagaries of geopolitics and the Government has urged OPEC to commit ensuring of more sustainable prices and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to check the rising trend and mitigate its impact on common man?

Higher Education

3205. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is looking to rope in companies and high net-worth

individuals (HNIs) to finance and promote higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details of companies and HNIs shown interest to finance for promotion of higher education in the country;

(c) whether the Government itself has proved incompetent to fund for promotion of higher education in the country; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Coir Production and Export

3206. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any market development scheme in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector especially for coir products;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the Union Government's share paid to the State Governments under the scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the total quantity of coir fibre produced and total value of coir products exported during the said period;

(d) whether the Coir Board proposes to double its exports in the next couple of years, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to extend these benefits to the coir producing farmers and its labourers and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for upgradation/modernisation and for solving the marketing problems being faced by the coir industry in the country?

Closure of Industries/Factories

3207. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries/factories closed permanently and workers affected therefrom in Central Sphere across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the schemes/programmes implemented by the Government for redeployment of such affected workers during the said period, State/UT-wise and scheme/programme-wise;

(c) the funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/programmes during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to provide employment to such affected workers?

SSA and RMSA

3208. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) have achieved the desired results in the country and if so, the details of targets set and achieved thereunder during the last three years and the current year along with their status;

(b) the details of the funds provided / utilized, schools opened and students benefited under the said Abhiyans during the said period, State/UT-wise, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure elementary and secondary education to every child of the country;

(d) whether the Union Government has issued or proposes to issue directions to State Governments to spend the funds judiciously under these Abhiyans including construction of new school building; and

(e) if so, the details of the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise?

Monuments included in World Heritage List

3209. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI FAGGAN SINGH
KULASTE:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified historical and tourist places in the country including Bihar to be included in the list of world heritage places/sites of UNESCO and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of buildings, monuments forts etc. in the country which have been declared as national heritage and has been included in the World Heritage list of UNESCO, State/UT-wise along with the funds spent by the Government on their maintenance every year;

(c) whether huge cluster of Victorian Gothic of Art Deco buildings of Mumbai were included in world heritage sites of UNESCO recently and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether certain such ancient and historical places in the country including Bihar have been included in the official list of world heritage sites in the 42nd session of world Heritage Committee of UNESCO held in Mahama, Bahrain;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of monuments included along with the effective steps taken by the Government to get such places included in world heritage places list as well as to include new places in the said list; and

(f) the norms/parameter in place for including monuments in the World Heritage list of UNESCO?

KVIC Schemes

3210. SHRI RAMEN DEKA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing rebate through Khadi and Village Industries Commission on the sale of khadi and khadi products in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(b) whether on the recommendations of the various Committees, Finance Ministry has asked to find an alternative of the rebate scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new scheme launched by the Government for the promotion of khadi and to provide assistance to khadi artisans to enable KVIC to fight market competition in the country including Assam?

Model Shops and Establishments Act

3211. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the salient features of Model Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Services) Act, 2016;

(b) whether the Government has permitted 24 hours working for Malls, Restaurants and other such workplaces in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate steps/necessary precautions have been taken by the Government not to harass workers to work beyond normal working hours and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the various challenges especially safety and security of workers including women working in the night shifts likely to crop up as a result of the said proposal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Scholarships for School Students

3212. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. P.K. BIJU:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced various scholarships for the students studying in schools in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year and scholarship-wise;

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of education imparted to the students of Navodaya Vidyalayas is very poor;

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

(c) whether the low quality of education has resulted in low performance among students of Navodaya Vidyalayas studying in class X and XII and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to improve the facilities as well as the quality of teachers in Navodaya Vidyalayas across the country and if so and details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to give high quality training to school teachers of these schools for the benefit of students and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas especially in rural areas of the country?

(b) the number of students applied for scholarship and amount released by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether several students are not receiving scholarships in time particularly the students from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and economically weaker section and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure timely action in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government has started transfer scholarship amount directly into the beneficiary student account and if so, the details thereof along with the number of students benefited till date?

Quality of Education in Navodaya Vidyalayas

3213. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

Jobs through Employment Exchanges

3214. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA
KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided employment or those who received call letters for jobs through the Employment Exchanges in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the increase or the decrease in the number of registrations with Employment Exchanges during the said period, State/UT-wise?

School Dropouts

†3215. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:
SHRI SARFARAZ ALAM:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of school dropout students at present and if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the said survey mention that the number of dropout of school students in the age group of 6 to 13 years has been declined and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that number of dropouts among the muslim community, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes category is more than the national average particularly in Auria District, UP and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a large number of students of age group of 15 to 18 years in the country have dropped their studies and if so, whether the Government is considering to take any steps to restart their studies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Non-Domestic Gas Agencies

3216. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of non-domestic (Commercial) Gas Agencies and distributors in the country, State wise;

(b) whether Domestic Regular Distribution has been stopped at the places where the supply of non-domestic (commercial) gas agencies exist and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for selection of non-domestic (commercial) distributors without stopping the supply of domestic regular gas;

(d) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to shut down the commercial gas supply of the Domestic Regular Distributor and to allow non-domestic (commercial) gas dealers to supply gas for domestic purpose in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Mandatory Licence to Photographers

3217. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) proposes to make it mandatory for photographers to be licensed to operate commercially in protected monuments;

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

(c) the numbers of ancient monument and archaeological sites and remains which are under the administrative and management control of ASI, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the countries to which ASI is rendering/delivering conservation services; and

(e) the terms and conditions fixed in this regard along with the income generated by ASI therefrom during the last three years and the current year, country-wise?

12 Champion Sectors Initiative

3218. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the Nivati-Medha breakwater harbor in the konkan region of Maharashtra under "12 Champion Sector initiative" and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has directed the concerned officials to expedite the construction of the breakwater harbor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has finalized the action plans for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expected expenditure which is likely to be involved in this regard along with the time by which the said breakwater harbor is likely to be constructed; and

(e) the benefit likely to be accrued to the residents of the said area after completion of the construction of the breakwater harbor?

Tribal Sub Plan

†3219. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some areas of the country have been linked with Tribal Sub Plan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some parts of the State of Rajasthan also have been included under tribal Sub Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of benefit likely to be accrued to the people of the State on joining this scheme?

Pension Promotion Scheme

†3220. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

NEW DELHI;
July 31, 2018
Shravana 9, 1940 (Saka)

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 1 crore employment is likely to be available/ generated in the country after approval of Pension Promotion Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the said scheme;

(c) the details of the number of people being benefitted/likely to be benefitted under this scheme in the country; and

(d) the amount of the funds allocated for this scheme so far?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA
Secretary General

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