

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, November 30, 2016/Agrahayana 9, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Culture; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Home Affairs; Labour and Employment; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel; Tourism; Tribal Affairs)

Total number of questions — 160

#### High yielding variety of Robusta and Arabica coffee plants

1601. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Coffee Research Institute has come up with any new high yielding and disease resistance varieties of Robusta and Arabica coffee plants in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to meet the coffee growers' requirement of Robusta Clonal planting material and also to enhance the low and stagnating productivity levels of coffee in the country?

#### Safeguarding India's fisheries interest at WTO meet

1602. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is getting ready to safeguard the livelihood of its million strong fisherfolk population, when the WTO Ministerial meets next year for disciplining the global fisheries subsidies;

(b) whether Government has formed an Inter-Ministerial Task Force to work upon a position that India needs to take at the WTO Ministerial meet next year; and

(c) whether India would be vigilant at the WTO meet especially over the issues relating to containing illegal, unreported/unregulated fishing and getting special and differential treatment at the Ministerial decisions?

#### Ranking list of States in 'ease of doing business'

1603. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise ranking list of 'ease of doing business' in India in 2015 and 2016;

(b) the names of the 340 parameters that are required to be fulfilled on performance for gradation list of ranking; and

(c) what is the role of World Bank on releasing the ranking of easiest State for doing business in India?

#### **Objectives of Rubber Board**

1604. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the primary objectives of the Rubber Board;

(b) the names of the schemes/projects/programmes under implementation by the Rubber Board for promotion of rubber plantation and marketing; and

(c) the Budgetary allocation under Plan Head of the Rubber Board during 2014-15 and 2015-16?

#### **Impact of decreasing exports on jobs**

1605. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade body ASSOCHAM has estimated that decreasing exports have cost seventy thousand jobs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take to reverse the trend?

#### **Annual production growth rate**

1606. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual production growth rate in manufacturing sector of the country has not been satisfactory during the last several years;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the manufacturing industry in the country gives priority to the demand of international need in comparison to the growth and demand of resources of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Review of World Bank's 'ease of doing business' report**

1607. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged the States and the Central Government departments to immediately analyze the World Bank's latest report on 'ease of doing business';

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had also asked them to include in their analysis, potential areas with scope for improvement in their respective States and departments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response so far received by Government?

#### **Status of Chinese investments**

1608. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total value of to and fro trade between India and China during the last three years and how does it compare with country's top five trading partners;

(b) what has been the status of Chinese investments in India during last three years; and

(c) what is being done to further increase country's partnership in this regard?

**Taking up issue of IT Industry Visa problems with US**

1609. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up issue of IT Industry Visa problems directly with US Trade Representative Michael Froman recently;

(b) whether Indian IT professionals are facing severe movement restrictions and targeted discrimination by the US in the last three years;

(c) whether Government has pointed out that such restrictions directly negate the rules governing multilateral trade agreements in force between India and the US;

(d) what was the reaction of US Trade Representative to such direct talks; and

(e) steps proposed to appropriately raise this issue in Washington to implement bilateral and international trade agreements?

**Foreign Direct Investment**

1610. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of Foreign Direct Investment in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) what was the quantum of external debt in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) what are the factors responsible for rise/decline in the aforesaid fields; and

(d) remedial measures, if any, adopted in these respect?

**Incentives for industries in Puducherry**

1611. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government would consider offering special incentives to Puducherry to start new industries since the industrial climate in Puducherry is in a pathetic situation as the incentives to industries had been withdrawn since 2002, for revival of industries in the Union Territory;

(b) whether Government is aware that due to withdrawal of incentives, large number of people were rendered jobless due to closure of industries; and

(c) for creation of more job opportunities, will any tax holidays be permitted to Government of Puducherry in order to attract more industries?

**Impact of UK's Visa rules on IT professionals**

1612. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the news-item published in an English daily on 5th November, 2016 captioned 'UK's Visa rules to hit Desi techies hard';

(b) whether after 24th November, 2016, Visa rules of United Kingdom for Indian techies (IT), Indian employees cannot switch jobs to another employer;

(c) what are the reasons for Government not taking up the UK's restrictive trade practices affecting India's employees;

(d) steps proposed by Government to oppose UK's restrictive trade practices; and

(e) how will such negative actions by UK affect a potential FTA with United Kingdom?

#### **Investments under 'Make in India' programme**

†1613. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of investment inflow in India from foreign countries under 'Make in India' in the year 2014-16;

(b) the names of the projects and countries/regions/continents/sub-continents through which these investments have been made;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the States where these projects are being launched and the nature of these projects, their functions thereof, the number of Indians who have got employment through it?

#### **India's pharmaceutical share in Japan**

1614. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of India's pharmaceutical share in Japan;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is far from below;

(c) what are the reasons that our market in Japan is limited to only active pharmaceutical ingredients; and

(d) how India is going to capitalize Japan's market in the light of Government of Japan's decision to attain 80 per cent share of generic medicines by 2018?

#### **Steps to check dumping of products**

†1615. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/proposes to take preventive measures to deal with the adverse effects on Indian industries due to sale of products made in China and other countries at cheaper rates in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Under-utilisation of industrial capacity**

1616. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing under-utilisation of industrial capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of it on the jobs, production of goods and services; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to revive optimum utilisation of industrial capacity?

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**Policy measures for facilitating 'ease of doing business'**

1617. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what policy measures are being taken by the Ministry for facilitating 'ease of doing business' in India's trade with other countries;

(b) integration with regional and global chain system is highly necessary for increasing the international trade of any country in present scenario, in this context, what policy measures are being taken by Government; and

(c) what policy measures are being undertaken by the Ministry for establishing highly modernized having state-of-the-art technology ports like in Shanghai, Rotterdam, in India for enhancing India's competitiveness in international market?

**Retention of residual levels of CCL in grapes**

1618. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Union has agreed to retain the residue levels of chlormequat chloride (CCL), a plant growth regulator at 0.05 papers per million for a period of two years in grapes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had demanded the European Union to retain these CCL levels for a period of at least five years as demanded by the grape growers in the country; and

(c) whether the European Union accounts for the largest share of our grape exports?

**Setting up of National Institute of Design**

1619. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is planning to set up National Institute of Design in Amravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has allotted suitable land for this purpose; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Central Government to expedite the matter?

**Waiver of restrictions of export of onions**

1620. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation regarding waiver of restrictions on the export of onions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on this issue, the details thereof?

**Review of export promotion councils**

1621. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance and governance of various export promotion councils are regularly reviewed;

(b) if so, the report for such reviews of each export councils conducted during the last three years; and

(c) details of any independent

mechanism, programmes or guidelines, if any, adopted to conduct such reviews?

**Export of coir and coir products**

1622. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total export worth of coir and coir products for the financial years 2013-16;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coir Board plans to double its exports in the next three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the export of coir and coir products is going to increase by 17 per cent in the coming financial year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how does the Minister proposes to extend these benefit to the coir producing farmers and its labourers?

**Advisory to boycott Chinese products**

1623. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to issue advisories to traders and people of country to boycott Chinese products in Indian market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when any such advisory will be issued?

**Stimulus programmes to boost exports**

1624. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries implementing stimulus programmes and details of stimulus packages given by each of such countries;

(b) how Ministry is planning to take advantage of such stimulus and boost country's exports;

(c) to what extent strengthening of rupee will impact exports; and

(d) whether Ministry has asked to devalue rupee to boost exports and reasons behind RBI's refusal to do so?

**Revamping of various Committees, Boards and Councils**

1625. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to revamp various Committees, Boards and Councils under the Ministry of Culture and its associated establishments;

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

(c) the effective steps taken by Government to publish the excavation reports for the various excavations undertaken in the last two decades;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Extinction of historical monuments**

1626. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that existence of many historical monuments and places in the country especially in Punjab has become extinct;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to reinstate or regain them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Archaeological Survey of India and other such agencies working under the Ministry

have not been able to achieve the desired objectives; and

(d) if so, the details of corrective measures taken so far?

#### **Construction of Statue of Unity**

†1627. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount likely to be spent on construction of 'Statue of Unity', the details of amount and their sources along with the expected amount to be collected;

(b) the share of foreign and Indian companies in construction of 'Statue of Unity'; and

(c) whether Government proposes to promote 'Make in India' through construction of 'Statue of Unity', if so, its ways and means and the details thereof?

#### **Establishment of open air theatres in Maharashtra**

1628. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government establishes open air theatres in rural areas and theatres in State Capitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of open air theatres established by Government in rural Maharashtra so far and theatres established in Mumbai with details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Monuments in Tamil Nadu**

1629. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many monuments in Tamil

Nadu are identified as protected monuments by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) how is ASI protecting these monuments; and

(c) the year-wise and monument-wise money allocated, released and spent on each of the above identified monuments in last three years and in the current year?

#### **Improvement of facilities at historical places in Tamil Nadu**

1630. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual income Government gets from the sale of tickets to the tourists visiting historical tourist places in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount spent by Government for the betterment of facilities available at such places; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for improving the transportation and other facilities in order to increase the number of tourists visiting the historical places in Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

#### **Preservation of monuments in archaeological centres**

1631. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many archaeological centres are preserved in the country where pre-Before Christ (BC) Era monuments are preserved;

(b) which are the most important ones among them historically and culturally;

(c) how many archaeological centres are there of the period of 1st-10th century AD.; and

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(d) which diverse cultures are preserved in these two groups?

**Compassionate appointment in National Library, Kolkata**

1632. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to ensure early appointment of posts still vacant at National Library, Kolkata, especially on the appointment of eighteen candidates on compassionate grounds;

(b) whether there is any time-frame by which Government commits to fill the vacant posts;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

**Development of Elephanta Caves**

1633. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Elephanta Caves, a World Heritage Site, is a very popular destination for tourists but due to squatters and make-shift shops all along, the approach road to the site is heavily congested and remains full of filth and dirt;

(b) whether there is any plan to remove the squatters and make-shift shopkeepers and rehabilitate them elsewhere to beautify this tourist destination as per the proposal submitted by Mumbai Chapter of INTACH; and

(c) if so, how much time-frame Government has estimated to implement the proposal of INTACH?

**Shortage of funds for conservation and maintenance of monuments**

1634. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to acute shortage of funds for the conservation and maintenance of protected monuments in the country so much so that even the ongoing works at Taj Mahal have been suspended;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what contingency plan Government has to make funds available for continuance of ongoing works all across the country?

**Setting up of literary clubs**

†1635. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce any scheme for promoting the setting up of literary clubs like Press Clubs for literary figures in small towns along with metropolitan cities like Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) the details of such clubs or institutions already in existence, if any; and

(c) the views of Government in this regard?

**Shortage of staff in ASI**

1636. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India is facing acute shortage of staff, if not, the total sanctioned and present strength of the ASI;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that because of this shortage of staff, the ASI is unable to meet the request of the State Governments for conducting the survey of the buildings/structures of national importance carrying heritage value; and

(c) by when does the Ministry propose to get over the shortage problems so that the buildings of national importance are surveyed, protected and preserved?

#### **Security requirements of museums**

1637. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of priceless antique artefacts are kept in open air in different museums of the country;

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

(c) the number of cases of theft in these museums as reported during the last three years, year-wise and museum-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to review the security requirements and parameters with respect to various museums; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Archaeological excavations at Keeladi in Tamil Nadu**

1638. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent archaeological excavations at Keeladi, a small village in Sivaganga district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government is considering to build an onsite museum to house the

articles excavated recently in Keeladi, which reflects the culture of people who lived in the region around 1500 years ago; and

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

#### **Revival of sick PSEs**

1639. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Public Sector Enterprises have been classified as sick or are performing well below the standards with substantial losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to revive or sell these sick enterprises; and

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

#### **Shifting of NTPC-BHEL power plant in Chittoor, A.P.**

1640. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC-BHEL power plant at Mannavaram in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh is being shifted to some other State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project is progressing at a very slow pace;

(c) what was the investment proposed in the project and how much was invested till now; and

(d) what is the present stage of project and by when the project will be completed?

**VRS to the employees of Hindustan Cables Limited**

1641. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for personnel of Hindustan Cables Limited being disbursed VRS/VSS on notional pay-scale of 2007 instead of latest pay scale applicable to CPSUs;

(b) whether Government agrees that it is injustice with the employees;

(c) if so, whether Government has any objection in disbursing on the basis of latest pay-scale;

(d) details of the company's personnel as per their grades, positions and qualifications;

(e) whether Government has come with any plan to re-skill and redeploy the employees of Hindustan Cables Limited to its other CPSUs; and

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

**Appointments in NATRIP**

†1642. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of appointments done on higher posts of National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) during last three years;

(b) the details of the policy and procedure adopted for such appointments;

(c) the total amount of funds provided to NATRIP through grants during last two years;

(d) whether Government has received any complaint about irregularities in use of these funds; and

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

**Public sector companies lying closed in Bihar**

†1643. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the company-wise details of total number of public sector companies lying closed in Bihar and from when these are lying closed;

(b) the basic infrastructure-land, buildings and the total land available with these companies; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to rejuvenate these companies, the details thereof?

**Ill-treatment of Nepali citizens at Indo-Nepal border**

†1644. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that Nepali citizens are ill-treated by security personnel of Sashastra Seema Bal from time to time at Indo-Nepal border, if so, whether Government is cognizant of the news being published/broadcasted in Nepali media in this regard; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check such an ill-treatment at borders so that the relations between India and Nepal remain cordial?

**Smuggling of cattle to Bangladesh**

1645. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of cattle to Bangladesh have increased in the last five years;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (c) what remedial measures are taken to stop the smuggling?

**Citizenship to Hindus and Sikhs facing religious persecution**

1646. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Hindus and Sikhs who have entered India after facing religious persecution in countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan without any valid documents, if so, what is the number of such persons at present; and

(b) whether Government proposes to amend the Citizenship Act with a view to provide succour to such refugees and if so, the details thereof and by when?

**Recruitment of Indian youth by ISIS**

1647. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the recruitment of Indian youth by ISIS;

(b) if so, what steps Government has taken to identify the sources of recruitment, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has set up any special cell to monitor online activity of these groups, if so, the details thereof?

**Human trafficking cases**

1648. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many missing and human trafficking cases have been reported in the country, State-wise, particularly in Punjab, in the last two years;

(b) the details of those missing and trafficked and the break-up, gender-wise, age group-wise and religion-wise; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to monitor the cases and the agencies involved in these rackets and to save the lives of citizens at risk or from illegal trade?

**Changes in Foreign Contribution Regulation Rules**

1649. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:  
 SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to make changes in Foreign Contribution Regulation Rules (FCRR) with a view to tighten the funds flow to NGOs;

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

(c) the details of the NGOs which are kept under watch; and

(d) whether any action has been initiated against any NGO that acted in violation of FCRR, if so, the details thereof?

**Regulation of foreign donations received by NGOs**

1650. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
 DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to regulate the foreign donations and funds received by NGOs in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Cases of persons involved in 1984 anti-Sikh riots**

1651. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a demonstration of a minority community in Delhi recently over the delay in deciding the cases of persons involved in 1984 anti-Sikh riots; and

(b) whether Government proposes to issue any directions to concerned authorities to expedite the matter?

**Modernisation of Police Forces**

1652. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of measures taken for Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF) of various States of the country during the last two years, keeping in view of the present security scenario and threat to internal and external security of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have requested for additional resources for the purpose; and

(d) if so, what action the Ministry has taken on the same?

**Paramilitary forces personnel killed/ injured on Pakistan border**

1653. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paramilitary forces personnel killed/injured in the last two months on the Pakistan border, due to escalation of hostilities, the details thereof;

(b) how many suspected militants trying to infiltrate were killed and how many such attempts were foiled;

(c) the measures taken to strengthen the vigil on the border and to save the life of personnel including distribution of bulletproof jackets, etc.; and

(d) the details of amount of compensation paid to kin of each of the personnel killed/injured in such incidents?

**Complaints of cops assaulting media personnel**

1654. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints of cops assaulting media personnel in the country, if so, the details thereof in the last three years;

(b) what action has been taken against cops who attacked them; and

(c) whether instructions have been issued about how to deal with media personnel, if so, the details thereof?

**Crimes in industrial areas in the capital**

1655. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing trends of crimes in Industrial areas in the Capital like Narela, Bawana, Mangolpuri, Samaypur Badli, Wazirpur Industrial area, etc. during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents in each of these areas;

(c) the action Government had taken to ensure the elimination of such incidents during that period along with the result achieved thereof; and

(d) whether Government has chalked out any plan to combat such incidents and if so, the details thereof?

**Outcome of meeting of Inter-State Council**

1656. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:  
SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:  
SHRI MD. NADIMUL  
HAQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of Inter-State Council meeting held in July, 2016 on issues such as Aadhaar linked Direct Benefit Transfer, implementation of Punchhi Commission recommendations, waiver and restructuring of the outstanding loans of the States, education and internal security;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any action on the implementation of the above mentioned issues;

(c) whether there have been follow ups with States, post meeting;

(d) whether States have been given adequate representation to voice their grievances; and

(e) when is the next Inter-State Council meeting going to be held?

**Plan for safe return of Kashmiri Pandits**

†1657. SHRI PREM CHAND  
GUPTA:

SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to their homes, who were displaced from Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of households who were rehabilitated in the valley during the last three years and the details of assistance provided to them by Government; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to valley in view of their safety and rehabilitation in the valley?

**People arrested for alleged Maoist links**

1658. SHRI K.K. RAGESH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people arrested for alleged Maoist links during the last three years; and

(b) how many among them are from ST and SC communities?

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**Increasing the annual allocation of SDRF**

†1659. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered increasing the annual allocation (year 2016-17 and onwards) of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in proportion to the increase in criteria, if so, by when it will be implemented, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested the Government of India for the removal of the limit of 25 per cent of the amount for annual allotment of SDRF and to implement previous norms of Central Relief Fund (CRF) keeping in view the conditions of the State, if so, by when it will be sanctioned?

**Smuggling of heroin from Gulf countries**

1660. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the smuggling of heroin to India *via* Gulf countries is on the rise; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to curb the smuggling?

**Citizenship to West Pakistan refugees**

1661. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that West Pakistan refugees have not been provided citizenship rights till date; and

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to provide at least 10 per cent reservation to the West Pakistan refugees in the matter of employment in the Central Government departments till the time they get citizenship rights?

**Using pigeons from J & K for espionage**

1662. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Pakistani intelligence agencies across the Line of Control are using pigeons from Jammu and Kashmir for the purpose of espionage to pass on secret information; and

(b) if so, the details of the probe and action taken against the persons responsible for the act?

**Sedition cases on protesting students**

1663. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many sedition cases were charged on students and other youth and various religious and cultural groups during the current year;

(b) whether any of these cases were dropped later, if so, how many; and

(c) whether Government considers charging sedition on protesting students and youth and whether it is a democratically justifiable action?

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**NGOs barred from receiving foreign funds**

1664. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs have been barred by Government from receiving foreign funds under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) during the last three years;

(b) whether Government is planning to amend the FCRA, keeping in view the increase in number of violations by various NGOs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Restoring the earlier CRF norms**

1665. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the fact that Rajasthan has faced drought for 61 years, out of last 67 years, Government of India will remove the condition that additional expenditure on relief activities should not exceed the 25 per cent of the annual allocation of the SDRF and restore the earlier Central Relief Fund (CRF) norms;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cases of abduction and missing people in Delhi**

†1666. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average 18 people are abducted everyday in Delhi and a large number of children, juveniles

and young men and women are reported missing everyday;

(b) whether 4336 cases of abduction have been registered in Delhi from 1st January, 2016 to 15th August, 2016;

(c) the total number of abduction and missing people reported in Delhi from 1st January, 2016 till date;

(d) whether human trafficking is a big reason behind such abductions; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the same?

**Bombs planted for serial blasts in Assam**

†1667. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bombs had been planted for serial blasts in Assam on the occasion of Independence Day;

(b) if so, whether Government has arrested some people in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any action against those people; and

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

**Funds from foreign countries to militants and separatists of J & K**

†1668. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of receiving funds from foreign countries by militants and separatists of Jammu and Kashmir has come to light;

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

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

**Distinguishing people on the basis of citizenship**

1669. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to distinguish people on the basis of citizenship in the North-Eastern parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken and the results till date;

(c) whether Government has thought of any procedure of deporting many people back to Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the data on the results thereof?

**Incidents of infiltration**

1670. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of infiltration have gone up along the international border in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with the measures taken by Government to prevent such infiltrations in the States;

(c) whether Government is planning to get the State Government's help and support to introduce technological and innovative solutions to border security;

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

(e) the measures taken by Government to implement the Principle of One Border, One Force in the country?

**Illegal Pakistani immigrants**

†1671. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of illegal Pakistani immigrants is increasing in the country, if so, the reasons therefor and also special steps being taken by Government to tackle the situation which were not taken before;

(b) the month-wise details of illegal immigrants during the last three years;

(c) the number of Pakistanis living on Short Term Visa (STV) and Long Term Visa (LTV) and duration of their stay; and

(d) whether a person could stay for whole life on such a visa, if so, the details of people who have been staying in the country for decades on this basis?

**Indo-Pak border security**

†1672. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that border of India and Pakistan is not safe;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the total length of border between India and Pakistan and the measures taken for its security?

**Increasing the strength of police personnel in Delhi**

1673. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in proportion to the rising crimes in Delhi, an increase in the police force is imperative, what is the average strength of police personnel per police station in Delhi and whether Government is considering increasing their number; and

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(b) what is the average number of hours that the police personnel are supposed to put in their everyday course of duty?

**Maoists desperate to regain bases in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

1674. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen media reports that Maoists are desperate to regain bases in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, what counter measures are planned in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha;

(c) whether the police forces of these three States are well equipped, manpower-wise and equipment-wise to tackle the naxalite threat;

(d) if not, whether the Central Government would provide the three States any additional help including extra Central Paramilitary Forces;

(e) whether Government studied the factors that are contributing to naxalites expanding their area of influence; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Assessing the performance of Police Stations**

1675. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to assess the performance of Police Stations across the country on the basis of various parameters and points associated with them at its annual meeting with DGPs/IGPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has arrived at any consensus in framing various parameters which could serve as guidelines for the assessment of performance of Police Stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Complaints against Delhi Police personnel**

1676. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints against Delhi Police personnel that were registered across the country in 2015 according to the data released by the NCRB;

(b) the total number along with its percentage of complaints that were against the Delhi Police personnel; and

(c) the details of the action taken against police personnel found guilty?

**Rape of minor children**

1677. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rapes of minor children during last three years, gender-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of people convicted on charges of rapes of minor children during the period, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any measure to reduce the number of rapes of minor children, if so, the details thereof?

**Improving prison infrastructure in the country**

1678. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertrials in jails during last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that many prisons across the country are overcrowded by over 150 per cent, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve and expand prison infrastructure in the country?

**Assam Accord**

1679. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Assam Accord of 1985 signed between Government of India, All Assam Students Union, All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad and the Assam Government;

(b) if so, the number of population who infiltrated to Assam from Bangladesh prior to 1971 and those who are covered as per the cut off year of 25th March, 1971 under the provision of Assam Accord thereof;

(c) the religion-wise total number of such infiltrators therein; and

(d) the present status of these infiltrators in the matter of giving them voting rights and Indian citizenship thereof?

**Guidelines to prevent torture of individuals in custody**

1680. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared guidelines to prevent torture and inhuman treatment to individuals in custody;

(b) if so, the details of frame-work therein; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the agreement of the United Nations Convention Against Torture, 1997 thereof?

**People killed and affected by floods**

1681. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people killed and those affected by floods, State-wise during the monsoon season of 2016; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of the affected families and individuals till date?

**Steps taken to curb human trafficking**

1682. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of human trafficking cases registered across the country under existing human slavery laws in 2014 and that in 2015; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken by Government to curb menace of human trafficking in the last two years?

**Rise in cases of economic offences**

1683. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of economic offences in India are on the rise;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of cases registered during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the number of cases of economic offences pending in various courts, State-wise?

**Withdrawal of paramilitary forces from J & K**

1684. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to withdraw deployment of paramilitary forces from the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such proposal has been received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir; and

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

**Constitution of Hindi Advisory Committee**

†1685. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tenure and procedure of constitution of Official Language Hindi Advisory Committee under Ministries of Central Government after Lok Sabha elections, the date of its constitution in each Ministry and the number of meetings thereof and the required number of meetings to be held every year and the percentage of letters sent in Hindi and English in 'A', 'B', 'C' areas by them and the required percentage of correspondence therein; and

(b) the Ministry-wise details of the

irregularities and action taken with reference to (a) above?

**Amount allocated to States for modernisation of police forces**

†1686. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Central Government to various States for modernisation of State police forces in the current financial year;

(b) the amount allocated to Bihar during the current financial year; and

(c) although law and order is a State subject but considering the lack of resources, whether Government would consider to provide ample amount in proportion to those States which are facing financial crunch in modernising their police forces?

**Measures for welfare of CAPF**

1687. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the measures taken by the Central Government for the welfare of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF);

(b) whether it is a fact that the promotion avenues at the lower level of these forces are very bleak;

(c) whether Government has any plan to effect Assured Career Progression in the lower level positions in these forces; and

(d) if it is already in force, what are the details in this regard?

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**Conference on disaster risk reduction**

1688. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Ministerial Conference on disaster risk reduction was held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details of countries who have participated in the said Conference;

(c) whether any discussion was held on Asia-Pacific disaster mitigation in the Conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the road map for reduction of disaster risk and details of Delhi Declaration?

**Children missing/kidnapped in West Bengal**

1689. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 2015, 1198 children have been missing/kidnapped in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of those 80 per cent are girl children; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to launch coordinated actions with Government of West Bengal to bring back those missing children?

**Percentage of Muslims in jails**

1690. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to latest data on prisons by the National Crime Records Bureau, Muslims make up 15.8 per cent of all convicts and 20.9 per cent of all undertrials in jails across the country;

(b) if so, whether this figure is higher than their share in the country's population which is 14.2 per cent;

(c) whether in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, according to NCRB data, the percentage of Muslims in jails is almost thrice the percentage of the overall population; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Conviction rate in cases of crimes against women**

1691. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of crimes reported against women during last three years and conviction rate for the same period, State-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to increase the conviction rate in cases of crimes against women?

**Areas hit by Left Wing Extremism**

1692. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the areas, State-wise hit by Left Wing Extremism; and

(b) the policy of Government to develop Left Wing Extremism hit areas in terms of infrastructure (Roads, Transport, Electricity, Health and Drinking Water), employment, education and to make these areas open defecation free?

**Augmenting capacity of coastal police stations in Tamil Nadu**

1693. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to augment the capacity of all the Coastal Police Stations situated in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS) against threats from the sea has undertaken any survey in Tamil Nadu taking into consideration the long coast line in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Bangladeshis settling in eastern districts of Bihar**

†1694. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Bangladeshis are settling in large numbers in eastern districts of Bihar like Araria, Kishanganj, Katihar and Purnia;

(b) whether Government is also aware that Government of Bihar is providing them voter ID cards without any hindrance;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government is taking any steps to tackle this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ESIC facilities in super-speciality hospitals**

†1695. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of super-speciality hospitals working in the country along with their locations and specialized medical care services available therein; and

(b) the State-wise details of eligibility and number of available ESIC services and facilities for the workers of unorganised sector in context of the above?

**Slavery in India**

1696. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of types of slavery that exist in the country;

(b) how Ministry looks at the recent Global Slavery Index by human rights organization Walk Free Foundation (WFF) which indicates that India leads world in slavery;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 183 lakh people are under slavery in the country;

(d) if so, the details of indices that the WFF followed to arrive at the figure; and

(e) how the Ministry looks at the new forms of slavery such as organized begging, forced prostitution, child labour, etc. and remedial measures taken to prevent such malpractices?

**High unemployment rate**

1697. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate for the year 2015-16 is highest among the last five years; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken/considered to be taken by Government to increase employment opportunities in both rural and urban sectors?

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**Pending cases in Labour Court at Hyderabad**

1698. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 1,000 cases are pending in Labour Court at Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, whether the cases belong both to States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (c) what are the reasons for pendency of such huge cases;
- (d) the details of cases which are pending for more than three and five years and efforts being made to settle them quickly;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that more than 600 applications are also pending in the Labour Court; and
- (f) if so, the details of such applications, reasons for pendency and steps taken to dispose them?

**Vision document for rehabilitation of labourers**

1699. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is committed to rehabilitate 1.84 crore bonded labourers according to its 2030 vision document;
- (b) whether Government intends to collaborate with civil society organisations to ensure that the vision is materialised;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether district administrations are aware of this vision for the purpose of execution; and
- (e) if not, by when will the authorities be notified?

**Increasing unemployment**

†1700. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is steadily increasing in the country, wherein increase in unemployment among women is higher;
- (b) the percentage of increase in unemployment among men and women during the last three years and the quantum of employment opportunities generated during the above period;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the rate of unemployment is higher among urban women as compared to rural women; and
- (d) the details thereof?

**Rationalisation of Labour Laws**

1701. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to rationalise the Labour Laws and establish into Codes; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ESI facilities to school teachers**

1702. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is planning to expand the ESI facilities to school teachers also;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the association of un-aided schools management have met the Hon'ble Minister and given a submission to give a fixed time for accepting the same, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of Government to such requests?

#### **Rehabilitation of bonded labourers**

1703. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Centre Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers 2016, rescued labourers have a choice of place where they want to be rehabilitated;

(b) whether social obligations, succession, economic consideration or caste are considered as part of the scheme;

(c) whether Government intends to provide sustainable rehabilitation for rescued bonded labourers such as skill development and capacity building under the Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry would consider working with the National Rural Livelihood Mission which offers livelihoods, skill training and financial inclusion for the rural poor; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of unemployment**

1704. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of unemployment in the country, State-wise along with for last three years and current year;

(b) the steps for eradication of unemployment; and

(c) the time-frame, target and plan for each State?

#### **Night shifts and long working hours**

1705. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of companies in India are affecting new generations mental and physical health due to night shift, working hours more than 8 hours and restricted leaves for Indian festivals;

(b) whether Government has proposed/proposing to establish regulatory portal to monitor the current situation of job seekers and problems during working hours; and

(c) whether Government understands the present employees' exploitation is due to high unemployment?

#### **Unemployment rate**

1706. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the unemployment rate in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) the total number of employed persons in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) the total number of unemployed persons in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(d) the factors responsible for rise/decline in the rate/number; and

(e) the remedial measures, if any, adopted in this respect?

**Expansion of health care services of ESIC to all districts**

1707. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in the country in which the health care services of Employees' State Insurance Corporation(ESIC) are available at present;

(b) whether the ESIC has formulated any plan to expand its services to all the districts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Amendment in Minimum Wages Act**

1708. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to amend the Minimum Wages Act for the welfare of labourers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has increased the Minimum Daily Wages of the unskilled workers in agriculture sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Gender wage gap**

1709. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a gender wage gap prevalent in the labour market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Low rate of employment creation**

†1710. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of creating new employment opportunities is declining, if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereof;

(b) whether Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) is conducted, if so, the region-wise details thereof for last three years so that it could be classified that commendable work is being done on employment creation front; and

(c) whether any new regions have been added in 2016-17 for QES, if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof including region-wise latest performance, if not, the factual details thereof?

**Policy to prevent brain drain**

†1711. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate an appropriate and effective policy to prevent continuing brain drain in various areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Declining job growth**

1712. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the job growth has decreased in the last year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

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(b) whether core sectors have been identified in which there have been significant loss of jobs, if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has mapped labour intensive industries and have undertaken measures to create jobs in these, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Creation of employment opportunities**

1713. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the recent survey by Labour Bureau stating that unemployment in India has been highest in last five years;

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

(c) the steps proposed by Government to revive job creation and creation of employment opportunities for female and rural and urban workers?

#### **Creation of jobs for youth in manufacturing sector**

1714. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special programme to create a vibrant manufacturing sector that creates lots of jobs for youth of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of jobs provided in the last one year?

#### **Outstanding amount of ESIC with employers**

†1715. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of ESIC remains outstanding with public and private employers, if so, the details of outstanding and collected money during last three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the outstanding amount is continuously increasing despite the recovery mechanism of ESIC in place, if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that several State Governments have not released their share payable towards ESIC, if so, the year-wise outstanding amount of States along with details thereof?

#### **Enforcement of equal pay for equal work policy**

†1716. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for uniform enforcement of 'equal pay for equal work' policy in all the industries and whether these have been implemented uniformly; and

(b) the measures taken to provide reasonable salary and decent wages for decent work to labourers/workers in the environment of industrial competition?

#### **Notification of minimum wages**

1717. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has recently notified minimum wages, a move that will benefit all classes of workers including farm labour;

(b) whether Government also proposes amendments to the Minimum Wages Act to make minimum wages universal; and

(c) whether so far there has been no minimum wage for agricultural labour while the daily wage for this category of workers has remained static at ₹ 160/- per day?

**Facilities for children of labourers/  
workers**

1718. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy for providing educational facilities to the children of labourers/workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the facilities provided during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the welfare measures undertaken for the children of labourers/workers in Himachal Pradesh?

**ESI hospital at Gulbarga in  
Karnataka**

1719. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was ESI Hospital at Gulbarga in Karnataka inaugurated, what is the total staff and patient capacity; and

(b) the total number of staff there and what is the intake of patients?

**Wage rights of contract labourers**

1720. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to enforce the wage rights of contract labourers across the country, Chief Labour Commissioner machinery conducted Special Drive across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether instances of irregularities have been detected during the Special Drive; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and penal action taken against the violators of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970?

**Margin money subsidy allocated  
under PMEGP**

1721. SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of margin money subsidy allocated under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) to the State of Punjab in the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there is any case of mismanagement of the money allocated in the last three years and the current year in Punjab, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether actual employment has been on target with the estimated potential for employment in the last three years and the current year, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Job creation in MSME sector**

1722. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector is going through a tepid phase with respect to job creation; and

(b) if so, how many jobs have been created in this sector in the last three years, the State-wise details thereof?

**Rationalization of inspection and regulation of MSMEs**

1723. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry has called for simplification and rationalization of inspection and regulations of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) whether Government has accorded high priority to Ease of Doing Business for Indian businesses and whether simplification of compliance and inspections for MSMEs would greatly enhance their efficiency and reduce their operation costs; and

(c) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking in this direction to help the MSMEs?

**Purchasing of goods from SC/ST entrepreneurs**

1724. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India had issued orders to reserve 4 per cent of Government purchases of goods manufactured by SC/ST entrepreneurs; and

(b) ever since the issuance of the notification of the schemes how much purchases have been made by Government of India from SC/ST entrepreneurs?

**Financial assistance to MSMEs from financial institutions**

1725. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 7 per cent of micro and small manufacturing and service enterprises are provided financial assistance from financial institutions;

(b) if so, the data regarding loans from private money lenders and financial institutions; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to create awareness about credit schemes for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector?

**Extension of energy lifeline**

1726. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to extend an energy lifeline to many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has approved ₹ 12,940 crore project cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Impact of fluctuations in prices of petrol/diesel**

1727. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fluctuation in the inflation due to frequent increase/decrease in the rates of the petroleum and its products by its manufacturers, after its decontrol by Government is creating problems to the general public;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the actual decrease in the prices of the crude oil in the international markets is not reaching the general public, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures will Government take to ensure that the decrease in the prices of the crude oil is not pocketed by its importers alone but also reaches the end users?

**Allotment of kerosene to Rajasthan**

†1728. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any request from State Government of Rajasthan to release kerosene for forthcoming quarter, allotted for the State in the second fortnight or the last week of the last month in the current quarter, if so, by when this request will be granted; and

(b) whether the Central Government has planned to make the entry of the gas connection holder compulsory in Ration Card for DBTK Scheme, if so, by when the orders will be issued?

**Introduction of LNG fuel based buses**

1729. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government introduced LNG fuel based buses in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the total action plan for introducing LNG fuel for vehicles all over the country, with adequate infrastructure like production and network of distribution centres, with details thereof; and

(c) by when, LNG fuel would make an impact on the transport sector?

**Laying of Kandla-Gorakhpur gas pipeline**

1730. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:  
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has any plan to lay 2000 km. pipeline to carry LPG from Kandla Port to Gorakhpur to meet growing demand for cooking gas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Oil Corporation has submitted an Expression Of Interest (EOI) to the down-stream regulator, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board to lay, build and operate a common carrier LPG pipeline;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) whether any consultation has begun by the Board to carry forward this project?

#### **Coverage of CNG**

1731. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total coverage of CNG pipelines for cooking purposes in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of time-line and target of laying CNG pipelines across the country; and

(c) how much of the same has been achieved till date?

#### **Surrender of LPG subsidies**

1732. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of LPG connection subsidies that have been surrendered, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of the number of LPG connections which have been given to BPL families, State-wise, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu?

#### **Allocation of natural gas to smart cities of Rajasthan**

1733. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) why has the Central Government, despite protest by the State Government of Rajasthan accorded approval to Cairn-ONGC-JV for export of gas from pipeline from Rajasthan Field to Palanpur, Gujarat;

(b) whether Government will allocate natural gas for the development of City Gas Distribution projects in smart cities viz., Ajmer, Udaipur and Jaipur, which could be catered through Rajasthan Segment of GIGL Pipeline; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in consumption of petrol/diesel**

†1734. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of petrol/diesel has recorded an increase upto 70 per cent in the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the quantity of consumption of petrol/diesel each year in the last three years; and

(d) the percentage of quantity of consumption of petrol/diesel required to be imported and the quantum thereof produced in the country?

#### **Increasing blending of ethanol with petrol**

1735. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sharad Pawar panel has recommended to increase blending of ethanol with petrol to 5 per cent and CCEA last year has fixed the target at 10 per cent;

(b) whether PMO has also directed all Ministries to ensure blending of 10 per cent of ethanol in petrol;

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(c) if so, by when target is going to be achieved and what is road map prepared by Ministry;

(d) how Ministry is going to address issue of some States levying ₹ 3 on intra-State movement of ethanol; and

(e) how GST will change scenario in part (d) above?

**Investment by ONGC in east coast deep water block**

1736. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has decided to invest 340.12 billion rupees in four years to develop cluster 2 of east coast deep water block;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these fields are expected to reach a net peak production of 77,0000 barrels per day of crude oil and 16.29 million metric standard cubic metres per day of gas by 2021-22 fiscal year; and

(d) if so, the work achieved in this regard so far?

**Increase in tax rate on petroleum products**

1737. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States have increased the tax rate on petrol and diesel substantially compared to the tax rates in July, 2013, even the Central taxes *i.e.* customs duty and excise duty have also gone up substantially;

(b) what are the details of taxes levied by Central Government and State Governments on major petroleum products since 1st April, 2013;

(c) the State(s) where tax rate on petrol and diesel is the highest and lowest;

(d) whether GST, when it becomes a law, will help in maintaining the uniformity in rates of various petroleum products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Pricing formula for domestic natural gas**

1738. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present pricing formula for domestic natural gas;

(b) the basis on which above pricing formula has been fixed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the above formula has driven down the rates below the production cost;

(d) whether there is any proposal to revisit the formula; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Financial assistance from Steel Development Fund**

1739. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal from various States for the financial assistance from the Steel Development Fund to the steel plants located in the States during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether Government is planning to extend financial assistance from Steel Development Fund to the steel plants located in the State of Tamil Nadu, to increase the production of steel in the country; and

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

#### **Scrapping of projects for expansion of steel plants**

1740. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether many projects for expansion of existing steel plants and new steel plants have been scrapped or postponed infinitely by many companies due to various reasons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this has led to poor supply of domestic steel and increase in prices of steel;

(c) if so, whether Government has identified such critical factors; and

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

#### **Factors affecting PSU steel companies**

1741. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one factor or the other affects the public sector steel manufacturing industries which are under the control of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL);

(b) if so, the details of problems faced by each public sector steel companies and solutions recommended by Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of steel plants under these two authorities and their performance status, *viz.*, profit making or loss incurring, plant-wise?

#### **Fall of steel prices in international market**

†1742. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our steel companies are facing difficulties due to fall of steel prices in international market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Navratna Companies of public sector which were earning heavy profits one or two years ago and their production was at record level are running in losses for last some time; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to save these companies from heavy losses and from being sick, considering the fluctuations in international market?

#### **Projects financed for State of Goa**

1743. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects financed by the Ministry of Tourism in the State of Goa in the last three years;

(b) the finances allotted to each of the project;

(c) the conditions under which these finances were made available to the State;

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(d) the status of implementations of each of these projects; and

(e) the details thereof?

**Tourism projects in Himachal Pradesh**

1744. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from various States to bring their important tourist places on the world tourist map;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of tourism projects approved in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years along with the financial assistance allocated/provided for them, project-wise;

(d) whether Government has formulated any scheme to provide special funds for promoting certain fairs and festivals and tourism projects in Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Employment for women in tourism sector**

1745. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether measures are being taken up by the Ministry to provide employment opportunities for women in the tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details of such measures; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Exchange of tourists between India and China**

1746. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of exchange of tourists between India and China during last three years;

(b) what has been done to attract more Chinese tourists to visit India; and

(c) special attraction for Buddhist tourism from China, if any?

**Employment of tribal youths/girls in tourism sector**

1747. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for employment of tribal youths specially girls in tourism sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the scheme?

**New mobile app for tourists**

1748. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to introduce new mobile app to help the tourists understand the heritage and significance of tourist places better with audio-visual guide;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to set up 24 x 7 helpline service for tourists;



- (d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by Government thereon; and  
 (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sanction of funds for tourism projects**

1749. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state whether the Ministry is considering to sanction the final installment amounting to ₹ 800.46 lakhs for projects of (i) Peace park at Dhauli and Development of Buddhist circuit sanctioned by Government of India in the year 2004-05, (ii) Development of Golden Triangle sanctioned by Government of India in the year 2005-06, (iii) Development of Koraput circuit-Koraput-Deomali-Jaipur-Kolab-Gupteswar as tourist circuit and Development of Eco-Tourism at Bhiatarkanika sanctioned by GOI in the year 2006-2007, (iv) Harishankar-Nrusinghanath tourist project and Silk Route Circuit sanctioned by GOI in the year 2007-08 and (v) Khurda-Barunei-Atri tourist project sanctioned by GOI in year 2008-09?

#### **Tourism project in Amritsar**

1750. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any tourism project underway or proposed in Amritsar by Government;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increasing foreign tourists**

1751. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the number of foreign tourists visiting the country during the period 2014-2016, which are the top five States consistently attracting greater number of foreign tourists, which are those States where the number of foreign tourists is decreasing during the last three years;

(b) what are the major obstacles in attracting more foreign tourists and what are the important measures taken by Government after 2014 to attract greater number of foreign tourists; and

(c) what are the plans laid down by Government to ensure safety and security of foreign tourists?

#### **Tourism development projects for Assam**

1752. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourism development related projects sanctioned so far in Assam during last two years along with the details of district-wise funds sanctioned or released with respect to each of the project;

(b) the details of funds spent in this regard during the last two years;

(c) whether any proposal pertaining to the State of Assam is pending for sanction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of tourism at historical places**

1753. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has schemes

to develop historical places/heritage cities to boost tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for North-Eastern Region (NER);

(c) the details of funds sanctioned by Government so far for the purpose in NER, State-wise/location-wise; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be started and completed, phase-wise?

**Self-employment of Tribals in forests of Jharkhand**

†1754. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forest areas of Jharkhand are reservoirs of organic Silk, Red Gooseberry, Karanj, Salseed, Tamarind, Mahua etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the indigenous enterprises related to above forms the basis of self-employment and self-reliance for Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide employment to Scheduled Tribe Youths by imparting indigenous skill and training in traditional enterprises and providing incentive, promotion and marketing network for the products related thereto?

**Petition from tribals in Godavari valley**

1755. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received petitions from tribals and their representatives to ensure that tribals and forest dwellers get their forest rights in the entire Godavari valley in States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government has invited the Forum on Social and Human Rights for a meeting to sort out various serious and wrongs committed by Government against tribals and their displacement in Godavari valley; and

(c) the steps proposed to meet tribals and their representatives?

**Provisions to safeguard rights and livelihood of tribals**

1756. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what provisions have been made in the present Forest Rights Act to save the rights and livelihood of the tribal people residing in different areas;

(b) whether it is a fact that industries can chop down traditional forests without the consent of Gram Sabha that result into the violating of Constitutional provisions made under Article 243 (A) of the Constitution; and

(c) what policy framework has been made to secure the rights and livelihood of tribal people in case the forest land is given to industries for infrastructural projects?

**Displacement of tribals due to projects**

1757. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribes affected due to

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project displacement in the previous three years;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to rehabilitate forest dwellers and grant them their titles under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006 by States**

1758. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government perceives any non-compliance of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 by the States; and

(b) the details of the cases, if any, to acquire forest land by bypassing the FRA Act by State Governments?

**Schools catering to tribal areas**

1759. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schools across the country that cater to primary and secondary education in the tribal areas of the country;

(b) the statistics on the increase in literacy rate in these regions from previous year; and

(c) what measures has Government taken so far to increase the number of school going children in tribal areas of the country?

**Impact of notification of reserves/ national parks on tribals**

1760. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal population in the country is severely affected by the unplanned notification of tiger reserves/ sanctuaries/national parks, etc. and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether several litigations are pending before the courts in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the work of rehabilitation of the affected population has been delayed as a result thereof and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government for expeditious settlement of such cases?

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