

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, April 12, 2017/Chaitra 22, 1939 (Saka)

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

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; संचार; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन; सूचना और प्रसारण; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; शहरी विकास मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Telecom Services in LWE Affected Areas

†*541. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-availability of proper network connectivity of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has become a serious problem in various States, including Bihar and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the said issue is exacerbated in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of Gopalganj, Jadopur, Sipaya,

Hathua, Baraipatti, etc. and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote telephone, mobile and internet services in LWE affected areas of Bihar?

Gauge Conversion

†*542. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government has accorded sanction for the gauge conversion of Nagpur-Nagbhir railway line;

(b) if so, the date on which sanction for gauge conversion of the said line was given; and

(c) the time by which the gauge conversion of Nagpur-Nagbhir railway line is likely to be completed along with the reasons for the delay, if any, in execution of work?

Attack on Nuclear Facilities

†*543. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the US-based non-profit group Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) have alerted the world community of a possible threat of cyber and terrorist attack on the nuclear facilities;

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

(c) the measures taken by the Government to check the disastrous radioactive radiation in the event of attack on all or any of the nuclear facilities located in the country; and

(d) the funds allocated/released/spent in this regard along with the salient features of cyber security policy, if any, laid down by the Government with regard to the security of the said nuclear facilities?

Satellite Transponders

*544. SHRI ANANDRAO
ADSUL:

SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requirement for satellite transponders is increasing day by day with increase in demand for high definition channels and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recommended sharing of back-end infrastructure between satellite TV service distributors to help them cut their costs of operations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to allow sharing of satellite transponders and earth station facilities by a DTH operator with other DTH players and distribution platforms and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the sharing of transponders is likely to address the demand-supply mismatch and reduce both capital and operating expenditure of the companies and spur competition?

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

*545. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) has been set up under the Department of Biotechnology in the country;

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

(c) the details of the products/ technologies and intellectual property rights which have been generated by BIRAC so far;

(d) the details of BIRAC schemes that are supported and funded by the Government; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to develop India into a global innovation hub?

Agreement between NBCC and Mauritius

*546. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Agreement has been signed between the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) and Mauritius Government to develop a social housing project in Mauritius and if so, the details thereof and the the total cost of the project;

(b) the number of housing units likely to be constructed by the NBCC as per the Agreement;

(c) the details of the other projects of NBCC in Mauritius and other foreign countries;

(d) the present status of the Government housing colonies being developed or likely to be developed by NBCC in Delhi along with the schedule for starting and completion of these housing projects; and

(e) the time schedule for acquiring the area/land of Government colonies, proposed to be developed by NBCC in New Delhi area?

Complaints against Telecom Service Providers

*547. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) from subscribers against the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) during each of the last three years and the current year, TSP-wise along with the nature of such complaints:

(b) whether the Government has found that TSPs are at fault in addressing the said complaints in an effective and time bound manner and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether TRAI has any mechanism to monitor the steps taken by TSPs in addressing the grievances of subscribers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Bogus Builders/Developers

*548. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints/representations regarding bogus builders/developers who have registered and enlisted a large number of customers for allotment of economically weaker sections/lower income group houses in the name of Centrally sponsored flagship Scheme *i.e.* Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to probe such cases and take punitive action accordingly against such builders/developers and if so, the details thereof?

Financial Assistance to BSNL and MTNL

†*549. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance/package to the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) on the lines of financial packages given to Air India;

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

(c) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government to tide over the debt liability, if any, of the said Telecom Public Sector Units?

Monitoring Centre

†*550. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any monitoring centre to monitor the content of programmes being telecast on television in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the powers delegated to the said monitoring centre;

(c) the fund allocated for the said purpose; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Arrest of IAS and IPS Officers

*551. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers have been arrested in the various States under different cases registered against them;

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

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

Water Management in Indian Railways

*552. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to regularise the use of water in Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the annual water consumption of the Indian Railways and the manner in which the Railways meet its regular water consumption;

(c) whether the Indian Railways is taking steps towards the preservation of water and rolling out a new policy that is likely to be a game-changer and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(d) whether the Railways has decided to encourage private players to set up water treatment plants specifically for this purpose and if so, the manner in which this is likely to check water wastage and cut down the annual water bill of the Indian Railways; and

(e) the services and areas where this policy is proposed to be implemented and the extent to which the new water policy would promote a better water management system and curtail water wastage and consumption?

All India Judicial Service

*553. SHRI HARINDER SINGH
KHALSA:
SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the All India Judicial Service for the lower judiciary;

(b) the details of various views given by the State Governments and courts on the issue;

(c) whether the Government has finalised the consultative process in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to overcome the objections raised by the different High Courts in this regard?

Nai Roshni Scheme

*554. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the Nai Roshni Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard to ensure that the scheme is properly implemented?

Integrated Coach Factory

*555. SHRIMATI V.
SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide autonomy to the Integrated Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai and also additional funds to ICF for the development of state-of-the-art technology coaches; and

(b) the total manufacturing capacity of ICF and the steps taken by the Government to improve exports of rail coaches from India?

Introduction of Train Services

*556. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any legal bar in reintroducing any closed railway stoppage of local trains on recently converted broad gauge railway line and introducing train service in between one hour gap from Rampurhat to Howrah under Howrah Division and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether the Railways would consider the proposal for reintroducing Nirol Gram Halt station on Ahmadpur-Katwa section and introducing a train service from Rampurhat to Howrah between 4 am to 4:30 am from Rampurhat and if so, the details thereof?

Non-Fare Revenue*557. SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has initiated a plan to dispose of garbage generated at stations to improve non-fare revenue and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to utilise ample quantity of waste for generation of electricity;

(c) whether the revenue generated by auction of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap materials has gone down despite increase in the quantity of scrap; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps

taken to improve the revenue from auction of scrap materials?

Toilet Facilities†*558. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people residing in slum and unauthorised colonies in urban areas are being provided benefits of Government schemes for construction of toilets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for construction of toilets in slum and unauthorised colonies in urban areas during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17, State-wise; and

(c) whether financial assistance has been received from foreign countries for construction of toilets in urban areas of the country during the last two years and the current year and if so, the details thereof?

Tender Process in Prasar Bharati*559. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of cartelisation in the tendering process of Prasar Bharati have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

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

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(c) whether such cases of cartelisation in Doordarshan have also come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to keep the tendering process clean in Prasar Bharati as well as Doordarshan?

Disabled Friendly Stations

*560. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received a number of requests/complaints from the persons with disabilities about the problems they face during boarding/deboarding the train and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Delhi Division of Railways has signed MoU with the Container Corporation of India Ltd. in this regard under the Corporate Social Responsibility;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions of the MoU;

(d) whether the Government plans to augment various facilities at the railway stations for the convenience of disabled and elderly and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to make the railway stations disabled friendly?

NEW DELHI;

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ANOOP MISHRA

Secretary General

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548	Part (a); line 1: <u>for</u> "Government" <u>read</u> "Government"
555	(i) In heading: <u>for</u> "Integrated" <u>read</u> "Integral" (ii) Part (a); line 2: "Integrated" <u>read</u> "Integral"

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions for Minorities

†6211. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reserve seats in educational institutions as religious quota for the muslims, christians and other minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to appoint a new commission to study the conditions of minorities in the country for taking corrective steps to ameliorate their social and economic backwardness; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Minorities in Kerala

6212. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various minority communities in Kerala along with their comparative income, education and employment percentage in the State; and

(b) the percentage of women's income, education and employment among these minority communities?

Status of Muslims

6213. SHRI Y.V. SUBBAREDDY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the 2011 census, muslims have the highest percentage of children and teenagers among all religions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the schemes and programmes for muslim are not actually reaching them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and efforts being made to correct the situation?

Plantation Workers

6214. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is ready to include plantation workers who do not have their own house and land under various housing schemes in various States like Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is ready to provide assistance to exclusive flagship programmes like "Own your housing scheme" implemented by Government of Kerala for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Kerala in this regard; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon so far?

NRI Origin Children

6215. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NRI origin children abroad are facing legal problems due to separation of their parents;

(b) if so, the details of such cases received by the Government; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Urban Families in One Room Houses

6216. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data on the percentage of all married couples in India who do not have an independent room for themselves and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the data in per cent regarding urban families who live in one room houses;

(c) whether Government has any data or has conducted any survey to ascertain the percentage of houses without basic amenities like kitchen, bathroom and toilet and those with no power and water supply; and

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

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

BRICS University

6217. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain technical issues are delaying launch of BRICS University;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this issue was also taken up during the BRICS meet in Goa recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in Appointment

†6218. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of irregularities in the appointments made in the legal cell of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA);

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has conducted any investigation in the matter; and

(c) if so, the names of the officials found guilty and the action taken against them along with the details thereof?

Port-based Industries

6219. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that port-based industries are likely to come into being once the Sagarmala and other port-based projects are completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any empanelled partner organisation of port-based project has been mandated to conduct deep sea diving and other port-based courses in coastal areas such as Machilipatnam of Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Water Supply in Cities6220. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loan availed from the Asian Development Bank, exclusively for the North Eastern Region has been properly utilised in improving water supply, solid waste management and sanitation in the cities of Agartala and Aizawl;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend such projects in a dedicated manner to other towns and if so, the towns/cities identified in this regard; and

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

Urban Poverty

6221. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major schemes of the Ministry aimed at addressing ever growing urban poverty in the country;

(b) the allocations made to address urban poverty across the country and the funds spent/unspent during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for unspent allocations during the said period; and

(d) the action initiated against those who failed to spend the allocations during this period?

Smuggling of Atomic Material6222. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised by the nuclear power plants during each of the last three years and the current year, plant-wise;

(b) whether the cases of smuggling of atomic material have come to the notice of Government in the recent years;

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

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

SAARC Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS Centre6223. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to offer financial assistance for upgradation of SAARC Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS Centre (STAC) laboratory in Kathmandu and supply of medical equipment for the diagnostic centre at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health in Kabul; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Consumption of High-Tech Electronics6224. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is likely to consume high-tech electronics worth 400 billion dollars by 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development in Telecom Sector

6225. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any programme to augment and accelerate the skill development in the telecom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the targets, if any, fixed and achieved in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Viewership of Doordarshan

6226. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to auction certain prime time slots of Doordarshan and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the poor viewership as well as falling revenues of Doordarshan?

Community Radio

6227. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is using community radio for communication campaigns in the country, particularly in relation to health, education, women rights, protection of environment, consumer rights, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is coordinating with other nodal Ministries and agencies to make community radio a popular one and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any plans to tie up with FM radio channels to give wide publicity to community radios and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of e-payment

6228. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the consumer does not browse the internet due to constant hassles of connectivity and other bothering factors;

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

(c) whether the Government is aware that electronic payment is not so popular in the country due to increasing threat of fraud played by hackers; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken to prevent fraud and infuse confidence among people to use electronic payment?

Economic Blockade

6229. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to clear up the economic blockade that was imposed by UNC across Manipur, thereby cutting off the State from rest of the country;

(b) whether efforts have been made to rush essential supplies such as medicines, foodgrains, fuel, etc. to the State;

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

(d) whether investigations have been undertaken to identify the culprits involved in various incidents of arson on the National Highways and across the Hill Districts of the State and if so, the details thereof?

Design of Uniforms

6230. SHRIMATI VANAROJA
R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering to change the design of uniforms of all its employees and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the new uniform;

(c) whether the Railways has received designs of new uniforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Basic Services to Urban Poor

6231. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the cities covered under the scheme named Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) meant for upliftment of urban poor during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised for the scheme during the last three years, year-wise and city-wise; and

(c) the guidelines for implementation of the scheme?

Irregularities in 2G Spectrum Allocation

†6232. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:
SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether allegations have been levelled against several companies with regard to irregularities in 2G spectrum allocation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outcomes of the inquiry conducted against the said companies and the punishment awarded on the basis of the said outcomes, company-wise; and

(d) the extant status of the cases registered against them company-wise?

Internet Facility in Post Offices

†6233. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of linking the post-offices with internet facility;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target for inter-linking the post offices through internet;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of post offices inter-linked in the urban and rural areas separately, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent for this purpose, State-wise?

Encroachment on Government Land

6234. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items captioned "Delhi Government questions land ownership of Mother's International Mirambika School" which appeared in Hindustan Times, Delhi edition dated 4th March, 2017;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to investigate the matter;

(c) the action Government proposes to take against this institution which is engaged in such large scale irregularities;

(d) the procedure being followed by Government for the recovery of Government land which is found encroached; and

(e) the provisions of imposing penalty/punishment etc. towards the institutions/persons responsible for encroaching the Government land?

ROBs under Construction

†6235. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) functioning and under construction in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of accidents that took place due to non-availability of ROBs in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the number of persons killed/injured, State-wise;

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government for the construction of more ROBs in the country;

(d) the details of target set for the completion of said projects;

(e) the details of proposals sent by various State Governments particularly by Chhattisgarh during the last three years; and

(f) the details of the funds allocated for this purpose?

Digitization of Cable TV

6236. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number and details of sanctioned schemes and housing units (Pucca, Temporary and Kuchcha) under Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the district-wise details of names of projects and the amount sanctioned;

(c) the details of money spent;

(d) whether the work for which the fund was sanctioned has been completed and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Government has fixed any time limit to complete the work and if so, the details thereof?

Deploying Ex-servicemen in Metro Rails

†6237. SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to appoint ex-servicemen in the Metro Rail projects in the country;

(b) if so, the number of persons likely to be appointed;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any policy in this regard; and

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

Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission

†6238. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Infrastructure in Consumer Courts

†6239. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy shortage of space, building, staff and other facilities in consumer courts of the country, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of vacant posts, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken to appoint staff on vacant posts and improve working conditions of the staff; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for proper and full implementation of consumer protection act in the country including Rajasthan?

Legalisation of Betting/Gambling

6240. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commissions is in the process of legalising betting in sports and gambling in casinos;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to bring a legislation to this effect;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ROB at Dhaman Village

†6241. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received a proposal for constructing a railway over bridge at Dhaman village and Chandora railway station in Wardha District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Railways has approved the said proposal(s);

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of works carried out so far in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Departmental Promotion Committee

6242. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any communications from Members of Parliament and employees Unions/Associations regarding non-conduct of year-wise meetings of the Departmental Promotion Committees by the Railways;

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

(c) the number of officers who have been deprived of their legitimate promotions though they became eligible for promotions long ago; and

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

India Nuclear Insurance Pool

6243. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any fund called India Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof including its objectives, salient features and the corpus of the fund?

Repair of ROB/RUBs6244. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a well-established system of inspection of railway bridges in

Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated for repairing/strengthening/reconstruction of bridges during the last three years and the next year, zone-wise;

(c) whether any inspections are carried out by Railways in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for strengthening of railway bridges?

Expertise in Outsourcing

†6245. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government lacks indigenous expertise in outsourcing;

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

(c) the private agencies with which contract has been signed for outsourcing during the last three years and the works performed by them;

(d) the expenditure incurred on them; and

(e) the reasons for the above said outsourcing?

Digital Training Programme

6246. DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internet giant Google recently launched two new initiatives, a digital training programme called Digital Unlocked and a free website builder called Google My Business app for empowering nearly 51 million Small and Medium Businesses(SMBs) in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner of executing these programme by the Government to make use of these digital programmes in a useful way to improve the functioning of SMBs in India?

Relations with Nepal

6247. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India backed the demands of the Madhesis and pursuant to their demands, any constitutional amendment has been effected by Nepal to accommodate the rights of the Madhesis and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in consequence, the blockade of Nepal called by the Madhesis has ended clearing the way for mutual trade between the two countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any new diplomatic offensive is in the offing to improve the relations between the two countries and if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of Rail Line6248. SHRI DILIPKUMAR
MANSUKHLAL
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for doubling of railway line from Daund junction to Manmad junction in Maharashtra is pending; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be sanctioned?

Re-development of Stations

6249. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai Central Station along with some other important railway stations in Maharashtra are in the identified list of stations for redevelopment work; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Criterion for Passenger Amenities

†6250. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the present criteria in respect of providing various passenger amenities at railway stations and trains;

(b) the set up in place at railway stations and trains for providing passenger amenities/comforts like drinking water improvement of roads connecting railway stations and for seeing that toilets remain clean;

(c) the amount provided during the last three years for the above purposes, zone-wise and the amount that was utilised;

(d) the number of complaints received by Railways during the last five years in respect of default in trains at railway stations and railway trains, zone-wise; and

(e) the follow up action taken by the Railways on such complaints, zone-wise?

Separation of Executive and Legislature

6251. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on a plan to keep judiciary away from executive by reducing post retirement posts for judges;

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

(c) whether the Government has asked expert bodies to suggest names for different panels;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is also going to reduce the number of tribunals;

(f) if so, whether any consultation in this regard has been made with Law Commission of India; and

(g) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Manufacturing of Electronic Products

6252. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to boost manufacturing of electronic products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering a 10 year tax holiday for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Poverty Ratio

6253. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the latest National Sample Survey Organization, the poverty ratio in the country has increased in the rural and urban areas and if so, the details of assessed poverty ratio in the rural and urban areas separately in the said survey, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of the methodology adopted in this regard?

Fog Time Table

6254. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to bring a fog time table, on the lines of Monsoon time table of Konkan railways during the winter months for fog affected areas of the northern region; and

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

Research and Development

6255. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spending on Research and Development is quite less as compared to our GDP and it is far below than 1% of our GDP presently and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is considering to provide more budgetary allocation for research work in the coming years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Fast Track Courts

6256. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of Fast Track Courts dealing with rape cases are not upto the desired level;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending in these courts in each State as on date; and

(c) the number of courts set-up/ designated for cases of crimes against women and special courts established under POCSO Act, 2012 for cases of crimes against children?

Automatic Weather Stations

6257. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Automatic Weather Stations, State/UT-wise along with their activities including in Assam;

(b) whether modern technology is being used in the weather stations in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Access to Justice Project

6258. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the access to justice project is being implemented in many parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the objectives of the project are to address the legal needs of the marginalized and vulnerable sections of society, particularly women, children and scheduled castes and tribal communities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it also aims at improving the justice delivery systems to serve the people better; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy for Rural Landline Connections

6259. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide the BSNL Rs. 1250 crore subsidy for rural landlines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the BSNL would get no more subsidy from the Government on this account and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the BSNL was paid a total subsidy of Rs. 8692 crore from USOF for providing telecom services in rural and backward areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Media University

6260. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to convert the Film and Television Institute into a Digital Media University and if so, the details along with the objectives thereof; and

(b) the time by which the said University is likely to be set up?

Vijayawada Metro Rail Project

6261. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of Vijayawada Metro Rail Project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the funds to this project is to be totally borne by the Union Government as per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted to release only twenty per cent of the project cost contrary to hundred per cent; and

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

Master Plan Delhi 2021

6262. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state the steps Government proposes to take to expedite construction of pending infrastructure such as roads, water management and waste management structures etc. in Delhi planned under Master Plan Delhi 2021?

ROB at Solaganpatti

6263. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway crossing at Solaganpatti in Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu was removed due to gauge conversion and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways proposes to build an over bridge at the above place as a number of trains use this route every day and also lots of passengers cross the tracks everyday; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Ticket Vending Machines

†6264. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic ticket vending machines operational at various stations at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up automatic ticket vending machines at each important station of Jharkhand State; and

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

Compulsory Retirement

6265. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given compulsory retirement to some of the IAS and IPS Officers;

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

(c) the reasons therefor?

Atal Innovation Mission

6266. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed important committees in NITI Aayog in different spheres of Research and Planning;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with their composition, roles and responsibilities;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked substantial funds for the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM);

(d) if so, the details thereof and the projects sanctioned under the mission during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the present status of the appointment of Research Officers and Research Assistants and other posts in the NITI Aayog?

Shortage of Staff in Post Offices

6267. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of staff in post offices across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government with regard to the Skill Development/ Training of staff of post offices?

Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority

6268. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the enactment of a new law to establish a Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including any consultations that have been conducted and the proposed time period to enact the law;

(c) whether the Government would consider expediting the process of establishing such regulatory authority as the nuclear power capacity of India is expected to reach 10080 MW by 2018-19;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Frequency of Train No. 16733/16734

†6269. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make the weekly train service 16734 and 16733 running between Okha-Rameshwaram-Okha *via* Manmad, Nanded, Sikandarabad and Tirupati a daily service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Review of Catering Facilities

6270. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the catering facilities in the railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that passengers are charged compulsorily while booking ticket for providing meals/snacks in Rajdhani or Shatabdi trains whereas Airlines are giving option to passengers for taking food/snacks;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether passengers in the railways travelling by Shatabdi or Rajdhani are proposed to be offered the option to avail the meals/snacks; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Housing for Economically Weaker Sections

†6271. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments or private developers are complying with the advisory of the Union Government to reserve certain percentage of the housing units for economically weaker sections and low income groups;

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

(c) whether certain States/private developers have registered their protest in this regard;

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

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

Second Railway Track

6272. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to lay a second railway track at the existing road-cum-railway bridge which is a single track now, running across the river Godavari in Rajahmundry; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan chalked out in this regard?

Regional Languages in Courts

6273. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of High Courts of various States which are permitted to use regional languages in the judicial proceedings;

(b) the number of requests from various State Governments pending for approval to use regional languages in their respective High Courts;

(c) whether Central Government would consider the request of Gujarat and approach the Supreme Court afresh to review their earlier stand to allow use of Gujarati language in judicial proceedings of High Court of Gujarat; and

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

Pending CBI Cases

6274. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases that are pending for investigation with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for different periods from two, five, ten and fifteen years;

(b) the number of cases relating to disproportionate assets, cheating and forgery out of them;

(c) the rate of conviction by the CBI; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to increase the conviction rate?

Vacant Posts of Ambassadors

†6275. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA
DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise and country-wise number of Indian Ambassadors and diplomats posted in foreign countries as on date;

(b) the category-wise and country-wise number of vacant posts of Ambassadors and diplomats and since when these posts are lying vacant and the time by which these are likely to filled;

(c) the total number of Ambassadors/diplomats other than from Indian Foreign Service, Indian Administrative Service and Government Services; and

(d) whether the Government is preparing any scheme to recruit Ambassadors/Diplomats for working in Indian Missions abroad and if so, the details thereof?

Rail Development Authority

6276. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has come out with a Concept Paper on Rail Development Authority (RDA);

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the RDA;

(c) the details of functions of the RDA;

(d) whether the recommendations of the RDA are persuasive in nature or are binding on the Railways; and

(e) if so, the salient features/structure of the said Authority?

Titanium Metal

6277. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes promoting research and development of Titanium Metal in the country;

(b) whether the country is capable of commercially producing the said metal and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Outsourcing of Hospitality Service

6278. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to outsource its certain non-core functions like hospitality services;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve performance and strengthen internal management system of Railways?

Post Offices in Rented Apartments

†6279. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several post offices are being run in rented premises in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the time by which these offices are likely to function in their own premises;

(b) the number of post offices and sub-post offices that are likely to be set up during the current financial year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide postal services in each village of the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the number of residential colonies for postal employees, postal circle-wise; and

(e) whether these colonies are adequate to cater to the demands of the employees and if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport

6280. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is developing the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport project;

- (b) if so, the details of this project;
- (c) whether the project development fund that was proposed to be created for this project has since been created;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether this project has been delayed and is long-pending and if so, the details thereof and the timeline of the project along with its current status?

Narrow Gauge Line between Raipur and Kendri

†6281. SHRI KAMALBHAN SINGH MARABI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the narrow gauge line between Raipur and Kendri in Chhattisgarh has been transferred to the State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether sanction has also been granted for rupees 7.1 crore for construction of road for maintenance of narrow gauge Loco and Coaches as was proposed;

(c) if so, the time by which the said amount is likely to be paid by the Ministry of Railways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of Stations

6282. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways floated tenders for modernisation of stations as

part of its ambitious station redevelopment plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in the State of Rajasthan;

(c) whether the State-run transporter plans to attract private investment of upto rupees one lakh crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Japan Nuclear Cooperation

6283. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

(a) whether India and Japan differed on nuclear tests and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Japan wanted India to maintain its commitment to voluntary unilateral moratorium; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of India thereto?

Postal Imports

6284. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the postal imports in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Research and Development

†6285. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the remarkable progress made in the Science and Technology (S&T) sector in the country during the last three years;

(b) the global ranking of the country in the said sector along with the details thereof;

(c) the targets set in this regard for the current year; and

(d) the details of the action plan formulated in this regard?

Implementation of Rail Projects in Gujarat

6286. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of original cost, commencement date, proposed completion date and revised cost along with revised completion date of railway projects taken up for implementation by Central Government and its agencies in Gujarat in the last three years and the current year;

(b) the status of implementation of these projects and due date for commissioning;

(c) whether any project is running behind schedule and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of the projects?

State-of-the-Art Technology

†6287. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is being deprived of the state-of-the-art technology due to the baseless and outdated restrictions imposed by the developed countries;

(b) if so, whether the scientific initiatives of India have been hampered due to the non-availability of such foreign technology; and

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

Incidents of Crime

6288. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:
रेल मंत्री

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of various crimes that occurred in the Railways during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the information regarding involvement of railway employees as well as others in such incidents;

(c) whether complaints regarding negligence in security arrangements and extortion by Railway Protection Force personnel has been rising incessantly and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken to strengthen the security arrangements of railway passengers in last three years?

Jobs in Overseas Countries

6289. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared scheme/plan for providing training and jobs in overseas countries to unemployed youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified prospective countries and trades for training-cum-employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to provide training and jobs in overseas countries to unemployed youths?

Veracity of Advertisements

†6290. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for veracity of advertisements of products related to daily use consumer goods of different categories like food, beauty, health and entertainment, etc.; and

(b) the plan to bring in transparency in attractive offers to consumers and the penal provisions in this regard?

New Trains for Mysore

6291. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is in the process to introduce premium trains such as Duroto/Humsafar/Rajdhani or Tejas from Mysore;

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

(c) the list of new trains proposed to be introduced from Mysore?

Fraud Web Company

6292. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the fraud web company which duped thousands of innocent people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Terrorism Desk in UN

6293. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made a submission to the United Nations (UN) for constituting a separate establishment

under the control of the UN for fighting against terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any response has been received from the UN in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Virtual Network Operators

6294. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invite Virtual Network Operators (VNO) to offer mobile phone services in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the benefits therefrom along with the time by which the said services by such operators are likely to be operational?

Programmes on Tobacco Use

6295. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 22 percent of TV programmes depict tobacco use and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a study also found the implementation of the rules on TV to be very lenient and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

High Definition Doordarshan Channels

6296. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce high definition Doordarshan Channels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to become operational?

Separate Zonal Railway Headquarter at Ranchi

6297. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and names of zonal offices in the country as on date;

(b) whether the Railways have taken note of the long standing demand for creation of separate Zonal Railway Headquarter at Ranchi;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways proposes to create a separate zone with Ranchi as its Headquarter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Security Challenges

6298. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase indigenous expertise in security technologies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to build local sources to tackle indigenous security challenges;

(c) whether the Government is taking steps to attract or collaborate with global companies to invest in India for cyber security research and development;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is planning to promote investment in cyber security sector in India;

(f) if so, the details of the same; and

(g) whether the Government is planning to promote cyber security start ups and if so, the details thereof?

Free/Cheaper Services by BSNL

6299. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL proposes to provide free voice calling on its network and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the BSNL proposes to offer plans/tariff cheaper than tariffs offered

by private players and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the BSNL runs the risks of incurring losses in the event of providing free/cheap services and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to cover the said risks?

BHIMApp

6300. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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

(a) whether the Government plans to allocate a detailed budget towards the recently launched BHIM app under the United Payments Interface (UPI) scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the BHIM app ensures secure payments and transactions between individuals using them as there can be cases of identity theft or stealing of money from such accounts such as the one that happened in the case of Paytm;

(c) if so, the details of the security measures incorporated in this application;

(d) whether the use of this application is restricted only to Indian citizens or does it also help Non-Resident Indians, foreigners or foreign travellers in India to carry out their transactions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Computer Knowledge to Youth

6301. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for imparting computer and information technology related knowledge to the youth belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the names of educational institutes designated for the implementation of the said scheme in the country, State/UT-wise?

OBC Status to Minorities

6302. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minority communities which have been accorded OBC status by the Union Government for reservation in education and employment;

(b) whether Government is considering to include more minority communities in OBC and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether contradictions such as a minority community being accorded OBC status in one State and not so treated in other States/UTs have been observed and if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to remove such anomalies?

Issuance of Tenders

†6303. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tenders issued under I/T Sub-division for the Government quarters of Central Government employees particularly for the type-IV and type-III in Lodhi Colony during the last three years;

(b) whether all of the work has been completed by the contractors;

(c) if so, the value and work assigned for each of the tenders issued along with the works completed;

(d) the number of contractors by which work have been undertaken during the last three years; and

(e) whether the reports about works undertaken by all of the contractors have been received by the assistant engineers and executive engineers and if so, the details thereof?

Advertisements on News Channels

6304. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news channels spend more time on telecasting advertisements than news;

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

(c) whether the Government has estimated the time utilised for advertisements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Common Electoral Roll

6305. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to unify the electoral rolls from panchayat to Parliamentary elections level;

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

(c) whether the Government has ensured that no persons' voting rights are denied by categorizing them as doubtful voters; and

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

National Rental Housing Policy

6306. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any time for implementation of a national Rental Housing Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such housing policy is likely to be implemented?

Guidelines for Filling of Vacancies

†6307. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision to fill up vacancies by the Government departments as per their requirement;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies filled up under the said provisions during the last three years, category-wise;

(c) whether these provisions/guidelines have been reported to be violated by some departments; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the government against such departments?

Aadhaar Enabled Payment

6308. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Aadhaar-enabled payment authentication in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the services available through the system;

(c) the details of business done since its implementation; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the data?

Multi-skilling Courses by CoE

6309. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre of Excellence (CoE) has introduced multi-skilling courses of two years duration in various ITIs of India;

(b) if so, the number of courses that has been started so far;

(c) whether the funds released for the above said proposal has not been utilized fully during the last three years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has tried to ascertain that any pressure/activities from the private technical institutions has resulted in the non-utilisation of funds fully in order to make this proposal a total failure; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

World Hindi Day

6310. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is observing World Hindi Day annually and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted special events to spread the greatness of the language through its missions abroad;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the World Hindi Day celebration has promoted the language at the global stage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Women in Media

6311. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the media is portraying women indecently;

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

(c) the action taken by the Government on such motivated propaganda against women; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the safety/modesty of women?

LTC Travel by Air India

6312. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to withdraw the circular of DoPT for mandatory use of Air India for LTC Travels which is unfavorable to the non-government airlines of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

MoU between ITIs and Private Sector Companies

6313. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and guidelines of flexible Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Industrial Training Institutes and private sector companies;

(b) the details of specific areas of expertise that come under such training programmes;

(c) whether such courses imparted under the said scheme are capable of addressing the skill gap and provide sufficient opportunities for the candidates as stated in the necessary precondition of such MoUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New Railway Tracks

6314. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Government is aware that new railway tracks have not been handed over to Government Railway Police and if so, the steps taken by Railway Authority to hand over the new Railway Lines to GRP of Odisha?

GPF Rules

6315. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced several relaxations in General Provident Fund (GPF) Rules particularly relating to advances and withdrawals by the subscribers/employees recently;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to allow employees to withdraw their GPF and invest in equity market and other commercial activities in view of their future retirement plan and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to increase the interest rate for GPF in parity with EPF; and

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

Digital Literacy for Tribals

†6316. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal youth have the lowest literacy in electronics and

information technology as compared to others;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to start a scheme to boost digital literacy by giving special focus on tribal population; and

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

Payment Issue of Workers

6317. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of migrant workers in Qatar have gone unpaid for up to four months and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to resolve this issue;

(b) the measures undertaken by the Government to ensure the protection of interests of Indian migrant workers in the Gulf nations;

(c) whether the Government has identified the reasons behind such problems which persist despite reforms like the introduction of a Wage Protection System and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any special provisions have been made to promote the welfare of women workers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Important Stations

†6318. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop important railway stations of Uttar Pradesh on the lines of New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to study the need of escalators at multiplatform and multi-terminal railway stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time limit fixed for the implementation of the said project?

Advertisement Rates

6319. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the advertisement rates for the private and Government agencies are different in Railways; and

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

Pre-Fabricated Houses

6320. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of use of pre-fabricated technologies in construction of houses;

(b) the names of companies that have been given the contract of constructing such pre-fabricated houses for the State of Odisha; and

(c) the details of pre-fabricated dwelling units provided by these companies in the State of Odisha in the last three years ending 30.09.2016?

PNR Status Enquiry System

6321. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the PNR status enquiry facility of the railways most often gives repeated reply as Railway Servers are currently under routine maintenance;

(b) if so, the nature of maintenance that is being undertaken almost throughout the day and the purpose of maintaining such a facility; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that such public oriented facilities are available 24x7 for the convenience of the public?

Vacancies in Post Offices

6322. ADV. NARENDRA
KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a large number of vacancies in post offices across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such vacancies, State/ UT-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the recruitment process and to ensure quality services to the customers?

Opening of ITIs

6323. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given funds to open 170 ITIs in various States;

(b) if so, the details of status of the above initiative, State-wise; and

(c) the status of programmes/schemes proposed in 11th and 12th Plan periods, year-wise, State-wise and programme/ scheme-wise?

Report on Migration

6324. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Working Group (WG) constituted by the Ministry has recommended that domicile provisions in laws relating to work or any other specified conditions of employment can place

migrants at a disadvantage in terms of employment and must be done away with;

(b) if so, the other major recommendations of the Group concerning migrants;

(c) whether the Ministry has considered the recommendations and if so, the time by which the recommendations of the WG will be implemented;

(d) whether the Government also plans to set up a Migrant Welfare Board for the welfare of migrants and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the other measures taken to protect migrants based on domicile provisions and end discrimination because of their outsider status; and

(f) whether migrants constitute approximately 29 percent of the workforce and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Development of Small Towns

6325. DR. K. KAMARAJ:
SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:
SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed a policy and action plan for the sustainable development of smaller towns into cities with all modern amenities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the same during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of towns included for the planned development in this regard, State-wise;

(d) whether any specific scheme has been evolved or framed to resolve the ever growing population explosion in satellite cities around major metros in the country; and

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

Paperless Judiciary

6326. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has decided to go paperless;

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

(c) whether it has also decided to make available all records electronically and for e-filing of cases;

(d) whether the court has initiated the process of digitisation of old records; and

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

Expansion of Rail Network

†6327. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering to expand railway network in the country and improving the local connectivity mechanism of rail link;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the efforts made to expand and increase the local connectivity of trains in Bundelkhand region during the last three years;

(c) whether the Railways also proposes to link tourist and religious centres of Bundelkhand with railway routes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of total Government and Non-Government investment made in the Railways during the last two years?

Training Centres for Skill Development

6328. SHRIMATI
POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of people trained under various skill development schemes/programmes annually, in the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any Public Private Partnership entity to promote private training providers to set up skill development centres across the country and if so, the funds incurred for the same;

(c) the number of operational training centres in the country at present;

(d) the details of the participation for attaining the targets set under the 'Make in India' programme; and

(e) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for establishing more skill development centres in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Hyderabad-Tirupati Shatabdi Express

6329. SHRIMATI BUTTA
RENUKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Shatabdi Express between Hyderabad and Tirupati with stoppages at Kurnool and Kadapa;

(b) if so, the time by which the train will be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electrification of Gorakhpur-Valmiki Nagar Rail Section

†6330. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for doubling and electrification of Gorakhpur-Valmiki Nagar rail section;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Water Vending Machines

6331. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN
REDDY:

SHRI CH. MALLAREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railway is installing water vending machines at all stations in phases for providing purified drinking water at lower prices in a bid to prevent fleecing of train passengers;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is proposing to replicate it at other stations across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons thereof?

Internet Penetration

†6332. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion of internet and broadband services in the country is in conformity with international standards/norms and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the internet and broadband users in rural and urban areas separately, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any annual target for increasing the internet penetration across the mobile and broadband users in the country and if so, the details thereof including the said targets fixed for rural and urban areas, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the gap in internet access rate of rural and urban areas during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the said gap in internet access rate; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to enhance the internet penetration across the country?

Cancellation of Trains due to Fog

†6333. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether any strategy has been prepared to combat the problem of delay of trains due to fog and if so, the details thereof;

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

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

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

Passenger and Freight Traffic

6334. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the net profit/loss, operating ratio, traffic and non-traffic receipts and expenses during the last three years;

(b) the details of the earnings from freight, cargo and passenger traffic respectively over the last three years;

(c) the details of the expenditure on freight, cargo and passenger traffic respectively over the last three years; and

(d) whether the cross subsidization is an issue that is plaguing the Railways and if so, the details thereof?

Reservation Provisions

6335. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Constitution provides for reservation in favour of the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) citizens and if so, the details of the percentage of appointments in the Government services;

(b) the status of compliance of reservation to SCs, STs and OBCs in the All India Services;

(c) the penal provisions against the appointing authorities for non-compliance in this regard and the details of officers punished in this regard so far; and

(d) whether the Government of India proposes to enact the Reservation Act to regulate and ensure such appointments as provided in the constitution and punish erring authorities in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Ownership Right to Lease Holders

†6336. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of not paying fixed rent by the lease holders as per the conditions laid down in lease deed reported during the last three years;

(b) the amount of penalty collected from such lease holders during the last three years;

(c) the number of cases of giving full ownership right to the lease holders during the last three years along with the

additional amount collected from the lease holders in this regard; and

(d) the rules in place for giving full ownership right to the lease holders?

Efficient Work Culture

6337. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government would come forward to bring in more efficient work culture in the entire judicial system along with adequate appointment of judges for trial of such long pending cases; and

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

Indo-US Civil Nuclear Deal

6338. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-US civil nuclear pact is likely to miss the June deadline and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the bankruptcy of reactor makers has clouded the operationalisation of the deal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the Indo-US civil nuclear agreement;

(d) the details of the major agreements and MoUs entered into between

India and other countries in this regard; and

(e) the extent to which energy requirements of our country are likely to be met from the said agreements?

Fake News via WhatsApp

6339. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the serious implications arising due to spread of fake news via private WhatsApp networks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

Accidents due to Absence of RoBs

†6340. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fatal accidents occur due to absence of Overbridges or Underpasses at three important places at Ughna-Jalgaon (Tapi railway line, Gujarat);

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted of these three important places and any time limit has been fixed for constructing Overbridges and Underpasses at these places; and

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

Indo-Pak Nuclear Agreement

†6341. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to reduce the risk of incidents related to Nuclear Weapons, the duration of the treaty between India and Pakistan in this regard has been further extended;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement signed/likely to be signed in this regard; and

(c) the details of issues on which agreements have been arrived at or the period of agreement extended, in addition to this agreement?

Status of Unemployment

6342. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study on the status of unemployment in urban areas of the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the outcome thereof along with the number of educated, skilled and unskilled unemployed persons out of the same;

(c) the details of funds allocated under the Urban Self Employment programme to each of the State/UT along with the targets set/achieved during the above period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the beneficiaries under the schemes, State-wise and the steps taken by the Union Government to provide employment to the educated unemployed people in the urban areas of the country?

Requirement of Session Courts

†6343. SHRI KAMALBHAN
SINGH MARABI

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and other courts in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether with the constitution of new States there is shortage of session courts and notaries therein and if so, the number of new session courts required to be established and number of Notaries needed to be increased to tide over the shortfall;

(c) the district-wise details of number of Notaries in the Chhattisgarh State;

(d) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has requested to increase the number of Notaries; and

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

Enquiry Numbers in Railway

†6344. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to launch any other enquiry number apart from 139 launched in the year, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways proposes to make the enquiry no.139 toll free; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be made toll free?

Shortage of Officers

†6345. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are around 575 positions vacant in the grades of Senior Statistical Officer and Junior Statistical Officer in the Subordinate Statistical Service according to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is aware that a persistent manpower shortage in the service would adversely affect the quality of the data collection and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill up these posts on an urgent basis;

(d) whether there is a shortage of efficient officers in the Department of Statistics and if so, the details and the effects thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

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

Use of Diesel for Freight Transport

†6346. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has not laid down emission norms so far for use of diesel for freight transport;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Railways so far in this regard?

Periodic Labour Force Survey

6347. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for better information on the country's labour force; and

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

Underbridge on Kanpur Route

6348. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an underbridge is proposed to be built by the Government at 66C Gate between 1237 Kms. pole No.16/17 on Kanpur route and Tundla-Firozabad railway station and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether even if it does not have any such proposal under its consideration, the Government intends to build an underbridge in future for convenience of movement and safety of the farmers living in Garhidurgpur and Jalopura villages located on both sides of railway lines?

Waste Management Policy

6349. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has framed a robust waste management policy for cleanliness and sanitation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether segregation of bio-degradable and non-biodegradable waste takes place at any station and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding installation of effluent treatment plants in major stations, zone-wise?

Apprentices Scheme

6350. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and sector-wise details of total number of apprentices enrolled under the scheme so far;

(b) the details of total amount of stipend reimbursement done under the programme so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the prescribed stipend is paid to the employees?

Allocation of 4G Spectrum to BSNL

6351. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated allocation of 4G Spectrum through auction;

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

(c) whether BSNL has requested the Government for the allocation of 4G Spectrum;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken a decision on BSNL's request; and

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

Death in Winter and Summer Seasons

†6352. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the deaths caused in urban areas due to harsh climatic conditions during the winter and summer seasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) the provisions made by the Government for preventing deaths of the poor due to heat and cold during the summer and winter seasons respectively; and

(d) the extent of success achieved as a result thereof?

UN Conventions and Protocols

6353. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any United Nations Conventions or Protocols that India has not signed/ratified yet and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to sign or ratify these conventions and protocols and if so, the timeline for the same and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are any such conventions and protocols already signed and/or ratified by India that require legislation in line with the former and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any pending legislation of the above mentioned type and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government plans to bring forth such legislation, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Human Development Index

†6354. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRI YOGI ADITYA
NATH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the human development index of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) is lower than the national human development index;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the said human development index of SCs and STs?

Pension and Retirement Benefits

6355. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure timely disbursement of pension and retirement benefits to the retiring Government officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched an online pension sanction and payment tracking system, "Bhavishya" for

timely disbursement of retirement benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Training to OBC, SC and ST Persons

†6356. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) of the country who have been given skill training by the Government in the last three years and the number of persons out of them who have got employment;

(b) the plan of the Government for providing training and employment to the persons belonging to SCs and STs accomplished in special arts and in their respective traditional arts;

(c) whether the Government has launched any special skill training programme for the persons belonging to the SCs and STs living in the Himalayan region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of BPO's

6357. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified any places in the State of Telangana for promotion of Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) under Digital India Programme; and

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

Vacant Security Vacancies

6358. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies lying vacant in different zones of Railways, category-wise, connected with safety and security of rail passengers as on date; and

(b) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies?

Appeal against Tribunals

†6359. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission of India has given suggestions to amend the Administrative Tribunals Act for curbing appellate jurisdiction of the High Court against decision of Central and State Administrative Tribunals and filing of direct appeal in the Supreme Court only; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Canadian Science Programme on Clean Water Technology

†6360. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for Indo-Canadian Science Programme focussed on clean water technology;

(b) the outcome of technologies adopted for ensuring supply of clean drinking water and effective water management;

(c) whether the said technology has been put to use in India; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said technology is likely to be put to use in India?

Agro-Meteorology Services

†6361. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme called the Agro-Meteorological Advisory Services (AMAS);

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

(c) whether the Government has any record regarding the districts in Kerala covered under AMAS and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance the coverage of AMAS;

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

(f) the capacity of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) to meet the agricultural meteorology information; and

(g) the action taken by the Government for modernisation and development of equipments in IMD for broadcasting actual and area specific agricultural meteorology information at the district level?

Guidelines to Release MPLAD Funds to New MPs

6362. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the guidelines, MPLAD funds will not be released to new MPs who have not completed three months of tenure and upto nine months, only half of funds will be released;

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

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that in such cases, new MPs will lose practically half years' MPLAD funds;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to revise the said guidelines for releasing the MPLAD funds to new MPs, irrespective of their service months; and

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

Regional Climate Services

6363. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Regional Climate Services set up so far in the country, State/UT-wise including in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop an Advanced Regional Climate Services Framework across the country;

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

(d) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned and target set in this regard; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be developed?

Harmful Effects of Social Media

†6364. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US-based radiological association has published a report which claims that use of social media including the use of smart phones are harmful to humans;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any research study in view of the said report; and

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

Skill Training in Central Jails

6365. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running any skill development programmes in central jails focused on jail to civil life transition of inmates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to introduce such programmes and if so, the plan chalked out in this regard?

Digital Payment Security Alliance

6366. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Google India and the Ministry has jointly launched "Digital Payment Security Alliance" initiative to create community awareness on safe and secure digital practice and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Google, in collaboration with the Ministry also announced "Digital Unlocked" initiative to train one lakh artisans per year across India and enable them to tap into newer markets through improved visibility of their products on internet; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Export of Software Services

6367. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's software industry has experienced a decline in export and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) whether any committee has now been set up in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Support to Rural Women and Young Entrepreneurs

6368. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed a roadmap to support rural women and young entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide non-discriminatory markets for the existing rural entrepreneurs in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GST

6369. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States' demand for a share in the administration of the tax on inter-state transfer of goods and services under the GST regime will not be in consonance with the constitutional amendment as per the Law Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether allowing States to have a say in administration of GST will be constitutional; and

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

PIN Domain

6370. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a top level domain under India's country code PIN domain has been in operation for many years;

(b) if so, when this domain was established;

(c) the number of times the domain has been renewed; and

(d) the other relevant details about the functioning of the domain?

Catering Jobs by IRCTC

6371. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASARAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced new catering policy for popular trains by giving responsibility to the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is mulling to handover catering jobs in Parliament House/Parliament House Annexe/North Avenue canteens to the IRCTC; and

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

Proposals for ITIR

6372. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for IT Investment Region (ITIR) of State Government of Odisha is pending with the Government for last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Arbitration Centre

†6373. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to set up International Arbitration Centre in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it will start functioning?

Guidelines of National Green Tribunal

†6374. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that several builders are violating the guidelines of National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to modify the guidelines as per the existing requirements and if so, the details thereof, State-wise, Union-Territory-wise; and

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

Broadband Services in Schools

†6375. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start broadband services in all Government schools;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide computer education in Government schools and link them with broadband internet services with a view to making the digital India programme, a success; and

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

Talks with China

6376. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has expressed its point and urged China to change its stand on the proposed economic corridor and terrorism;

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

(c) the other diplomatic steps being taken to ask China not to go ahead with the above project?

New Catering Policy

6377. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways will launch new catering policy in the coming year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in this new policy, the allotment quota for women in catering units aims to empower women economically; and

(d) the time by which the new policy will be implemented by the IRCTC along with the details thereof?

Education Level of Girls

6378. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the education level in minority girls in the country is not satisfactory;

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

(c) the details of schemes implemented by the Government to promote education amongst minority girls and women in the country, especially in the rural areas; and

(d) the details of fund allocated/ utilised during each of the last three years to promote education amongst minority girls and women in the country, State-wise including Jharkhand?

Indian Migrants in U.S.

6379. ADV. JOICE GEORGE: SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA has published the list of unauthorized Indian Migrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of illegal Indian migrants in the USA;

(c) the stand of the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is planning to bring back the migrants to India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government for their resettlement?

MSIPS

6380. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ANANDRAO
ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Modified Special Incentives Package Scheme (MSIPS) was announced in July 2012 to attract investments in electronics design and manufacturing segment and to provide subsidy of 20 per cent on investments in special economic zone (SEZ) and 25 per cent for non-SEZ zone and if so, the facts in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has allocated Rs. 18.5 crore for MSIPS and

Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) and if so, the total investment proposals received by the Government under MSIPS for electronics manufacturing in the country and the present status thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Electronics and IT is facing shortage of funds needed for disbursement of incentives promised under its various schemes to boost electronics manufacturing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has calculated the amount likely to be required for disbursement of subsidies in the financial year 2017-18; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it will be arranged?

Central Drug Research Institute

6381. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI S.R.
VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Drug Research Institutes in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised by these institutes during each of the last three years and the current year, institute-wise;

(c) the details of the performance of the said institutes so far, institute-wise;

(d) whether the Government has given any target to these institutes to develop next generation drugs and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any collaboration has been made with foreign countries regarding above institutes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the performance of these institutes?

Economic Condition of Minorities

6382. SHRI S.R.
VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding economic condition of minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the survey and the outcome thereto;

(c) whether the Government has held discussions with various stakeholders at the time of reviewing the schemes formulated for them;

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

(e) the details of the schemes running at present to provide skill development training, education, employment and economic opportunities to minorities; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the standard of living of minorities in the country?

Criteria of Pucca Houses

†6383. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to do away with the criteria of a *pucca* house owner excluded from benefit of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide *pucca* house to the people living below poverty line in the country including Gujarat and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the implementation of a national rental housing policy?

Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship

6384. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up more Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship training in the country;

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

(c) whether the proposal for opening Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship has been received from different State Governments;

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

(e) the time by which a decision in the matter will be taken?

End to Train Telemetry Device

6385. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation has plans to install End to Train Telemetry (EoTT) device in the freight trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the main features of the device;

(c) whether after installation of EoTT, there will be no need of guard cabin at the end of the freight trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the cost of installation of this device?

Consultants for Skill Development

6386. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed guidelines to hire retired Government officers as consultants for skill development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people, capacity and organisations in which they are recruited;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any review of the performance of the officers so recruited; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bangladesh PM's Visit to India

6387. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI S.R.
VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Bangladesh visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the issues discussed during the visit and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether a trilateral agreement on Civil Nuclear Cooperation involving India-Bangladesh-Russia has been signed;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the likely benefits to be accrued to India in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken to boost the bilateral relations between the two countries?

PMKVY

6388. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved its skill development targets in the last three years particularly under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

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

(c) whether the Government has revised the targets fixed under the scheme and if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the number of beneficiaries who got employment under the PMKVY and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to comprehensively strengthen the implementation of PMKVY?

Post Offices

†6389. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Head Post Offices, Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices in the country, State/UT-wise along with the number of such post offices proposed to be opened in the current financial year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has computerised all the post offices of the country and if so, the details thereof including the number of computerised post offices, State/UT-wise and if not, the number of post offices which are yet to be computerised and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Department of Posts (DoP) has incurred revenue losses in last few years and if so, the details thereof including the income and the expenditure during each of the last three years and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to tide over the losses, if any, incurred by the DoP;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the rates of some postal services and products and if so, the details thereof, product and service-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up more e-commerce centres and upgrade the existing ones to cater to the increasing demand of e-commerce parcel centre and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said centres are likely to be set up?

Strength of IAS and IPS Officers

6390. SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN:
SHRI RAMSINH
RATHWA:

SHRI KESINENI NANI:
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments including Andhra Pradesh and Odisha have requested the Union Government to fill up the vacant posts of IAS and IPS officers and also increase their strength for these States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration does not have the capacity to train required number of officers;

(d) if so, the present capacity of the Academy and the steps proposed to be taken to increase the capacity according to the need of officers; and

(e) whether there is any proposal whereby PCS and State Police Service Officers could man the posts meant for IAS/ IPS Officers and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds from USOF

6391. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from the Universal Service

Obligation Fund (USOF) to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to augment telecom services in remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to various TSPs from the USOF during each of the last three years, TSP-wise; and

(d) the number of villages provided with telecom facility, State/UT-wise?

Land to Hotels

6392. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hotels which have been allotted land in Delhi and Bangalore by Government or Governmental agencies along with the time period of allotment of land in each case;

(b) the terms and conditions and the rate at which land was allotted to each such hotel;

(c) the area allotted and the area actually occupied in each case; and

(d) the cases in which relaxations were made?

Seismic Tremors

6393. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
PANDA:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seismic tremors reported during the last six months in the country along with their intensity, location-wise and the loss of life and property reported therein;

(b) the details of claims of insurance/ compensation of earthquake victims lying pending, State-wise and the action taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of earthquake study centres and monitoring stations set up in the country, location and State-wise;

(d) the details of funds allocated and released for establishment of new earthquake study centres, monitoring stations and appointment of geologists, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government is taking any measures to better study the tectonic plate shift and impact of mining and other such activities on the earth's surface and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps that the Government is planning to take to minimise this impact and if not, the reasons therefor?

Anandnagar to Ghughuli Rail Line

†6394. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final survey work for the construction of rail line from Anandnagar junction to Ghughuli railway station *via* Maharajganj under North East Railway, Gorakhpur has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the latest progress made with regard to the construction work on this rail line; and

(c) the time by which construction work is likely to be started on this line?

Portable Kit to Check Water Contamination

6395. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has developed a portable kit to check chromium contamination in water in five minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BARC's kit is simple, user friendly, quick and cost effective for onsite application; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has planned to market this product in public interest and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Response to RTI Queries

6396. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved a mechanism to ensure that handling of RTI queries by respective different offices and their media reporting

are maintained transparently and in most professional manner while responding to assorted queries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are instances of political mileage or even bringing disrepute to the Government organisations by fuelling controversies on flimsy grounds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to maintain the credibility of the RTI Act which is an integral instrument in democratic processes?

Basic Urban Facilities

6397. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a report on pre and post projects for water supply, sewerage networks and septage management, storm water drains, urban transport and provision of green spaces and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has monitored the additional investment of Rs.19,170 crore and its implementation in improving basic urban facilities and if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment of Wakf Properties

6398. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of commercial and residential properties belonging to the Wakf Boards have been encroached upon in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether reports have been received from various quarters regarding illegal sale of prime wakf properties in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years; and

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

Schemes in Rural Areas

6399. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes currently running under the Ministry in rural areas;

(b) the details of workshops conducted and number of people who attended the workshops in rural areas during each of the last two years;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to promote the existing schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of persons benefited/ funds allocated/spent under different schemes, State-wise including Jharkhand during each of the last three years and the current year?

Aid to Acid Attack Victims

6400. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NALSA is helping the acid attack victims and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether cases of victims of acid attacks would be taken on a priority basis by framing a special scheme for them and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Contractual Appointments

6401. SHRI HARINDER SINGH KHALSA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired Government employees are being re-appointed on contractual basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions and the remunerations and other benefits/facilities provided to them;

(c) whether the retired officers appointed on contractual basis could be given higher ranks and salaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the interests of the serving employees eligible to higher post is protected?

Supply of Rail Neer

†6402. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to ensure supply of Rail Neer at all major railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make the supply of Rail Neer mandatory and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make safe drinking water or Rail Neer available at all railway stations?

**Swarna Jayanti Shahri
Rojgar Yojana**†6403. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI
MAHARAJ:Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of components of the erstwhile Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rojgar Yojana and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM);

(b) the details of annual achievements under NULM during the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the efforts being made by the Ministry to make NULM popular and accessible on the lines of MGNREGA; and

(d) the manner in which the NULM has been implemented by the Government in Uttar Pradesh, year-wise and

district-wise details of targets fixed and actually achieved during the last three years?

Dry Port

†6404. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dry port is being set up at Swarupganj to increase new opportunities of employment and industrial development of Sirohi district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total cost of the said project alongwith the total amount allocated in the budget of this year;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for the completion of the said project; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hacking of Website

6405. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the website of National Security Guard (NSG) was hacked recently; and

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

**Broad Gauge between
Wardha-Yavatmal Rail Line**

†6406. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether priority is being given to the construction of new broad gauge line sanctioned between Wardha and Yavatmal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Trains in Karnataka6407. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of special trains operated in Karnataka since 1st October, 2016 upto 1st March, 2017 to meet traffic rush, zone-wise ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railways has not adequately met public demand for special trains in order to meet the surge in passenger traffic during peak seasons, festivals, holiday rush, special events, etc. in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of Railways in Karnataka in the current financial year including introduction of Antyodaya, Humsafar, Shatabdi and Tejas trains?

**Overcrowded Trains in
Jharkhand**†6408. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the trains passing through Jharkhand that remain excessively crowded;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure a comfortable journey for the passengers who travel by these trains; and

(c) the facilities extended to the passengers so far as a result thereof?

**Manufacturing of iphones
in India**6409. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Apple Inc. has submitted a proposal to the Government to manufacture iPhones in India and insisted on easier import rules and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Apple Inc. has also sought long term fiscal concessions as pre-conditions for expanding its operations in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Mobile Phone Connections

6410. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the countries having the largest mobile telephone connections in the world and it continues to expand and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether in the third quarter of 2015 India registered an addition of 13 million connections, one connection per every second, whilst China saw an increase of only 7 million and if so, the details thereof?

Paid News

6411. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received about paid news in electronic and print media and those lodged by the Press Council of India by taking self-cognizance thereof;

(b) whether it has not been possible to check this trend for lack of any special law on paid news and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to frame any law or policy to check paid news and amend the Press Council Act as per the recommendations of the Election

Commission of India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Bomb Disposal and Detection Squad

6412. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for six years now, Delhi Unit of Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been waiting to get its own bomb disposal and detection squad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that RPF could not get it because of some procedural delays and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is going to clear the procedural delays and ensure that RPF Delhi Unit gets its own bomb squad as early as possible; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Common Service Centre

6413. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Common Service Centres (CSC) planned in every Gram Panchayat (GP);

(b) whether the target to set up CSCs in GPs in Phase-I has been achieved particularly in Punjab; and

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

Revision of Tariff for Passengers

6414. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that due to some revision made in the booking for some trains, the Railways has lost many of its passengers as they opted for air journey due to high cost of ticket;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the railways are considering to revise the tariff to attract more passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indus Water Treaty

6415. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has urged India and Pakistan to agree to mediation on how to proceed on the dispute over two hydropower dam projects in Jammu and Kashmir and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the World Bank which is a signatory to the Indus Water Treaty 1960 was favouring Pakistan by going ahead with an arbitration process and if so, the details thereof?

Scientific Publications

6416. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's output of scientific publications has increased but their quality is skewed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there seems to be no visible output at the highest levels regarding the attention it needs to give to various social and economic challenges and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India's scholarly output rose to 1,06,065 papers in 2013 from 62,955 papers in 2009 and if so, the details thereof?

Brain Drain

†6417. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether among the large number of scientists and engineers migrating to America from Asia are Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for 85 percent as per the data in the number of scientists and engineers who have migrated from India during the year 2003 to 2013;

(d) whether maximum number of Indian scientists and engineers migrate to America for better career options and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether as per the initial figures of the year, 2016 around 9.5 lakh scientists and engineers of Indian origin are residing in America and whether the Government is

contemplating any scheme to check brain drain and if so, the details thereof?

Outstanding Dues

6418. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Printing and Department of Publication owes huge amount of money from various Government departments/agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof, department/agency-wise during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to recover all the outstanding dues;

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

(e) whether various Government printing presses in the country are facing shortage of staff resulting in pending and delay in disbursement of jobs assigned to them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government to fill all the vacant posts in the Government presses in the country and if not, the reasons therefor?

Dwelling Units in Delhi

6419. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population forecast for the NCT of Delhi in 2021 is 2.36 crore for which it is estimated that 16 lakh dwelling units and work spaces of around 35 million square feet are required; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fulfil this proposed demand?

Digital India Programme

6420. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Digital India Programme along with the success achieved against the target set and the funds allocated to States under the programme so far, State-wise;

(b) the details of companies and individuals registered/been a part of Digital campaign;

(c) whether the Government has identified new areas which require immediate digital initiative;

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

(e) the scheme/works undertaken under Digital India Programme at district level and the details of districts in which the schemes have been launched and implemented, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to make all districts in the country as digital districts and the time frame fixed for the same?

North Eastern States Roads Investment Programme

6421. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has constructed roads of 433.7 kilometres of length across six North Eastern States as proposed under North Eastern States Roads Investment Programme (NESRIP) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay and the expected date of completion;

(c) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved and released the total loads of \$200 million for NESRIP and if so, the details of the loans released as on date; and

(d) the funds allocated by the Ministry for this scheme since 2011 till date, year and State-wise?

Cloud Seeding

6422. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has efficient technology for cloud seeding to improve rains in drought prone areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government has used this technology in last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the extent to which this technology has proved useful?

Printed Circuit Boards

6423. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote manufacturing of critical components like Printed Circuit Board (PCB) or populated PCB to achieve the dream of net zero imports; and

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

Regional Benches of SC

6424. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that lakhs of litigants have to travel to New Delhi from extreme corners of this vast country to appear in Supreme Court to appeal against orders/judgments of the State High Courts;

(b) if so, whether in view of various representations, the Law Commission's recommendation and in the interest of common man of the country, Government would initiate fresh efforts, in consultation with the Supreme Court to establish

Benches of Supreme Court in four regions of the country; and

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

Speedy Railway Tracks

6425. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture high speed indigenous rakes in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the collaboration decided therein; and

(c) the proposal to setup speedy railway tracks in the country and the PPP investments, if any, made therefor?

Grameen Dak Sevaks

†6426. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Grameen Dak Sevaks working in the country as of now, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make them permanent government employees and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any proposal regarding transfer of Dakpals/Postal Assistants on vacant posts is under consideration and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the transfer policy of Grameen Dak Sevaks/Dakpals?

Working of Courts during Vacation

6427. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of India (CJI) has made an appeal for the judiciary to work during summer breaks;

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

(c) whether any consultation has been held with various High Courts regarding the same; and

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

People Below Poverty Line

6428. SHRI RAMSINH
RATHWA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total population as per the recent census of India and the number and percentage out of them living below poverty line;

(b) the country's population after partition and whether the current percentage of population living below poverty line is somewhat similar to the total population of the country at the time of partition; and

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

Deployment of Rail Robots

6429. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering deploying rail robots in order to detect fractures in railway tracks and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Railways is planning to consult the World Bank to help them identify specific areas that require investment from the Rail Sanraksha Kosh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the World Bank is expected to give its report;

(d) whether an MoU has been signed with the Italian Railways to jointly work towards improving the safety of Indian Railways; and

(e) if so, the details of this agreement and the areas that the Italian Railways will be helping in?

Minority Commission

†6430. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where Commission for Minority Affairs has been constituted in the country;

(b) whether these States have also constituted Commission for Minority Affairs where Hindus are in Minority;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to protect rights of Hindus where they are in minority; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of Demonetization on Real Estate Sector

6431. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made a study on the impact of demonetization on real estate sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether experts have expressed that market value of residential property is expected to be wiped off in about 42 cities across the country; and

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto and the details of efforts proposed to be made to boost the real estate sector market?

Pension and Gratuity

6432. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cleared the revised pension benefits as recommended by the 7th Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the maximum gratuity and death gratuity will be Rs.20 Lakh and the ceiling on gratuity will increase by 25 per cent whenever the dearness allowance rises by 50 per cent of the basic pay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electronic System to detect Earthquakes

†6433. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install any electronic system to measure the intensity of earthquakes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the way by which earthquake forecast is likely to be improved by the same;

(c) the time by which said system is likely to be installed;

(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines about construction of houses particularly in earthquake prone areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Consumption of Water

6434. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of water being consumed daily by railway stations, division-wise across the country;

(b) the source of water procurement, service-wise;

(c) the arrangement made by the railways to recycle the waste water;

(d) whether Railway Stations are equipped with water recycling plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

Synchronisation of Satellites

†6435. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether our country has developed the technology of testing and synchronising satellites of new generation; and

(b) if so, the specific benefits likely to be accrued therefrom?

Level Crossings in Karnataka

6436. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 1270 level crossings in Karnataka and if so, the details of Manned and Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) in Karnataka as of June 2016, division-wise;

(b) whether 49 UMLCs have been manned in the last two years;

(c) if so, the time likely to be taken to man or eliminate/close all the UMLCs at this pace; and

(d) whether there are any plans to make special financial provisions to man the above UMLCs and if so, the details thereof?

Separate Coach for Disabled

6437. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate coach for the disabled in all the long route trains running across the country and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the percentage of long route trains having separate coaches for the disabled at present; and

(c) the time by which the Government is planning to increase their number?

Skill Development to Tribals

6438. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide education for the upliftment of a large section of uneducated persons particularly tribals/forest dwellers of the country under the skill development scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the work carried out, syllabus-wise, programme-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of number of people who have benefitted under this scheme during each of the last three years; and

(d) the details of the expenditure incurred under this programme, State-wise and year-wise?

Operating Ratio

6439. SHRI Y.V. SUBBAREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operating ratio of the railways in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the operating ratio once railways implement all recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been sought from the Finance Ministry to meet the above expenditure; and

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

Upgradation of Stations

6440. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility study has been conducted by Boston Consulting Group for upgradation of Indian Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private companies would be roped in to re-develop and modernize several stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the cost to be incurred on this project; and

(e) whether the Government will be gaining in terms of revenue by charging up-front fees from the developers and if so, the details thereof?

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