

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन)

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Impact of COVID-19 on GDP

461. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of monetisation and COVID-19 on GDP growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to tackle the decline in GDP growth in the present economic slowdown; and

(d) the details of major factors that affected GDP during the last one year?

GDP Growth Rate

462. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:
DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
DR. AMAR SINGH:
SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economists have been calling for large stimulus packages amounting to double-digit percentages of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), despite the strain on the exchequer;

(b) if so, whether GDP has shrunk by 23.9 percent in the first quarter of the financial year 2020-21 against 5.2 percent growth in Q1 2019-20 and has dipped by (minus) 27.11 percent in August 2020; and

(c) the details of constructive action plan that has been taken for improving the GDP growth rate?

Development of Online Games

463. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing any support to indigenously developed online gaming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the indigenous development of online game will generate employment opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof?

GDP Decline

464. SHRI ANTONY:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is falling drastically;

(b) if so, the details thereof including GDP of last 10 quarters, quarter-wise;

(c) the major reasons for sharp decline in GDP; and

(d) the major steps taken by the Government to arrest the decline of GDP, along with the details?

Enrollment of Tribal Population for Aadhaar

465. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people enrolled for AADHAR identification out of the total tribal population in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to expand the official identification net of tribal population?

Whistle Blowers Protection Law

466. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Whistle Blowers Protection Law which was passed by the Parliament in February 2014;

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

(c) whether the Ministry is having details of murder of RTI activists in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to implement the Whistle Blowers Protection Law by various States?

Compliance with Sustainable Development Goals

467. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed any indicators for the compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to record information on the indicators for the SDGs and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has set up any committee (s) to study the compliance with the SDGs or with specific goals?

Uniform Civil Code

468. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has plans to introduce bill on Uniform Civil Code this year;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to abolish minority status accorded to certain religions under the Uniform Civil Code; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NILERD

†469. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) is able to cover villages only in the radius of 10 km and if so, the details of the scheme to establish link with all the panchayats and farmers of the district;

(b) whether the Government or any third party has conducted any study for improving the works of KVK and if so, the details of the main recommendations of the said study; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up sub centres of KVK at tehsil, block or panchayat levels to establish link with all the farmers of the KVK district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

North Eastern Industrial and Investment Policy

470. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state: the reasons for decline in funds for the North Eastern Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy by over 60 percent?

Ban on Zoom App

471. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to ban the use of Zoom App as it is posing serious security problems; and

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

Legal Assistance

472. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the process of appointing lawyers to provide legal assistance to the people by the Government;

(b) the number of such Government appointed lawyers in the country at present;

(c) whether the posts of such Government lawyers are vacant or there is a requirement of more lawyers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether with a view to provide justice for all, Government intends to set up free legal advice centres in every district or tehsil; and

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

Unspent MPLAD Fund in Jharkhand

473. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds that remained unspent under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) in Jharkhand during the last five years, MP/year-wise along with the manner in which how the unspent fund is utilized, constituency-wise; and

(b) whether the Government asks district administration to provide regular information on progress of projects and if so, the details thereof work-wise, MP-wise and year-wise?

Auction of Mines

474. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided that all mines in future will be auctioned without any end-use restriction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also removed the right of first refusal available to existing captive mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to enhance the percentage of the quantity sold of total mineral excavated by captive mines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Dead in Gulf Countries

475. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of deaths of Indian people in Gulf and East Asian Countries during COVID-19 pandemic, country-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether all bodies have been brought to India and handed over to their family members; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Slowdown in Growth

476. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to instil confidence in the industries considering the slow pace of economic growth in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has studied the impact of recent economic slowdown that has been reported and prevalent in other parts of the world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ECGC Limited

477. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) Ltd.;

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

(c) the details of performance including premium, claims by the ECGC during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of products, services and funds spent as provided by the ECGC Ltd.;

(e) the details of Memorandums of Undertaking (MoUs) signed by the ECGC Ltd. with various institutions and resultant benefits; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government including capital infusion, reforms to improve the performance of the ECGC Ltd.?

Socio-Economic Activities

†478. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:

SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to start several socio-economic activities to provide benefits to both the rural and urban communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether skill development is likely to be included in the proposed socio-economic activities intended to be started by the Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stranded Indians Abroad

479. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any requests from Indian nationals stranded in other countries for evacuation;

(b) if so, the details thereof including country-wise number of requests, age, gender, categories like student, tourists, etc.;

(c) whether the Government has provided any special assistance to the Indian nationals stranded abroad due to COVID-19;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of assistance provided to the Indians abroad; and

(f) the details of expenditure incurred in the missions for assistance?

Launch of Mission Karmyogi

480. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to launch Mission Karmyogi a National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has initiated the periodic review of Central Government employees under Rule 56j and if so, the details thereof so far;

(c) the number of employees retired in public interest under Rule 56j during the year 2020;

(d) whether the Government has decided to set up the National Recruitment Agency towards achieving mission of one nation one exam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other initiatives/steps being taken by the Government for comprehensive civil services reforms in the country?

Booking in Shramik Special Trains

481. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Shramik Special trains run by Railways to repatriate migrant labourers to their native places along with the number of migrant workers who have been repatriated to their native places, State-wise;

(b) whether many of the migrant workers could not get booking in Shramik Special trains forcing them to travel on foot and other means and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the facilities provided by the Railways to the migrant workers during the journey;

(d) whether any amount is charged from migrant workers for travelling in these trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether most of these trains took longer time than the prescribed time to reach the designated places putting the migrant labourers under lot of difficulties and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Ban on Chinese Products

482. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:
SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has achieved success in banning the import of Chinese products on the basis of rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Industrial Sector of the country has been benefitted with this decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether banning the import of China products helps Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Aquaculture

483. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to promote aquaculture in the country with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether there are any plans to develop clusters for better development of aquaculture in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the efforts being made by the Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) to promote and push aquaculture production in the country and achieve, at least, a minimum of 15% growth every year; and

(e) the impact of COVID-19 on aquaculture exports and how Ministry is going to address this along with helping aqua farmers, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

Vande Bharat Mission

484. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI

KUNDARIYA:

SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians being rescued under the Vande Bharat Mission from various countries during the lockdown arisen by COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the number of Indians still to be brought back under Vande Bharat Mission in these countries as on date;

(c) the number of rescue missions led by India for the evacuation of Indians with the number of people saved through such operations, country-wise and the response of the other countries in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken/ is taking effective steps in consultation with other countries for the safe evacuation of the rest of the persons trapped in these countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved in this regard, so far?

Model Stations in Rajasthan

†485. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant budget for development of Nagaur Midata Road, Kutchaman, Deedwana, etc. stations as model stations in Rajasthan; and

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

Industrial Growth

486. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of industrial growth during the last three years and the current year in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of industrial sectors registering low/negative growth rate alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to increase the growth rate in the aforesaid sectors and the outcome achieved therefrom?

Regular Train Services

487. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has offered its unhindered services to meet the needs of the citizens of the nation in various ways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the Sharimik Special Trains and Special Trains that ran from April 2020 to 30th September 2020; and

(d) the details of the planning of Railways to run the regular trains post COVID-19 in near the future?

Penetration of High Speed Internet

488. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measure to speed up the penetration of high speed internet connectivity in villages across the country to ensure good internet connectivity to rural students attending online classes and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to upgrade the quality of internet connectivity in the villages;

(b) the number of villages in Satara district in the State of Maharashtra which have already been provided broadband internet connectivity and the number of

villages in the district in which high speed internet connectivity are yet to be provided; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide high speed internet services to students at concessional/subsidized rates and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

MPLAD Scheme

489. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposals to permanently abolish MPLADS and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the suspension of MPLADS continuously for two years is likely to affect the major developmental projects in the parliamentary constituencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any alternate solution has been received from the Government to resolve the issues related to resumption of developmental activities in the parliamentary constituencies; and

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

Routes for Privatization of Trains

†490. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the routes on which the Ministry is planning to operate private trains;

(b) the reasons to operate the running of private trains;

(c) the names of the trains and the routes on which trains are being operated by private sector till now; and

(e) the profits earned by the private sector by running private trains and the profits/losses incurred to Railways on the said routes during the last three years ?

Anti Dumping Duty on Indian Export

491. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indonesia and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have imposed anti dumping duty on Indian Export including ceramic tiles into Indonesia and GCC countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of India to the Indonesian and GCC countries' imposition of anti dumping duty on ceramic tiles;

(d) the impact of Indonesian and GCC countries' imposition of anti dumping duty on India's trade and economy along with the response of India thereto; and

(e) whether such imposition of anti dumping duty violates WTO and other agreements; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Hate Messages on Facebook

492. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the recent controversy over the alleged hateful messaging in Facebook and the chilling investigative report published in the Wall Street Journal in this regard;

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

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

Data Privacy of Public WiFi

†493. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure privacy of user data and security of free and public Wi-Fi connections being provided at many places in the country such as railway stations, airports and other public places and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory to display information regarding safe internet browsing and modalities of its use for the above places; and

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

Illegal Sand Mining

494. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increase in illegal sand mining especially in the State of Rajasthan despite the imposition of a ban on river-sand mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to increase the fine imposed on illegal river-sand mining; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to make the same a criminal offence and if so, the details thereof?

User Fee

495. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plans to charge a user fee from its passengers;

(b) if so, the rationale for the same as unlike airports, most railway stations have been built during British Raj;

(c) the plans of Railways to utilize its large land bank for commercial purposes instead of adding more burden on passengers like user fee, etc?

Introduction of 5G Technology

496. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technology is absolutely crucial for accelerating and deepening the Digital India Campaign in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which a decision is likely to be taken by the Government to introduce 5G technology in the country;

(c) whether the United States has warned the Government to address the concerns over data theft and national security implications while deciding Vendors for the introduction of the said technology;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to factor in integrity of data of Indian citizens and national security along with cost consideration in implementation of 5G technology in the country?

Export of Leather Garments/Items

497. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the total figure of export of leather garments/items from India during the last three years; and

(b) the details and the number of persons employed in this industry/trade in the country?

Special Trains for Passengers

498. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to start more special trains for transportation of passengers and if so, the details thereof including trains from Chandigarh;

(b) whether the Government has issued guidelines for safe traveling in the Indian Railways and whether these are publicized enough and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the occupancy rates in the special trains remain low and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Ministry to ease movement of the passengers across the country?

Global Value Chains

499. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to attract Global Value Chains, leaving from India to China;

(b) the names of companies which have set their manufacturing units in India since early 2018;

(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to attract GVCs to India in future;

(d) whether the Government is planning to launch/has launched a portal with land banks available for manufacturing units across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shramik Special Trains

500. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Shramik trains run so far and future action plan prepared for this purpose including Southern States so far;

(b) whether these trains will be useful to the shramiks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Lithium and Cobalt

501. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of Lithium and Cobalt in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the shortage of Lithium and Cobalt is affecting the production of electric vehicles;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to find out Lithium and Cobalt mines in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to acquire overseas Lithium and Cobalt mines and if so, the details thereof?

Revenue Generated through Export and Import

502. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has statistics regarding the revenue generated through export and import during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the item-wise details of imports and exports made from the country value-wise during the last six months since outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) whether the country's export has been continuously decreasing due to covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details of the sectors which are adversely affected;

(d) whether the Government will extend help to severely affected industries to revive the production and start exports and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost export and increase the revenue generation from foreign trade?

Export of Medical Items

503. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has removed the ban on exports for diagnostic kits, PPEs, sanitizers, Hydroxychloroquine and other medical items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after the ban on exports of said items, the indigenous production of the above items has increased drastically; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of Railway Lines in Bharatpur

504. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to states the details of works carried out for doubling railway line in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan during the last three years?

4G Services in Gujarat

505. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL is providing 4G services in all the districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the services of BSNL in all parts of the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recruitment Process

506. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment has been completed and appointments have been made after the recruitment process by RRBs started through Central Employment Notices 01/2018 and 03/2018 for the categories of Assistant Loco Pilot, Technician and Junior Engineer;

(b) if so, the number of candidates who were posted in Southern Railway in each category;

(c) the number of recruitees from each State including Tamil Nadu in each category based on their place of residence; and

(d) the number of candidates in Southern Railway, language-wise according to their preferred language for examination in all the three categories of the above two employment notices?

New Railway Line from Joghigpa to Ghy

507. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a demand of new railway line from Joghigopa to Ghy via Lengtisinga, Barpeta Sarthebari Hajo vide letter no 639186/A, 512 dated 24.01.2020 to the concerned directorate for consideration and necessary action;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will consider the demand for the new line considering the socio- economic and cultural importance of the places?

Contribution of Mining Sector in GDP

508. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining sector contributes about 3 per cent to GDP and the sector's contribution to GDP should more than double for the country to reach a double-digit growth rate and if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this direction;

(b) whether mining provides great economic opportunities for resource-rich countries, the process of mining creates challenges and risks for the well-being of people and the environment and if so, the measures taken/being taken by the Government to manage mining in a way that contributes to and does not jeopardize sustainable development; and

(c) whether the management of mining at all stages, from exploration to mine closure, requires serious consideration of social and environmental impacts and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Closing of Station

509. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to close the Thathankulam Railway Station in the district of Thoothukkudi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, as this is an important station for around 25 gram panchayats in that region?

Global Investments

510. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures during the pandemic to boost global investments in India and set up their manufacturing base;

(b) if so, the details therefor, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of the logistics and infrastructure facilities provide by the Union Government to boost investment in the country sector wise?

Support of Software Industry in the Fight against COVID-19

511. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has leveraged Information Technology (IT) in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) whether the Government is utilising Indian Software Industry's potential to fullest extent in the fight against the pandemic and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of support provided by software companies to deal with the pandemic?

Social Media Platform

512. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that some social media platforms are allegedly trying to destroy our democracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has written any letter to the social media authorities/management in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to ban any social media platform in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to set up an enquiry including a Joint Parliamentary Committee to enquire into the aforesaid matters; and

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

Fund for CSR Project

513. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government PSU's have failed to spend 100 percent fund for CSR projects towards local development since last 5 years;

(b) if so, allocation of funds and utilization therein since the year 2016-17;

(c) whether Government has any specific budget to develop their properties schools, hospitals, parks, etc. through PPP model towards infrastructural development within their local areas thereof; and

(d) if so, area-wise details of such PPP models running and allocation of budget and expenditure incurred since 2016-17 by the subsidiaries thereof?

Illegal Mining

†514. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the large scale illegal mining and pilferage of coal;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government in this regard during the last four years; and

(c) the number of complaints regarding illegal mining and pilferage of coal that have been received during the last three years and the action taken by the Government thereon, with State/UT-wise details thereof?

Saving Accounts in Post Offices

†515. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of saving accounts opened so far in post offices of country during the last two years and the details thereof including Ganganagar of Rajasthan;

(b) the facilities provided by the Government to account holders through India Post payment banks and whether there has been any increase in the opening of new accounts during the last two years; and

(c) whether the Union Government has any mechanism to know the satisfaction level of services/facilities being provided to the customers and if so, the details thereof?

Misclassification of Export Items

516. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are increasing cases of misclassification of items by the importers as 'Others';

(b) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise and the action taken against the defaulting importers;

(c) whether the Government is planning to curb import of uncatagorised items and impose requirement

of special licences for them and take other related measures;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Iran-China Deal

517. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which India look at the trade and military deal between Iran and China;

(b) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of Chinese involvement in the Middle East on India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the impact of this move on India-Iran trade and other relations?

Trains from Thawe Gopalganj Station

518. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite commercial feasibility, large number of passengers of district Gopalganj of Bihar are facing non-availability of super fast train from Thawe Gopalganj junction which is causing loss to the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways has received requests from many quarters to extend the Gorakhdham Express and Hamsafar Express from Gorakhpur via Thawe Gopalganj junction to Chhapra junction;

(d) if so, the details thereon and measures taken on the requests received in this regard;

(e) the total number of trains connecting Thawe Gopalganj junction from various corners of the country and the details of number of trains that have stoppages or proposed to run from Thawe Gopalganj junction to various metropolitan cities; and

(f) whether it is a fact that no progress has been made so far in the much awaited diversion of Bihar S. Kranti Exp., Awadh Assam Exp. AC Exp. and other similar trains from Thawe Gopalganj junction to various metropolitan cities and if so, the details thereof?

Shramik Special Trains

519. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details including origin, destination and the number of Shramik special trains that have run since the imposition of the lockdown;

(b) whether over 80 people died on the Shramik special trains when they were on their way to their hometowns;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of such deaths; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to make these trains safer and prevent such occurrences in future?

Coal Production

520. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total coal production in Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts of Jharkhand since 2014, year-wise, mines-wise and district-wise;

(b) the details of coal mines in Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts of Jharkhand, their status, reserves, managing company, current production, and projected production, district-wise;

(c) the details of the amount of reserves identified in Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts of Jharkhand and proposed plans to develop these, if any; and

(d) the details of the upcoming coal mining projects in Jharkhand?

Supreme Court Bench in Chennai

521. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Lawyers Association to open a Supreme Court branch/bench in Chennai, Tamil Nadu for the convenience of people of Southern States and to reduce time and money on litigations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on these requests?

Pilgrimage Sites

522. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified pilgrimage sites and temples in other countries including Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh;

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

(c) the condition of pilgrimage sites and temples in these countries; and

(d) the steps taken or likely to be taken to ensure pilgrimage to these places by the pilgrims?

Pending Rail Line Projects

523. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway line projects from Godda to Mehgama section and Mehgama to Pirpaiti Section are pending;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the current status of these projects and the time line fixed for its completion?

India Post Payment Bank

†524. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan to provide India Post Payments Bank service in all the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Solar Panels at Stations in Tripura

525. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for fixing solar panels at all the railway stations across Tripura;

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

(c) the financial allocation for this purpose alongwith the time fixed for fixing solar panels and the success achieved;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide solar generated electricity to all railway stations of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose for Tripura;

(f) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be completed; and

(g) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited which had undertaken project with the Indian Railways has commissioned solar energy project and if so, the details thereof?

Startup India Seed Fund

526. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Startup India Seed Fund proposed by the Ministry;

(b) whether the Scheme has been taken before the Cabinet for its approval and, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Startup India Scheme has been given anything under Atmanirbhar Bharat Package;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cess on Domestic and Imported Coal

527. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government in 2010-11 imposed a cess of Rs. 50 per tonne on domestic and imported coal to create a corpus i.e. National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) for promoting clean energy initiatives and research;

(b) the total amount of the fund raised till date and the details of utilization of the fund for the current year and for the past three years;

(c) the details of Ministries which have received funds from NCEF and their utilization;

(d) whether unspent balance has been returned to NCEF and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the amount has been released to Power Ministry for the current year and for the past three years; and

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

Fare Collection through Shramik Special Trains

528. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fare collection received by railways through Shramik Special train;

(b) the contribution of States, if any, in passenger fare and the amount of subsidy given by Railways;

(c) whether the ticket charges were borne by the passengers themselves and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of profit or loss to Indian Railways from these trains?

Losses Incurred by BSNL

529. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has incurred losses consecutively during the last three years and has been declared as incipient sick as per the guidelines of Department of Public Enterprises (DPEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for the revival/ restructuring of BSNL;

(c) whether BSNL is unable to make arrangement for payment of salary to its employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the large number of employees of BSNL?

Pending Railway Projects

†530. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of other projects including Loharu to Bhiwani and Delhi to Alwar via Nuh-Firozpur Jhirka rail lines in Haryana have been pending for a long time due to paucity of funds and other technical reasons;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has not allocated sufficient funds for these pending railway projects; and

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

Aerospace University

†531. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) proposes to establish Aerospace University in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places identified for the purpose and the expenditure likely to be incurred on it; and

(c) the names of International Organisations proposed/expected to be associated with the said university and faculties/departments of the university on which special emphasis is likely to be given?

Impact of Lockdown

532. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export sector has been the worst affected due to lockdown;

(b) if so, whether the manufacturing, hotel and hospitality industry have been the worst affected;

(c) if so, whether there is any sign of recovery by these sectors after unlock 01; and

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

Make in India Scheme in Gujarat

†533. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Gujarat where 'Make in India' Scheme has been implemented along with the details thereof;

(b) the details of number people of Gujarat who were benefitted by the scheme of Make in India, district-wise; and

(c) the district-wise amount of fund allocated/used by the districts of Gujarat under 'Make in India'?

Apple Products

†534. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been made to bring the American company Apple into the country and to make India as the export hub of Apple made products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Defence Capital Procurement

535. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of capital orders placed to Indian and Foreign vendors under Defence capital procurement in FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21;

(b) the quantum of orders placed on DPSUs and Private Industry respectively, amongst the orders placed on Indian Companies;

(c) the break-up of funds used for committed liabilities and placement of new contracts under Capital procurement budget in the last five years, and whether the defence capital budget is sufficient to meet the requirement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is undertaking initiatives to bring parity while evaluating competitive bids for defence contracts between DPSUs and private sector entities, given that the government has historically invested in DPSUs and Ordinance Factories (OFs) as seen in the past decades and if so, the details thereof?

Network Issues

536. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to completely remove network issues in connectivity in every corner of the country including the areas with difficult terrain and remote areas and if so, the details thereof?

Zero Based Time Table

537. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new zero-based timetable will be implemented by the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details of 500 discontinued regular trains and 10,000 stops removed from the timetable;

(c) the manner in which this new zero-based timetable is beneficial to railways and commuters along with detailed analysis in this regard; and

(d) whether all passenger trains will run on a "hub-and spoke model" if so, details thereof?

Ban on Apps

538. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned a number of popular Chinese mobile applications, including top social media platforms such as TikTok, Helo and WeChat and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the reason for inability of the Government to develop indigenous popular apps to counter the aforementioned Chinese apps in the country;

(c) whether the Government has invited Indian developers to come up with apps in a range of segments such as office productivity, social networking, e-learning, news, games, health and wellness, agri-tech, fin-tech, entertainment, and speech translation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government so far; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps under Digital India Aatmanirbhar Bharat Innovate Challenge, to develop indigenous apps that will be as popular as Chinese apps considering the fact that India has significant social media users and apps and if so, the details thereof?

Releasing of Food Shipment

539. DR. T. SUMATHY (a)THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any interest in releasing of millions of tonnes of food grains, pulses, peas found stocked at various sea ports in the country pending any departmental action by the DGFT;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of food grains, pulses, peas stocked at various sea ports of the country, Port-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to notify and direct the concerned authorities at the respective sea ports to release the huge quantities of food grains, pulses, peas stocked there and to ensure that they reach the hands of the poor through public distribution system before they perish by rotting; and

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

Tamils Stranded in Gulf

540. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Indians including a large number of Tamils are stranded in Gulf and East Asian countries due to inordinate delay in bringing them back home;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring them back home timely?

Unauthenticated News on Social Media

†541. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to ensure a sense of responsibility among electronic and social media companies to prevent broadcasting of several unauthenticated news in the country which may spread panic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Infrastructure Projects in Karnataka

542. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka in 2020-21;

(b) the details of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling projects, falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka during 2014-19; and

(c) the details of on-going projects under different stages of planning/approval/execution in the State of Karnataka as on July 31, 2020?

Trade Deficit

543. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India currently has a trade deficit with a majority of its bilateral trade partners;

(b) if so, whether India's trade deficit with these countries has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce trade deficit and promote production and exports from the country; and

(d) whether these countries have expressed interest in investments in various sectors of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Sand and Stowing Work

544. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in sand stowing work in the closed underground Mahanadi Coal Limited mines in Handidhua and Deulbera in Talcher, Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set a deadline to complete the work of sand stowing of the mines which poses huge threat to life and property in the heavily populated town of Talcher as there has been several cases of earth caving in the past and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has set a time frame for filling up of opencast mining pits after coal extraction is completed as these too poses danger to lives and if so, the details thereof?

Dedicated Freight Corridors

545. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and the time by which the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors are likely to be completed;

(b) whether the Government plans to lay three new dedicated freight corridors for faster movement of raw materials and industrial produce across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to involve private sector in the construction of these corridors and if so, whether the Government has evolved any mechanism in this regard;

(d) whether DFCCIL has invited bids for survey of these three corridors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the work on these three corridors will start and be completed and the financial allocation for these three projects?

Cotton Export

546. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries to which India is exporting cotton along with the quantum of export and foreign exchange earned;

(b) whether Cotton Corporation of India has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Bangladesh to

export cotton to that country and if so, the details of the quantum of export;

(c) whether CCI will also set up its own warehouses in Vietnam;

(d) if so, whether this move will boost exports as these countries have duty free access to the market of Europe;

(e) whether the Government has any plans in place to enhance export of cotton in untapped markets and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost export of cotton and achieve the target fixed?

Encroachment by Slums near Railway Tracks

†547. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jhuggis/slum areas along the railway tracks in several States including Delhi have been instructed to be removed as per the recent Supreme Court orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any data regarding the jhuggis/slums situated illegally along the railway tracks in different States including Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any incident of deaths of migrant workers while sleeping on the railway tracks during lockdown imposed due to COVID-19 has been reported recently and the details thereof; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the compensation provided by the State Government/Central Government to their family members?

New initiative in Defence Sector

548. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rafale Aircraft has been inducted in Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to grant permanent commission to women officers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Indian Navy has conducted "Operation Samudra Setu" to rescue Indian nationals stranded abroad and if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to tackle the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic in defence sector?

Development of Kollam Railway Station

549. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the developmental activities in Kollam Railway station;

(b) whether the Government has initiated action for the development of Kollam Railway Station into international standard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct any study regarding the development of Kollam Railway station for providing infrastructure facility for termination and starting of more trains from that Station;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details regarding the stage of developmental activities in Kollam Railway Station along with the present stage of Kollam Punalur Sengottai electrification?

Boosting Exports

550. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently held talks with big corporates to boost investment and spur economic activity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to generate more employment opportunities through corporate sector in the country?

Export of Spices

551. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the export of spices has greatly reduced in the past few years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that cardamom faces an export ban by the gulf countries due to high concentration of pesticide; and

(c) the details of programmes/schemes implemented/being implemented by the Government to educate and train cardamom growers with modern and latest technology in the country to help them overcome such situations in future?

Development of Indigenous Apps

552. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to develop indigenous apps and reduce dependence on foreign apps;

(b) the reasons for recent banning of 224 Chinese apps; and

(c) the opportunities provided by the Government to Indian start ups and bright young minds to leverage their intellectual capability and innovative thinking to come up with good indigenous apps?

Banning of Chinese Apps

553. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH

DEO:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned a large number of Chinese apps that were allegedly engaged in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity, defence and security of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints that the earlier banned Chinese apps including TIKTOK are still working in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has excluded Chinese companies out of contracts including for its 5G network infrastructure;

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

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Indian Electronics and IT sector?

Establishment of New Railway Zone

554. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has announced for establishment of new railway zone called South Coast Railway (SCoR) with headquarters at Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether the Railways has reconsidered their decision to retain Waltair division with the proposed South Coast Railway in view of the administrative and technical reasons; and

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

Covid Impact on Exports

555. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that there is a big impact on exports due to complete shutdown in the wake of Covid-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any estimate on exports from India during the lockdown period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the loss on the economy due to fall in major exports of crops; and

(d) if so, the details of the estimated loss of overall exports including agri-exports in the country?

ACP to CSBOs

556. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Civil Switch Board Operators (CSBOs) in Army Headquarters and Signals Regiment have been allowed by the Supreme Court of India to avail of Assured Career Promotion (ACP) after completion of 10, 20 and 30 years of service in the grade pay of Rs. 4200, Rs. 4600 and Rs. 4800 respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the apex court order has been implemented;

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

(e) the time by which the CSBOs would be given ACP as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the Government?

New Atomic Power Plants

†557. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals finalized for setting up of new Atomic Power plants and number of such proposals granted approval during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Central Public Sector companies are included in production of Atomic Power and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to grant permission to non-Government sectors for entering in Atomic Power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Aadhaar Rules

558. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the aforementioned rules will allow the usage of digital platforms to ensure good governance and prevention of leakage of social welfare benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

e-Commerce Retail Companies

†559. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that e-commerce Retail Companies are providing online services to the customers by violating Indian Laws;

(b) if so, the number of such Retail Companies against which complaints have been received by the Ministry of Commerce and Competition Commission of India; and

(c) whether the Government has instructed e-commerce Foreign Companies to operate as per the Indian Laws and if so, the details thereof?

Withholding of MPLAD Fund

560. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has withheld the funds released under MPLAD scheme after Covid-19 pandemic in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the various developmental activities and job opportunities have suffered in the country thereafter;

(d) if so, whether the Government had conducted any survey to find its impact on developmental activities and job opportunities in various districts in the country; and

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

Court Cases Involving Government

†561. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any alternative system to dispose off those cases out of the court wherein Government is also a party and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the number of such cases wherein Government is also a party;

(c) if so, the number of such cases pending in the Subordinate Courts and Supreme Court as on date; and

(d) the percentage of such cases out of the total number of pending cases?

Single Window System

562. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAJ:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up a single window system for industrial clearance;

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

(c) whether all State Governments including Tamil Nadu have been taken on board for the single window clearance system;

(d) if so, the number of States that have already agreed to help create the land bank; and

(e) whether the Government has identified industrial sector to scale up investment and competitive edge of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Railway Lines

†563. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work of railway lines has been closed due to the lack of budget;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of construction work of closed railway lines;

(c) whether the Lalitpur Singrauli rail line project which is the lifeline of Vindhya and Bundelkhand is being considered for budget allocation;

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

(e) whether the Government is aware that the work of Satna to Panna which was inaugurated in the year 2017 has stopped; and

(f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

Startup Companies

†564. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target to provide tax concessions to Startup in order to provide employment opportunity to the youths of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the Startup Schemes;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any budget for Startup;

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

(e) the details of the employment under the said Scheme, State-wise?

Revenue Loss

565. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industry has undertaken revenue analysis of estimated/projected loss of revenue to the Government, presently; and

(b) the impact of proposed reduction of GST on revenue *vis-à-vis* recovery on account of increase in sales, industry-wise?

Unused Land of Postal Department

†566. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ample land of Postal Department is lying unused in Buldhana and Shegaon post offices situated in Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to build a commercial complex by developing unused lands;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Private Trains on Railway Routes

567. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to operate private train to ply on railway routes by private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of train routes proposed by the Government in various States for the aforesaid project; and

(d) the details of private trains that are sanctioned in Kerala state?

Online Frauds and Scams

†568. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that fraudsters use technology to hid their identity and create fake emails and websites and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received a number of complaints regarding online frauds and scams in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism to protect the common man from such frauds and if so, the details thereof?

MRO Hub in Defence Sphere

569. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to make India a Manufacturing, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) hub in the defence sphere and if so, the details thereof and the initiatives taken and concessions provided in this regard and if not, the details therefor; and

(b) whether the Government has any plans of involving HAL and MDL shipyards to invest in such hubs to subsidise Government investment and produce more "Make in India" products; and

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

Decline in Poverty

†570. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether poverty is declining in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise number of people living below poverty line in the country including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether the Government carries out a periodical review of methodology to assess the poverty;

(d) if so, the details with regard to review conducted during the last three years; and

(e) the outcome of the said review and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Economic Losses due to Pandemic

†571. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the loss to North Eastern States including Assam keeping in view the economic condition of the country due to pandemic corona;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue relief package to North Eastern States including Assam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Integration of Indian Economy

†572. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provisions that have been realized by the Government of India for the industrialists and corporates for integration of Indian Economy with the global markets?

Digital Communication Policy

573. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the effects of the implementation of the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP) since it's inception;

(b) whether there has been huge capital investment in Communications and IT sector during the last six years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise along with the capital investment made in the above sector in rural, tribal and remote areas of the country during the said period; and

(d) the annual growth rate achieved by the Communications and IT sector during the said period?

Privatisation of Railways

†574. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any incentives policy to promote the private sector to operate trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the trains currently operated by the private sector along with the details of the proposed trains to be operated by private sector;

(c) whether the Government is considering a plan to regulate the fare of private trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to run a private sector tourist train connecting the mountainous regions of Kumaon and Garhwal in order to promote tourists in Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof?

Internet Access in Rural Areas of Bihar

575. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the scheme of the Government to connect the rural areas of Bihar, particularly Kishanganj Parliamentary Constituency with internet;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the targets fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages in the State of Bihar conneted with internet so far especially in the Kishanganj Parliamentary Constituency; and

(d) whether there has reportedly been any delay in the completion of the work related to the said scheme in many areas and if so, the reasons therefor?

Retirement of Employees

576. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to retire employees of Central and State Government after completing a maximum service period of 30 years;

(b) if so, whether the Government will mandate the same for all employees of the Central Government in different States;

(c) if so, whether the Government will also mandate the same for all employees of different State Governments; and

(d) the objective behind placing a ceiling limit of 30 years of service for Government employees?

Submarine Cable Connectivity

577. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched submarine cable connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands recently;

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

(c) whether the Government has proposed to launch such facility to Lakshadweep also in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of Coal

578. DR. G RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Telangana has requested for allocation of 20 MMTPA of coal for the proposed 4,000 MW power plant by Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited and National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details of the request received and action taken thereon by the Government in this regard?

Investment in Atomic Energy

579. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated to promote domestic and Foreign Direct Investment in atomic energy sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Occupation of land in Cantonment Region

580. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of illegal occupation of land of residents of cantonment region have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such encroachments have been causing serious operational problems, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to redress such problems and subsequent results of such steps, if any?

Privatisation of Railways

581. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to hand over the long distance train services to the Private Sector in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the services, route-wise and the name of companies to whom such services are likely to be allocated;

(c) whether the Government has estimated an income that is to be generated through the Privatization of railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is aware of the status of electrification work in Kollam to Punalur Section in Southern Railway Madurai division;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the allotted amount to said work and expected time for completion of the same; and,

(g) whether the Government is intending to introduce local train services in Kollam- Madurai section after the declaration of unlock 4 by the Government of India and if so, the details thereof?

Gramin Dak Sevaks

582. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDSs) are getting benefits of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees' State Insurance (ESI) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of all welfare schemes being extended to GDSs;

(c) the reasons for restricting maximum working hours for GDSs to five hours a day;

(d) whether the Government is aware that many of GDSs exceed the aforesaid working hour limit due to the nature of their work;

(e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to compensate for exceeding working hours; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to regularize GDSs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Data Protection

583. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact the personal data protection law which would create the first cross-sectoral legal framework for data protection in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to disclose all the submissions made regarding the proposed personal data protection law as a measure of transparency and if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any procedure for individuals to complain about privacy violations until the personal data protection law is enacted and if so, the details thereof and if not the reason therefor; and

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government on privacy violations during each of the last three years and the current year and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Mobile Tower Footprint of BSNL

584. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has expanded its mobile tower footprint in the country and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise including Tamilnadu;

(b) whether all the existing mobile towers are not functional and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make all the towers functional and provide better services to its customers?

Complaints regarding Illegal Mining

585. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering changing the definition of 'illegal mining' under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of complaints about illegal mining received during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of fines realised by State Governments as a result of illegal mining, State/UT-wise, including by the State of Odisha; and

(d) whether a change in definition of illegal mining will impact the realisation of fines by State Governments from mining companies and if so, the details thereof?

5G Services

586. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of 5G services in the country;

(b) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is preparing to launch 5G services inspite of missing out on 4G and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to lay down any plan to privatise BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof?

China's Stand on Sikkim

587. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of recent reports in official media of China wherein China supports independent country for Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;

(c) the extent to which the Gurkha land agitation is creating problems for Sikkim and the manner in which the Ministry is planning to address the same; and

(d) the other problems that Sikkim is facing and the way in which Ministry is going to resolve them with the help of DoNER and other Ministries?

Railway Projects in Maharashtra

†588. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of railway projects in Maharashtra regarding which the construction works were started a decade ago;

(b) the reasons for not completing the works till date;

(c) the stages at which the said railway projects are at present; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to complete the said projects at the earliest without further delay and to prevent further cost escalation?

Impact of Coronavirus

589. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of Corona virus on Indian Industry, Sector-wise;

(b) whether most of the industries within the country especially in Tamil Nadu have reached on the verge of closure due to COVID-19;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any plan for the revival of industries; and

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

Impartial Presentation of Data on Social Media

590. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the social media giants like Facebook, Google and similar multinational corporates have assured the Government of devising appropriate mechanism for impartial presentation of information on their sites and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any step to make these corporates sensitive to the sentiments of the people of the country, particularly those voicing their idea of nationalism and patriotism on these sites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Connectivity Problem

591. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mobile users are facing hardship due to connectivity problems and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in many places in the district of Palakkad the problem of signal for mobile connection is very serious requiring installation of more mobile towers considering various digital activities including online classes; and

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

Coal Block Auction

592. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:-

(a) The details of the reason to launch the auction process of 41 coal block for commercial mining during pandemic and lockdown across the country;

(b) whether consultation has been held with the coal bearing states before the Union Government arbitrarily chose to start the auction of 41 coal blocks;

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

(d) whether the CIL has not been able to fulfil its responsibility due to which the commercial coal mining has been allowed/ opened to the private sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Construction of New Railway Line Between Ghughuli-Anand Nagar

†593. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of new rail line from Ghughuli to Anand Nagar via Maharajganj under the north-eastern Railway is under consideration or pending;

(b) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be sanctioned; and

(c) the amount spent on the said project so far?

Internet Connectivity in Rural India

594. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of households in rural India who have access to internet connectivity, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase internet access among rural households across the country including the State of Odisha;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Private Investors in Railways

595. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of privatization of the Railways and the manner in which it will impact maintenance, operation and welfare;

(b) whether this move will result in dual control and split responsibilities leading to high fares, lack of travel facilities, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme limits the private investor to procurement and maintenance of coaches only while the operation and other activities of the Railways including manpower will be used by the private player without any major investment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Software Tool for Covid-19 Management

596. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has engaged National Informatics Centre or any such agency to provide Indian States/UTs an efficient software tool for structuring citizens' health data for the effective management of the COVID-19 pandemic;

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

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that Kerala had initiated a contract without any appointment procedures or consents with a US-based private PR and marketing firm named Sprinkl for handling health data of nearly 2 lakh people collected as part of COVID-19 surveillance in the State;

(d) if so, whether the State Government was given any directives by the Ministry in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the steps taken to ensure that the entire shared health data is safely transferred back by Sprinklr to the Government-owned Centre for Development of Imaging Technology (C-DIT) and the residual data left with them be completely destroyed?

Ease of Doing Business

597. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop a new model for streamlining ease of doing business across India in all State and Districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the proposals;

(c) the progress and achievements made in this regard so far;

(d) the details of programme and funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the future plan for enhancing ease of doing business in the country and in all States and Union Territories in line with the most developed countries?

Disinvestment of Railways

598. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed for disinvestment or privatisation of Indian Railways and its infrastructure within the next couple of years;

(b) if so, the details of the plan therein and the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of projects that have sought for privatisation and the suggestions of NITI Aayog thereof?

Solar and Wind Power System

599. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to implement the solar and wind power system in Indian Railways; and

(b) the target envisaged for the same and the estimated cost, zone wise?

Transportation of Coal

†600. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(A) whether the coal transportation by road and railways is not performing as expected and as a result of which sufficient quantity of coal is not made available to power plants located far from the mines and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether transportation of coal by road faces challenges such as environmental and opposition by local people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to deal with this problem and ensure efficient transportation of coal?

Infrastructure Projects

601. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure projects undertaken by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Ministry has recently released a report on infrastructure projects in the country according to which more than 403 infrastructure projects each of worth Rs.150 crores have been hit badly and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is preparing National Infrastructure Pipeline and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has constituted a Task Force with the objective of effective delivery of projects including those based on Public Private Partnership mode within time and budget for Central/State Government and Public- Sector Enterprises;

(e) if so, whether the Task Force has submitted its recommendation and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to control the cost escalation and timely completion of projects; and

(g) the anticipated completion cost, as against the original cost, both in terms of figure and percentage?

Speed Post Centres

†602. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise total number of operational Speed Post Centres in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more Speed Post Centres in the country during the current financial year;

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

(d) whether all operational Speed Post Centres are both receiving and delivery centres; and

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

Electrification of Railway Lines

†603. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of all rail lines in the country and the length in kms. of rail lines which are still to be electrified, zone-wise;

(b) whether the Railways has prepared any plan for time bound of electrification of rail lines;

(c) if so, the details thereof and status of current rail line electrification projects, zone-wise;

(d) the amount allocated for the said purpose, zone-wise during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the rail line electrification work on priority basis in the country including Rajasthan?

Discussion on India China Border

604. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started any bilateral discussion with China about recent tension on Indo-China border;

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

(c) whether the Government has any plan to start dialogue with China Government to reduce tension on border area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Market Share of BSNL and MTNL

†605. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL and BSNL are more indebted due to the loss of market share in landline and mobile services than private telecommunication companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the debt reported by BSNL and MTNL during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the separate number of mobile and landline connections surrendered during the said period, company-wise?

Index of Industrial Production

606. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has reported that the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) contracted by 36% in the first quarter (April-June) of 2020-21 as compared to the same period in 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the sectors that contributed to this large contraction in the economy and the break up thereof;

(d) whether the Government has undertaken an enquiry for the reasons behind this contraction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Covid-19 Cases in Defence Services

607. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of COVID-19 cases separately in Army, Navy and Air Force;

(b) the details of the number of deceased due to COVID- 19 in all the three services, service-wise;

(c) whether any special compensation has been given to the family of those deceased due to COVID-19;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Digital Facilities in Border Areas

†608. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for better dissemination of digital facilities under Digital India in border areas/villages of the country including Ganganagar and Dausa of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take help of private sector for better dissemination of digital facilities in the said border areas/villages;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to promote information and technology infrastructure for providing digital connection to village panchayats; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Suicide by Defence Personnel

609. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 110 Defence personnel died by suicide in the country during the last decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has made any study with Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) on the issue;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that mental stress among the Defence personnel is the only cause of suicide; and

(e) if so, the year-wise details of suicides by Defence personnel and the steps taken to prevent such unnatural deaths?

5G Technology

610. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is developing 5G technology in the country;

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

(c) the details of the budget provision made for the development of the said technology along with the names of private telecom companies which have proposed to offer 5G services; and

(d) the time line fixed for introducing 5G services by telecom companies including BSNL/MTNL?

Job Loss Due to COVID-19

611. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who lost their job and came back to India from various countries due to COVID-19;

(b) whether the Government had formulated any action plan for these people;

(c) if so, the details, thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending Application for Landline Connections

†612. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds during the last three years to speed up the telecom system, develop it, make it effective and grant benefits to the consumers;

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

(c) the State-wise/category wise/exchange-wise number of applicants of land line connections;

(d) the time by which the said applicants would be provided connections; and

(e) the effective steps being taken to address the ever increasing complaints of telephone subscribers?

MPLAD Scheme

613. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commissioning of studies to developmental issues of constituencies can be considered as part of list of works permissible under the MPLAD Scheme and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering an expansion of the scope of MPLAD works and funds to

be allocated in the near future, particularly for providing architectural consultancy for infrastructural projects in the MPs' constituencies and improve quality of works provided;

(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilized by MPs in their respective constituencies in the 16th and 17th Lok Sabha so far State and year-wise?

Data Theft

†614. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified any mobile apps prevalent in the country through which user data is being stolen and sent outside the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has banned the said apps in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all these apps are made by China; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Indians Repatriated under Vande Bharat

615. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers who were repatriated to India under the Vande Bharat Mission from various countries;

(b) whether India was approached by other countries for evacuation of their respective nationals from other countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of countries which were provided COVID-19 related help by India;

(e) the details of assistance provided by India and the expenditure incurred in such assistances; and

(f) whether India received any kind of COVID-19 related assistance from other countries till now and if so, the details thereof?

ROBS/RUBS in Gujarat

†616. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM

JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from Gujarat Government/MPs/Former MPs for construction of Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) and Rail Under Bridges (RUBs) on railway crossings in Gujarat during the last two years and the action taken on the said applications so far alongwith the place-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to construct ROB on Kundi crossing in Valsad and if not, the details thereof?

Redressal of Public Grievances

617. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE

PATIL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several public grievances are being redressed for the sake of redressal but actually they are not solving the problems being raised by the public and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether there is any mechanism to cross-check the cases being reported as redressed by the officials and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of public grievances received during the last three years, actually redressed and pending for redressal?

Agricultural Export

618. SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE

PATIL:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progression of the agricultural terms of trade for the country from 2014 to 2020;

(b) the State-wise break up of agricultural exports, from 2014 to 2020 along with the details thereof;

(c) whether since 2014, Government has prohibited the export of any agricultural products;

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

(e) whether since 2014, Government has signed international deals and MoUs for the import of agricultural products; and

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

Modernisation of Armed Forces

619. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget estimates, revised estimates and actual expenditure on modernisation of armed forces during the last five years and the current year;

(b) the details of investment made in the production of military equipment during the last three years and the current year and the Defence agreements signed for procurement of Defence equipment during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to allow the private sector to play a major role in the production of weapon system for the armed forces and if so, the details thereof and the percentage of funds allocated for procurement of indigenous equipments; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for modernisation of armed forces to improve weaponry like tanks and missiles and to reduce the dependence on import along with the contribution to the Defence sector under 'Make in India' for the purpose?

Accidents in Coal Mines

620. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of accidents occurred in coal mines in the country is higher than the number of accidents occurred in the non-coal mines during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same, coal mine-wise and State-wise

(c) the steps that have been taken in this regard to ensure safety with latest technology to avoid such accidents/ghastly incidents;

(d) the details of the compensation paid to the victims, State-wise in the last five years and the current year;

(e) whether there is usage of eco-friendly surface mines for blast free mining and avoidance of accepted risks; and

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

Female Judges

- †621. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of women who are currently serving as a Judge in Supreme Court, High Courts and at the District level, State/UT-wise;

(b) the tribunal-wise number of female judges appointed in tribunals established by the Union Government;

(c) the district-wise number of female judges appointed in Subordinate Judiciary;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the representation of women in the judiciary and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government would consider implementing reservations to increase the representation of women in the judiciary?

Mining Activities in SC/ST Areas

- †622. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN
VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is allowing mining activities in the areas dominated by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made any strict rules for mining activities in the said areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Kisan Rail

623. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to develop Kisan Rail- a vast network of trains for the benefit of farmers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the trains that have been sanctioned along with their expected

date of commencement as well as the proposals for such trains that are under consideration of the Ministry, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned and activities being undertaken by the Railways to promote startups in agri-infrastructure, promotion of new FPOs and strengthening of existing FPOs for backward integration to help in effectively running these Kisan Rail trains across the country, State-wise?

Procurement of Pinaka Rocket Launchers

624. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Ministry signed a deal with two leading domestic defence majors to procure Pinaka rocket launchers for six Army regiments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has hastened the process of restructuring the armed forces as the new air defence command proposed to be set up under the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other new steps being taken by the Ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Country?

Shramik Special Trains

625. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has run special trains for journey of migrants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether finances of Railways has been severely affected due to lockdown;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether IRCTC has refunded amount of tickets of passengers which were cancelled by Railways during lockdown;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the pending amount so far;

(g) whether there have been complaints of non-refund of cancelled tickets by IRCTC, if so, the details of complaint resolution mechanism and action taken thereon; and

(h) the initiatives/steps being taken by the Government for normal operation of trains in the country?

Vocal for Local

626. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched campaign, "Vocal for Local" for promotion of local brands and domestic manufacturing;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the allocation of funds in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether trade including export has significantly reduced during the lockdown and if so, the details thereof?

Protecting Interests of Railway Employees

627. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed private operators to operate trains on various railway routes in the country;

(b) if so, the details of proposed privatization of Railway infrastructure along with routes finalised therein, zone-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the salient features of the scheme which allows private operators to operate trains on railway routes along with the details of private players participated in the proposal so far and the expected revenue to be generated therefrom;

(d) whether the Government has received requests/representations from various quarters including railway unions to withdraw such decision in the recent past;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interests of employees of railways/job security of the existing employees from such privatization of railway routes?

Setting up of National Recruitment Agency

628. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up a National Recruitment Agency (NRA) which will conduct a Common Eligibility Test for Government jobs/all non-gazetted posts including Railways, public sector banks and other public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features of such agency along with the fate of the existing central Government recruiting agencies like SSC, RRB etc.;

(c) whether the allocation of existing recruitment agencies viz. UPSC, SSC, RRB, etc. will be diluted after operation of new NRA in the country; and

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

IPR in Defence

†629. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measure to promote self-reliance in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in defence sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of such measures on cost savings; and

(d) the challenges before the defence sector to attract institutions from private and public sector for IPR?

Kisan Trains

630. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for running Kisan Rail to help in bringing perishable agricultural produce like vegetables and fruits to the market in a short period of time by having facilities in the train with frozen containers to build a seamless national cold supply chain for perishables to realise the goal of doubling farmers incomes by 2022; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made route-wise and zone-wise so far?

Policy for Transfer of Employees

631. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy for the transfer of employees of Central Government;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate single transfer policy for Government employees in the country;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to constitute any commission for single transfer policy for both Central and State Government employees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Poor

†632. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring one or more major schemes by combining various schemes for the poor and low-income citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any specific measures regarding the expenditure to be incurred

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

on the implementation of the schemes and to make them more result-oriented and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take specific measures at central level for speedy implementation of schemes in States with specific geographical conditions like Utrakhand and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Corona on Tea Industry

†633. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of economic slowdown in the tea industry due to the global pandemic Corona;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan chalked out by the Government for North-East regions including Assam to provide financial assistance to the workers engaged in the tea industry?

New Industrial Policies

634. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce new industrial policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning for housing of migrant workers in industrial clusters under the Government's housing policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details on new policies to enable the increase in productivity and quality; and

(f) the details on new industrial policies which are helpful for the labourers?

Profitability of Coal Mines

635. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of the coal mines which are closed down or likely to be closed down after completion of the extraction work in jharkhand;

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

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

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other steps taken by the Government to increase domestic coal production and reduce the import of coal?

Private Sector Participation in Space

636. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved certain reforms to boost private sector participation in Space;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the concerns of the members of the scientific community towards such a move and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps are being taken to alleviate the concerns and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of role of New Space India Limited (NSIL) in the post reformed space sector; and

(f) the number of private companies that partner ISRO and a broad area/sector-wise break up thereof as on date?

FDI

637. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investments into India declined in the 2018-19 financial year as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

2G Mobile Communication

638. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating on dropping the 2G mobile communications system in the

wake of increasing digital technology and introduction of 5G Technology in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any suggestions from Mobile companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Aspirational District Programme

639. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backward districts identified for the development of industry, education, infrastructure and healthcare under Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) of the Government, State-wise including Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) the amount/funds sanctioned for the above ADP;

(c) the amount released so far and the status of the projects;

(d) the details of projects undertaken in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in the Backward Districts during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to include more districts in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in the list of Aspirational Districts?

Space Technology

640. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to leverage India's outstanding space technology capabilities for expanding its diplomatic initiatives of assisting other countries in the world; commercially non-commercially; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made during the last three years, country-wise, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Suspension of MPLADS

641. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
SHRI HIBI EDEN:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that dissolving of MPLAD funds has seriously affected the developmental activities in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the Government has received representations from the hon'ble Members of Parliament regarding suspension of MPLADS for two years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure justice to the rural people of the country along with the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to reinstate the MPLADS to ensure the decentralised development; and

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

Relations with Neighbouring Countries

642. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether our bilateral relations with neighbouring countries like Nepal, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afganistan and Myanmar has deteriorated recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether China is keeping good relation with any of the above countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken initiating for cordial relations with neighbouring countries of India?

Cost overrun Projects

643. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) entered into MoU for Vijayawada-Gudivada-Bhimavaram-Narsapur; Gudivada-Machilipatnam and Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu doubling and electrification;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh is sharing 50% of the cost;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project;

(d) whether there is any cost and time overrun due to COVID-19; and

(e) by when is it likely to be completed?

PMKKKY

644. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been set up in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the works carried out so far under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) for the welfare of the affected people in the said region?

Bringing back Dead Bodies

†645. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any rules regarding bringing back immediately the dead bodies of the Indian citizens engaged in labour works or in other works abroad in case of their death there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue any circular to immediately inform a concerned Member of Parliament of the actual position in case the Member forwards a letter/e-mail to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for bringing the dead body of any Indian citizen who dies abroad and if so, the details thereof?

Judicial Panels

646. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of judicial panels set up by the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number out of the above who have submitted their reports to the Government;

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which the remaining panels are likely to submit their reports to the Government?

Indo-China Trade

647. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the effect of COVID-19 and Ladakh issue on Indo-China trade and commerce;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the precautionary measures being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the decision of the Government to restrict/limit trade and commerce with China has affected the Indian industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Alleviating concern of MPs

648. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government approached the Members of Parliament (MPs) prior to suspension of MPLADS and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for suspending MPLADS continuously for 2 years with out any prior indication to/or discussions with MPs;

(c) whether the Government is aware of MPs concerns of the MPs towards such a move; and

(d) if so, whether any steps are being taken to alleviate the concerns?

Import-Export from China

†649. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of import-export of different items from China during the last five years;

(b) whether it is true that China has imported the PVC in huge amount from India; and

(c) the details of items which have seen the fall in export from China in the last one year during the Corona?

Doubling of Railway Tracks

650. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of railway track doubling of (i) Surendranagar-Daladi section and (ii) Daladi-Rajkot section;

(b) whether the sections of this project are progressing as per the schedule, if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) by when the railway track doubling of both the sections are targeted to be completed?

Recovery of Dues

651. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the Government to delineate its plan to recover dues from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in view of some of the TSPs declaring themselves bankrupt; and

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

Illegal Transfer of Defence Land

†652. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a rise in the cases of illegal transfer of defence land across the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against individuals/organisations in this regard during the said period;

(c) the measures being taken to check such incidents in future;

(d) whether the Government has prepared a digital database in respect of defence estate/land/properties across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of cases reported so far in regard to illegal transfer of defence land in various States/Union Territories of the country?

Stoppage of Railbus Service

653. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the one and only of its kind railbus which operated from Merta City to Merta Junction that was functional has been stopped;

(b) if so, whether the Government is planning to restart the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Higher Charges for Food

654. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the rate of food materials in the establishments it controls;

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

(c) the last time such an increase was allowed by Railways;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to periodically inspect and ensure the quality of food in Railway establishments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on Import of Chines Products

655. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to ban imports from China on the lines of banning Chinese mobile apps;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such decision is likely to be taken;

(c) the indigenous sectors likely to be benefitted from ban on imports from China;

(d) whether it is a fact that such ban on imports from China is necessary for the Atmanirbhar Abhiyan recently launched by the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to make the said Abhiyan successful across the country so far?

Security Breach in User Data

656. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of any security breach in the user data stored with the BHIM app, and if so, the details thereof.

(b) whether there have been any previous instances of security breaches of Government websites, apps and services and if so, the details thereof and the data of occurrence of such breaches.

(c) whether the Government is taking steps to further strengthen its existing security patches and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to take steps in order to prevent any future relapses in data security, and if so, the details thereof?

NeGP

657. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) has set up any G2B portal to serve as a one-stop-shop for delivery of services to

the investors so as to address the needs of business and industry from inception through the entire life cycle of the business;

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

(c) whether the Government with DIPP has set up any special management team to facilitate and fast track investment proposals from Japan; and

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

Postal Ballot for Senior Citizens

658. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced the age limit for senior citizens who can opt for postal ballot in Lok Sabha and Assembly polls, following the COVID-19 pandemic situation; and

(b) if so, the details and its implementation status thereof as on date and views of States taken into consideration so far?

Stoppage at Bayana Station

659. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for stoppage of Nanda Devi Express at Bayana Railway Station of Bharatpur District of Rajasthan has been received by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export Credit

660. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that there is a sharp decline in export credit given by banks during the last four years;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has ever tried to find out the reasons behind this;

(c) the short and long-term measures that have so far been taken to correct the situation and how the above decline has impacted the exports;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with RBI to provide some credit from its currency reserves; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Re-cycling Technology for Nuclear Spent Fuel

661. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country doesn't possess recycling facility for Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) from Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)/Light Water Reactor (LWR) reactors, so as of now, the SNF from Kudankulam will be stored in Away From Reactor (AFR) itself;

(b) the Status of building AFR for Units 1&2 in Kudankulam and whether the Government is scouting for re-cycling technology to reprocess SNF from PWR/LWR reactors and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has finalized places in India to setup India's Deep Geological Repository (DGR) permanently to store SNF and if so, the places under consideration to set-up the DGR?

Ongoing Projects

662. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government will furnish the details regarding the on-going projects in Assam under the Ministry;

(b) the status of these projects and the target date of completion set at the time of inception of these projects;

(c) the total fund allocation for the projects, project-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware about the demand for RCC Bridge over river Jaljali connecting Nagarbera of Kamrup district and riverine areas of Alopata char of Barpeta district; and

(e) if so, the progress so far?

Future of Mining

663. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken with regard to modern mine planning software and mine mechanisation which would play a crucial role in the operation of future mining operations and projects;

(b) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that all mining companies are strongly committed to sustainability and work for a better tomorrow;

(c) whether the practices of environment and social impact monitoring and auditing, community consultation, engagement and protection, concurrent and mine closure practices are bound to weigh heavily in any advanced mining operations of the future, if so, the efforts made/to be made by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to lay emphasis on embracing eco-friendly technical advancements from planning to operational stages of mining, which would be paramount for sustaining the desired GDP growth of our country?

Space launch centre in Tamil Nadu

664. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Kulasekarapattinam Space launch centre in Thoothukkudi District of the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the land acquisition for the project has started; and

(c) if so, the expected timeframe for the completion of the same and further infrastructure building for the space launch centre?

Framework Law for Digital Rights

665. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to introduce a Framework Law for Digital Rights to ensure people-centric governance of Digital data;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against companies failing to protect data privacy during the last two years?

Data of Infection from Train Travel

666. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the data regarding the number of people who got infected with Covid-19 during train travel;

(b) the reasons why train operations are not being resumed fully after following all required Covid protocols and if infection level is Nil; and

(c) the details of study if any, conducted in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Aqua industry

667. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the aqua industry is facing shortage of cold storage facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the cold storage facilities in the country?

Banning of Chinese Apps

668. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned any apps that have any linkage with China and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of apps banned by the Government so far and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any details regarding the number of job loss and financial loss occurred due to the said ban and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to ban all apps having any linkage with China and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Decrease in New Recruitments

†669. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any decrease in new recruitments in comparison to retirement along with the names of the posts where recruitments have been decreasing continuously;

(b) the group-wise details of Group D,C and other employees who have retired during the last five years;

(c) the group-wise details of employees appointed to various posts during the said period; and

(d) the number of sanctioned posts lying vacant at present and the reasons therefor?

Regulation of OTT

670. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is working on a set of recommendations for the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) to regulate the Over the Top (OTT) service providers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any tool to intercept WhatsApp and other social media communications sent or received through their platforms and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is having any proposal to bring out a comprehensive legislation for regulation of OTT service providers?

Atma Nirbhar Bharat

†671. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' project;

(b) whether the Government has made any agreement with Atal Innovation Mission in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of estimated funds allocated by the Government in this regard;

(e) the details of the targets set thereunder; and

(f) whether the State of Rajasthan has also been included in the said scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulation of Social Media Platforms

672. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram etc. are being found to be increasingly used to incite violence and hatred in the society;

(b) if so, the details of cases detected by the Government in the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to build any framework or regulatory guidelines to prevent misuse of these social media platforms which pose a threat to the unity and integrity of the country; and

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

Mobile Towers in Maharashtra

†673. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install more BSNL mobile tower for better connectivity in Ratnagiri and Sindhudur districts of Maharashtra;

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

(c) the time by which such mobile towers are likely to be installed?

Loss of Life in Army

674. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of army personnel who have lost their lives on duty since 2014, and the compensation paid to their families; and

(b) the number of soldiers lost in conflicts with neighbouring countries, including China and Pakistan, country wise, since 2014?

Coal Requirement

675. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the country's total annual coal requirement, sector-wise, year-wise;

(b) the details of the requirements met through domestic coal production; and

(c) the details of the amount of coal exported and imported since 2014?

Political parties registration Tracing Management System

676. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission of India has launched a new online system for political parties to register their parties with Election Commission's website called "Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the newly introduced PPR-TMS; and

(d) the total number of political parties which have been registered on the newly introduced online system?

Post Offices in Jharkhand

677. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to open Regional and Divisional Post Offices at Deoghar in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these offices are likely to be made operational?

Import of Coal

†678. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of coal the Government of India imports in one year;

(b) whether there is any estimated cost of imported coal for electricity generation in the coming year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Coking Coal

679. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coking coal produced in the country during the last three years and the

current year;

(b) whether there is any sharp decline in the coking coal reserves in the country and if so the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has recently signed MoU to import coking coal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the target set for production of coking coal during the last three years;

(e) whether there is a huge difference in the demand and production of coking coal; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill this gap?

National Seed Fund

680. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of National Seed Fund proposed in the 2020-21 Budget;

(b) the reasons that the country stands at 136th position on 'starting a business' parameter under Ease of Doing Business table;

(c) the impact of COVID-19 on Startup India programme and the steps taken by the Government to address the said impact; and

(d) the present status of Startup India Initiative started in 2016 and the number of employment opportunities that have been created by Startups so far?

Data Protection Law

681. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received Justice B.N. Srikrishna report on data protection along with draft legislation on data protection;

(b) if so, the details and the major recommendations thereof;

(c) whether the said report categories data into personal and non-personal data along with the identification of super sensitive data and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has accepted the classification of personal data made in the report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government will include non-personal data in the proposed legislation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

New MEMU Trains in North Malabar Region

682. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request to introduce MEMU trains in North Malabar region, particularly between Calicut and Mangalore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plans in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for introducing MEMU services in North Malabar region; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

Export of PPE Kits

683. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of export of PPE Kit, Masks, Sanitizers till 31st August, country and value-wise?

Casualties of soldiers

684. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been some casualties of soldiers serving at high altitudes;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to prevent such casualties and provide congenial atmosphere to the soldiers working at high altitudes like Siachen?

Collaboration with other Countries in Make in India Initiative

†685. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of collaboration with other countries in various sectors under the Government's 'Make in India' initiative from 2014 till date;

(b) whether foreign companies are providing assistance in production/technological know-how/raw materials/strategy under the 'Make in India' program;

(c) if so, the details regarding the various services provided by these foreign companies;

(d) whether the Government has estimated the total investments under the Make in India during the five years from 2014 to 2020 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the media-wise details of the expenditure related to advertising since the start of 'Make in India' initiative till date?

Loss of Revenue due to Lockdown

686. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI P.C. GADDIGODAR:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWASI:

SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days during lockdown when passenger trains remained suspended, started operation during unlock period and total loss suffered by Railways during the period and the total amount refunded by Railways to passengers due to cancellation of tickets;

(b) whether running of less passenger trains has led to huge loss of revenue and if so, the estimated loss projected;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Railways are considering to restore complete rail services in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether freight revenue has also fallen sharply as compared to last year;

(e) if so, the details thereof and whether Railways is working towards simplifying its freight policy to boost freight revenue; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost passenger and freight revenue?

Fast Track Courts

†687. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fast track courts are functional in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the names of districts where these courts are functioning along with the cases being adjudicated by them; and

(c) the details of the cases taken and disposed off by these courts during the last three years?

Impact of Corona on SEZs

†688. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the units established in Special Economic zones have also been affected adversely during the Corona period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to make some provisions including interest moratorium, non-increase of lease rate, deferment of rate payment, etc., in order to provide relief to units established in Special Economic Zones from corona crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Make in India

†689. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has taken any resolution to make India self reliant on behalf of the Government;

(b) if so, the details where there will be such production;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of Coaches into Covid Care Units

690. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken effective steps to open Passenger railway transport as its operations were halted amid the outbreak of the COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the approximate time by which the passenger train services are to be restored;

(c) the appropriate action plan decided or to be taken by the Government to mitigate the problems faced by people once the train services restart all over the country after COVID-19 lockdown;

(c) whether the Government has provided large number of rail coaches for temporary COVID-19 treatment and care units during the lockdown crisis;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the utility status of such transformed rail coaches in the country, railway zone-wise; and

(e) the approximate time by which these transformed coaches are likely to be put into passenger transport again?

NEW DELHI;
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461	Part (a) Line 2; for "monetisation" read "demonetisation"
467	In heading: for "Comliance" read "Compliance"
482	In heading: for "Chinnese" read "Chinese"
487	Part (c) Line 2; for "30 th September 2020;" read "till date"
489	Part (d) Line 1; for "received from" read "formulated by;"
495	Part (b) Line 2; insert "and" after British Raj:
507	In heading: for "Joghigpa" read "Joghigopa"
513	Part (a) Line 1; for "PSU's" read "PSU"
519	In heading: insert "Running" before "Shramik"
528	In heading: for "Collectetion" read "Collection"
562	Name of Member: for "SHRI C. ANNADURAJ" read "SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI"
578	Line 2 before Part (a): delete "Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:"
583	Name of Members: for: "SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.", "SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B." read "SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.",
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625	In heading: insert " for Migrants" after "Trains"
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