

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Monday, July 17, 2017/Ashadha 26, 1939 (Saka)

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

Central Universities

*1. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facilitating establishment of a number of Central Universities under the Central Universities Act, 2009 to address the regional imbalances in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of these Universities established under Central Universities Act, 2009 along with their location; and

(d) the names of Universities from among the above Universities which are under operation?

Expenditure on Primary Education

*2. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) presently being spent on primary education in the country and plans drawn by the Government to improve the same;

(b) whether the Government is aware that school education level in the country is comparatively low when compared to global standards, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

Development of Tourist Spots in U.P. and Rajasthan

*3. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken initiatives or is planning to develop the tourist spots in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the places identified for such development;

(d) whether any Detailed Project Report has been sought from the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Minority Universities

†*4. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to open five new minority Universities in the country during the year 2018 to improve the standard of education of the minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States/UTs where the said Universities are to be set up by the Government along with the details of the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up one of the said universities in Mewat region of Haryana, Rajasthan and

Uttar Pradesh States and if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of EPFO Fund for Housing

*5. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) scheme to enable around 4 crore members of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to withdraw upto 90 per cent of their funds for buying houses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said amendment would also allow the EPFO subscribers to use their EPF for paying monthly instalments of home loans and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether under the proposed provision in the EPF scheme, the subscribers would have to form a co-operative society with at least 10 members to avail the facility and if so, the details thereof?

**Working Paper of NIPFP on
Employment**

*6. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Working Paper of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) has noted that laws relating to labour are at the centre of anti-employment bias;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ease the labour laws to generate more employment in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment

*7. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether pace of unemployment has risen in the country during recent years and if so, the details thereof indicating the number of unemployed persons both in the rural and urban areas in the country including Chhattisgarh and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for eradication of unemployment in the country and the achievements made as a result thereof during the said period, year and State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether any survey/study has been conducted to ascertain employment and unemployment situation in the country and if so, the details and the findings thereof, State/UT-wise along with the follow-up action taken/being taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government has framed/proposes to frame new National Employment Policy and if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for eradication of

unemployment/creation of more employment opportunities in the country?

New Education Policy

*8. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate new Education Policy in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently constituted any new panel/expert committee for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the agenda and work assigned to the committee;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to include fitness test in the said policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has set any timeline for submission of the report by the expert panel/committee, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said policy is likely to be implemented?

Make-in-India Programme

*9. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had announced "Make-in-India" scheme in August, 2015 and called up the World's manufacturing companies to come to India and produce items/goods with the marking 'Make-in-India' under the scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the manufacturing companies from abroad which have started operations in the country during the last two years and the current year;

(c) whether Central Statistics Office has released statistics on the quarterly rates of 'Gross Value Addition' of manufacturing sector during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the Government is satisfied with those figures?

Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act

*10. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines for implementation of the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is anticipating decline in rate of labour force participation of female population in the country as the employers might adopt discriminatory hiring practices in order to prevent maternity benefits under the said Act of 2017; and

(d) if so, the action plan adopted/proposed to be adopted by the

Government to prevent discriminatory hiring practices?

Violation of Labour Laws

†*11. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA: SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of violation of labour laws have increased in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any review of the working of the officers involved in the implementation of labour laws in the country; and

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

Admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*12. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal to discontinue the coupon system for admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the time by which the said system is likely to be discontinued?

Protection of Artefacts

†*13. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several invaluable ancient artefacts have been kept in the open in various museums of the country;

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

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to review the security norms in various museums; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect the antique artefacts?

Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers

†*14. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers Scheme along with its present status;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of bonded labourers rescued under the scheme during the said period, gender-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the scope of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be materialised?

Upgradation of Navodaya Vidyalayas

*15. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to upgrade the Navodaya Vidyalayas up to graduation levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the academic performance of Navodaya Vidyalayas, Kendriya Vidyalayas and other autonomous bodies along with employability of students during the last three years?

Scrapping of DGS&D

*16. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to scrap its public procurement wing called the Directorate General of Supplies and

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Disposals (DGS&D), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to introduce an alternative system in place of DGS&D and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to set up a technology-driven platform to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Ministries and agencies of the Government in line with the "Buy American" policy of USA and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the present employees and officers working in DGS&D are going to be migrated to the new system or to be outsourced; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made by the Government in this regard, till date?

Setting up of Refinery-cum-Petrochemicals Complex

*17. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up the world's largest refinery-cum-petrochemicals complex at Babulwadi, Taluka Rajpur in Ratnagiri District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with capacity of the proposed refinery and the expected refining capacity likely to be created to meet the domestic demand in next few years;

(c) whether any agreement/ joint venture

has been signed by State-owned oil companies/firms in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the cost/financial allocation including mode of investment of the said refinery including the share of each company/firm involved in the project; and

(e) the target fixed for completion of the work of the said refinery and the present status thereof?

Moderation Policy

*18. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to curb the practice of spiking of marks and to do away with moderation policy with regard to awarding marks and implement a scientific policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up an Inter-Board Working Group for the purpose and if so, the details thereof including the response received from the State Boards in the matter;

(c) the manner in which it is likely to improve the quality of education in the country; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to bring about uniformity in evaluation and to improve the quality of education in the country?

Products on GeM

*19. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government e-Market place (GeM) portal recently launched and functional for the last six months in consultation with the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D);

(b) whether the Government has received any memorandum demanding some relaxation for items to be marketed through GeM like Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs) and Distribution Boards (DBs);

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the last Rate contract (R/C) for these items has expired in August, 2016 and till date indenters have not been able to place purchase Order and purchase these items after August, 2016 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has undertaken any remedial steps to reinstate

the old practice of R/C for MCBs & DBs and save small manufacturers and if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Supply in World's Coffee Market

*20. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of supply in the world's coffee market is likely to continue for the 3rd consecutive year with the output of robusta, sliding to a level not seen since 2012;

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

(c) whether the Indian coffee exports have increased in view of the global shortage;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by Government to boost the production and export of coffee along with the financial and technical assistance provided to coffee growers during the last three years?

NEW DELHI;
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ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Relaxation for Reserved Category in NET

1. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the relaxation for the reserved category students in the University Grants Commission (UGC) NET examinations has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the new criteria for qualifying the UGC NET exam?

Impact of FDI on Retail Market

2. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made

any study on the impact of FDI on retail market especially on indigenous retail market and the employees attached thereto during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Permission to Foreign Oil Companies

3. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give permission to foreign oil companies to re-enter in the retail market and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to consider de-nationalisation of the petroleum companies taken over in the past as well and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Industrial Development Centres

†4. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Development Centres opened in the country during the last three years, including Gujarat and Maharashtra, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds provided by the Government to State Governments during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the number of such centres likely to be opened in the country in future?

Development of Insta Guide App

5. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed Insta Guide Mobile App for the promotion of tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far to the App?

Tribal Students

6. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gross enrolment rate among tribal students in the primary school

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level has declined from 113.2 in 2013-14 to 109.4 in 2015-16 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the dropout rate among tribal students has been alarming and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the health infrastructure has also been found wanting in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a shortfall of 6796 sub-centres, 1267 primary health centres and 309 community health centres in the tribal areas as on 31st March, 2015; and

(e) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard on all India level?

Impact of Demonetisation on Job Market

†7. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of daily wages employed in the Government and private sector in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the unorganized sector in the country had to face loss of job opportunities on account of demonetisation;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to further avoid this loss by the unorganized sector in the country, including in Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of demonetisation in the employment market and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the outcome of demonetisation along with the number of workers affected

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

or likely to be affected therefrom; and

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

Use of Khadi

8. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed all Government hospitals to use khadi soap, linen etc. to encourage khadi and village industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the institutions covered under the scheme, number of items included and the amount of benefit likely to accrue to KVI therefrom;

(c) whether the Government proposes to urge the States to undertake similar steps to encourage KVIs and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Assistance under IIUS

†9. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the central assistance allotted and released under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) and for the development of export infrastructure and related activities to the

East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts in Jharkhand;

(b) whether any efforts have been made to establish some industries based on available raw materials in East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand during the said period; and

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

Impact of Liquor Restriction on Tourism Sector

10. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that restrictions on liquor has impacted the tourism sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the average growth of the number of foreign tourists and domestic tourists since the last three years after the ban on liquor in some States;

(c) whether the Government intends to introduce a national liquor policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not introducing a national liquor policy?

Preservation of Manuscripts

11. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are Government funded research institutes that save and revive old and rare manuscripts and if so, the details thereof;

Nellore districts of AP and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any requests have been made for intervention and purchase of low and medium grade tea leaves by giving farmers a better price and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Vocational Training to Tribals

13. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to approve a proposal received from the Government of Kerala for providing vocational training to the tribal youths; and

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

Inflow of Foreign Tourists

†14. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inflow of foreign tourists in the country has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the tourists arrived in the country along with the revenue generated therefrom during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the schemes formulated and steps taken by the Government for air

connectivity, rail connectivity, safety, facilities and proper accommodation for the tourists, State-wise including Jharkhand;

(d) the funds allocated to various States to encourage tourists during the last three years, State-wise including Jharkhand; and

(e) whether the Government has made publicity of tourism at world level through their centres and offices in the foreign countries and if so, the details of the foreign offices/centres and the amount spent on each such office during the last three years, year-wise and office-wise?

Development of Yamuna River Banks as Tourism Centre

†15. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to develop the banks of Yamuna river as tourism centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan

16. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds from Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya

Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, are provided to all States/UTs including Jharkhand for providing infrastructure facilities to Government secondary schools; and

(b) if so, the total amount allocated this year in the budget, State/UT-wise?

Underwater Exploration by ASI

17. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Underwater Archaeological Wing of ASI has been inactive for the last seven years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are only six underwater experts for the 7500 km. coastal frontiers of the country; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for the promotion of exploration of the coastal areas having immense potential?

Bonded Labour

18. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Scheme along with its present status;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this Scheme

during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the number of bonded labour rescued under the Scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether the achievement regarding rescued bonded labour is upto the fixed target, if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Cash Withdrawal Limit for MSME

19. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many small and medium enterprises have informed the Government that they were not able to run their business with the limited cash withdrawal limit imposed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has made a proposal for higher withdrawal limit of Rs. 2 lakh per week for small and medium enterprises to ease their cash crunch that followed the demonetization; and

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

Welfare of Migrant Labourers

†20. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide the benefits of social welfare

schemes including foodgrains to the migrant labourers of the country under PDS through technology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide relief to the labourers migrated due to the anti-naxal operations launched by the security forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the measures being contemplated to be/have been put in place for the welfare of the migrant labourers?

Promotion of Spiritual Heritage of Uttarakhand

†21. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of TOURISM पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to bring Char Dham of Uttarakhand on to the World map is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the special steps taken by the Government to bring the religions, spiritual, cultural heritage of the country before the world community;

(d) whether the Government takes the help of private, self-help organizations to promote the tourism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

DBT for Kerosene

†22. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the order is likely to be issued by the Government for making mandatory the entry of gas connection holder in the ration cards for the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for kerosene scheme in Rajasthan; and

(b) the time by which the data base of remaining 49.60 lakh domestic gas connection holders of Rajasthan are likely to be shared with the State Government of Rajasthan?

Incentives to Hazardous Sector Workers

†23. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for providing incentives to labourers engaged in hazardous works; and

(b) the number and details of labourers working in the labour sector who have been provided incentives under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise?

Development of Salt Farming

24. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has devised any scientific methods for salt farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not,

the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for welfare of Agariyas, salt farmers of Kutch as well as for revival of dying salt farming industry in the country?

Quality of Education

25. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has increased the spending on schools particularly between 2011 and 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the increase in the literacy rate, the quality of education and the quality of teaching have declined sharply over the past few years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that students from some States are not competent enough as compared to the students from other countries and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the proactive steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of education and the teaching methods in the country?

Awareness about Digital Economy

26. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the directors of higher education

institutions to award credits for projects work to student volunteers to spread awareness about a digital economy and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that more than one lakh volunteers have already registered to help in the Government's drive to go digital in transaction and if so, the details thereof?

Fuel Economy Norms for Vehicles

27. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given a fourth extension to a high level committee developing fuel economy norms for heavy duty vehicles and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said panel has envisaged a road map for fuel efficiency norms for heavy duty vehicles like trucks and buses in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said committee has submitted its report as per schedule prescribed for the purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Nodal Officer for Forest Dwellers Act

†28. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States which have

appointed/have not appointed nodal officers to investigate the cases related to the implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 at present;

(b) whether the Government has made/proposes to make any efforts for the appointment of such officers in those States which have not appointed the said nodal officers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Land Acquired for SEZs

29. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land area notified, utilised and lying vacant in respect of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, including Chandigarh;

(b) the total area of waste land, single crop land and dual crop land out of the above, category-wise; and

(c) the reasons for acquiring single crop land and dual crop land for being notified for SEZs?

Export of Gems and Jewellery

30. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gems and Jewellery exports have touched an all time high;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and the additional revenue earned by the Government through exports;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to boost the said exports in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sex Education in Schools

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

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sex education in schools is being imparted under Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey amongst secondary and higher secondary school children to know their response towards AEP; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Priority in Budgetary Allocation

32. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture has pointed out in its report that States which got more tourism arrivals rather than business arrivals should get priority in budgetary allocation for development of tourism; and

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

Digitization of School Records

33. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to digitalise all academic records from secondary level institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also included Aadhaar Card in the certificates of the students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government in this matter?

Setting up of MSMEs

34. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in

various States of the country including Andhra Pradesh during the current year and in near future; and

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

Performance of MSME Sector

35. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also taken note that the MSMEs continue to face several problems in production and marketing of their products;

(d) if so, whether the Government is taking up/has taken up any study to find out concrete solutions for these problems and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Standard of Teacher Training

36. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the standard of teacher training colleges has fallen down rapidly in recent years across the country;

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

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the teacher training colleges across the country?

DBTL Scheme

37. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of savings due to implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG scheme across the country, during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the salient features/methodology of the said scheme;

(c) the total savings from voluntarily giving up of LPG subsidy by LPG consumers during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of new LPG connections provided to BPL families provided during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the total funds provided/spent for extending LPG connections in rural areas during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Innovation in Higher Education

38. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country lacks innovation and infrastructures in higher education institutions across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to introduce innovation in education?

Scrap at Bokaro Steel Plant

†39. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the removal of scrap from the SAIL plant of Bokaro, Jharkhand has been started and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the date on which the last tender meant for this work ended;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start the scrap removal work at the earliest keeping in view the interests of labourers engaged therein and take action against the officers responsible for delays; and

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

Modernisation of Steel Plants

40. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any modernisation and expansion plans for the public sector steel plants in the country;

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

(c) whether this will improve the steel industrial sector in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this expansion will result in generation of employment opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Archaeological Studies on Human Civilisation

41. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to foster and forge coordination and cooperation among nations in the field of research in evolution and development of human civilizations around the world;

(b) details regarding specific archaeological studies and activities being undertaken to trace the history of development of human civilizations in the Indian sub-continent; and

(c) whether any pyramid like structure has ever been discovered from the archaeological excavation works undertaken in India so far and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Excavation Projects in Bihar

†42. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken by the Government to Control the flooding of Indian Markets with goods including toys and children play items containing hazardous chemicals/materials from China, Taiwan and Korea;

(b) the list of items for which imports from various other countries particularly China, Taiwan and Korea have been imposed prohibition in the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to protect the domestic manufacturers from the flooding of imports from these countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deemed Universities

45. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that the University Grants Commission has embarked on reviewing the Deemed Universities status being enjoyed by nearly more than hundred educational institutions across the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has also given its approval for conducting the review of these deemed universities keeping in view of the recommendations made by the PN Tandon Committee; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

(a) the total funds allocated for the survey of archaeological sites in Bihar and to carry out extensive excavation work at the said sites during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any special action plan for excavation in Nalanda and Gaya in Bihar which are considered very rich in archaeological heritage; and

(c) if so, the funds allocated for the said schemes along with the time frame to start the said work?

Expansion of ESIC and EPF Ambit

43. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefits under ESIC and EPF for construction workers and other unorganised sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also requested the State Governments to send the details of beneficiaries under ESIC and EPF; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of workers of unorganised sectors registered under this scheme for availing benefit of ESIC and EPF, State/UT-wise?

Flooding of Imports

44. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

Jana Sikshan Sansthan

46. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to review the Jana Sikshan Sansthan project;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its contribution and benefit;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to shift this scheme to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Performance of NMCP

47. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP) in the country;

(b) the growth achieved through NMCP by the Government for the MSME sector since its inception;

(c) the total budgetary allocation by the Government for NMCP during the last five years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance NMCP by infusing/participating the talent of world class companies, start-ups, technology-driven firms and professionals to augment the aim of NMCP for MSME in the country; and

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

Employment Oriented Education

†48. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to make higher education in the country more and more employment oriented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission has directed all universities to make education employment oriented;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of efforts made by the Government to review old syllabus every three years and make it relevant as per requirement?

Development of MSMEs†49. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:
SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the growth rate thereof in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(a) the details of heritage buildings situated in Rajasthan, location-wise;

(b) whether any fire hazard has been observed or reported in any of the said buildings in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the precautionary measures taken by the Government to protect and preserve these heritage buildings; and

(e) the details of the amount disbursed specifically for the purpose of the above mentioned in Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year, year/scheme-wise?

Engineering Clusters under MIIUS

†52. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Engineering Cluster in Nashik district of Maharashtra under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIIUS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned/allocated/released and utilised so far for the said cluster; and

(d) the details of the progress works carried out by the said cluster?

Special Security for Tourist Spots

†53. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

(b) the number of MSMEs closed down in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh and the reasons therefor during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for development of the MSMEs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated/sanctioned and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Skill Development in Petroleum Sector

†50. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the skill development under Skill India initiatives in the petroleum sector during the year 2016-17 along with the allocation of funds for the same and number of persons included in the programme and the activities proposed under Skill India initiatives during 2017-18; and

(b) the number of youths from Jalore, Sirohi and Barmer district of Rajasthan included under Skill India initiatives?

Protection of Heritage Buildings from Fire

51. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking special measures for protecting statues in the historical sites and temples in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to use technical support and form a Special Tourist Spots Security Team for the security of these sites; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on FDI in Tobacco Sector

54. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Government for FDI in tobacco sector during the last year;

(b) whether the Government is considering a total ban on FDI in the tobacco sector of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including its likely impact on the tobacco growing farmers?

Merchandise Exports from India Scheme

55. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various measures taken and the results achieved through the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy since its introduction till date;

(b) whether the Government has taken keen interest to boost the export of knitwear and readymade garments from Tirupur city of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures implemented and the results achieved in this regard?

Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

56. SHRIMATI P.K.

SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) are being disbursed to the youths in various States including Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the quantum of loans given to youths in Kerala under the said scheme and the targets fixed/achieved during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the said targets?

Funds for Development and Publicity of Tourism

†57. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds released for development and publicity of tourism during the last two years;

(b) whether there has been any cut in amount given for promotion of tourism industry to the States having tourism potential in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Process of Issuance of Community Certificates

58. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the same community is classified as Scheduled Tribe in one State and not a Scheduled Tribe in another State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the process for immigrants from a Scheduled Tribe to get their community certificate in a different State; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans to streamline the process of issuance of community certificates so that migrant families do not face any problems and if so, details thereof?

Sponge Iron Plants

†59. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public and private sector sponge iron plants in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of the possibilities of the employment generation in these plants;

(c) whether there is a provision to provide jobs to the local people in these plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited

60. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the anomalies in the performance evaluation system of officers in various units of Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL) in the country including the Burnpur Unit; and

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

Diversion of PF Fund into PMGPY

61. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to remit the share of organized sector labours Provident fund pension scheme to

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strengthen the PMGPY Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representations/ requests have been received in this regard; and

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

Reservation in Allotment of Gas Agencies

62. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide reservation to women in allotment of gas agencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the salient features of the said proposal?

Expansion of Bharat-Oman Refineries

†63. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expansion work has been undertaken in the Bharat-Oman Refineries Limited during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the said expansion work?

Export of Onions

†64. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to allow the export of onions due to bumper production of onions in the current season;

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

(c) the details of import-export of onion during the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes any change in the export-import policy and if so, the details thereof?

Scholarships to Artists

65. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial help/ scholarships are being provided to young artists for propagating, spreading and building their local culture in different parts of the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the States and artists who have been provided funds during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to further motivate the artists?

Books in Regional Languages

66. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for supplying the books to the students of 10th class in Gujarati language in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities to Retiring Persons

67. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to settle the PF/EPF, Gratuity etc. of the retiring person on the day of retirement itself; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Schemes for Promoting Labour-oriented Works

†68. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any incentive scheme for

promoting labour-oriented works in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sound and Light Show at Tilyar Lake

69. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of work on the implementation of sound and light/ multimedia show project at Tilyar Lake, Rohtak in Haryana;

(b) the date of the receipt of proposal from the Government of Haryana by the Ministry of Tourism;

(c) the date of approval for the above-mentioned project; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated for developing the said project?

Executive Committee of National Book Trust

70. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Book Trust (NBT) has been without an Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for over a year now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that in the absence of Executive Committee and the

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Board of Trustees, the National Book Trust could not take any major decisions during the last one year;

(d) whether it is also true that the NBT has forwarded their recommendations for members to be appointed to the Board of Trustees of NBT very long back and the Government is yet to take action on it; and

(e) if so, the reasons for the delay in appointing members in the Board of Trustees of NBT?

Reservation Policy in BBAU

71. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the reserved posts for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) in various categories are lying vacant in Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU), Lucknow;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date and the reasons for not filling up the above posts till now;

(c) whether the reservation policy is being properly implemented in filling up the said posts and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has ordered any inquiry against any officials of the University and if so, the details thereof and progress made as on date in the said enquiry; and

(e) whether the Government has received complaints regarding atrocities on SC/ST employees of BBAU and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Monsoon Tourism

72. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote monsoon tourism in States like Kerala, considering its immense potential;

(b) whether the Government is ready to promote the scope of monsoon tourism in international platforms to attract foreign tourists to the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds Allocation for Upgradation of Gandhi Ashram

†73. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand and upgrade Gandhi Ashram around Sevagram in Wardha District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated/ utilized in this regard so far?

Brain Drain

74. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present policy on education;

(b) whether the Government is taking initiatives to stop brain-drain, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory that students leaving the country after getting education in premier Government run institutions should have invariably served in India at least for the immediate ten years; and

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

Cashew Industry

75. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it comes to the notice of the Government that the cashew industry is facing a crisis and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to promote the cashew industry;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the cashew industry depends on imported raw cashew nuts;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to provide sufficient quantity of raw cashew nuts to the industry;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of cashew industries have closed down due to non-availability of raw cashew nuts and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has received complaints/representations from Kerala to change the import-export policy and customs tariff with regard to cashew for saving the industry and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Underemployment

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

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reportedly shifted its focus from 'unemployment' to 'underemployment';

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

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has released a strategy paper in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of strategies adopted/proposed to be adopted by the Government to address both unemployment and underemployment in an effective way?

Methodology for Collection of Employment Data

†77. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) and the Labour Bureau regularly collect labour statistics across the country from time to time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has noticed certain shortcomings in the said system and has taken a decision to replace

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the above said system in view of shortcomings found therein; and

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

Right to Education

78. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the implementation of Right to Education Act, its effect on the quality and standard of education and the coverage of the said Act in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a significant reduction reported in the number of out of school children in 6-14 age group after the implementation of the said Act and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a gap between sanctioned and utilised funds under the said Act during the last three years and current year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the RTE Act stipulates no child can be held back regardless of their performance upto eighth grade and this provision has a detrimental effect on learning outcomes of the students and if so, the views of the Government in this regard?

Employment Exchanges

†79. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employment exchanges functioning in the country at present, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the present status of upgradation and modernization of employment exchanges in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allotted, released and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the progress of modernization is going on as per the target in all States including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

MSME Hubs

80. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established or proposes to establish Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) hubs/zones in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Natural Gas Trading Hub

81. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite being the world's fourth biggest importer of LNG, India does not have a free market regime for gas and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal/plan to build a natural gas trading hub in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereof and the time by which the said proposal/plan is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to become Asia's pricing hub to compete with other countries?

Production and Export of Coffee

82. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coffee production in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise indicating the rate of growth therein and the current position of India among other coffee producing countries in the world;

(b) the total quantity and value of coffee exported from the country during the said period, country-wise;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to improve the working conditions of coffee plantation workers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for allowing Foreign Direct Investment in coffee plantations in India and if so, the details thereof along with its present status?

Rehabilitation of Tribals

83. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of tribal people are being displaced as a result of various construction/development projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government maintains any data in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of tribals displaced as a result of such activities, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government for proper and better rehabilitation of displaced tribal people across the country?

Review Meeting of WTO

84. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has called for a review meeting to promote connectivity through digital trade in developing countries this year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the experts in India have expressed apprehensions that this attempt by the WTO may be a backdoor attempt to push e-commerce and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India is already facing resistance by its domestic small trader lobby over allowing foreign direct investment in e-commerce and is keen to conclude the pending food security related issues before allowing any fresh issues to be taken up by the WTO and if so, the details thereof including the reaction of the Government thereto?

ILO Conventions on Child Labour

85. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
SHRI Y.V. SUBBARREDDY:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ratified certain ILO conventions relating to banning of child labour and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has put

up/proposes to put in place a monitoring mechanism to prevent prevalence of child labour across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow up actions taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Domestic Demand of Tea

†86. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic demand of tea has substantially increased in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the domestic consumption of tea during each of the last three years and current year;

(c) whether the international demands of tea and its prices in the domestic and foreign markets have gone up due to increase in the domestic demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Field Offices of Rubber Board

87. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of field offices of Rubber Board functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to enhance the number of field offices

of Rubber Board in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any data of such field offices closed down in the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to close down Rubber Board regional offices in Kerala or shifting Rubber Board from Kerala to some other State and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Revival of Closed MSMEs

88. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been closed down in the country if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of workers affected therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up a panel to study the problems being faced by MSMEs in the country and if so, the details and the status thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to revive and rehabilitate the closed/sick MSMEs in the country?

Funds for Development of Tourist Centres

89. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds for development of tourist centres in the country including Maharashtra to protect the culture and tradition of India;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Eco Mark Label on Coir Products

90. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coir and Coir product importing countries are conscious of the Eco mark label on the products;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made by the Government for obtaining such Eco mark labels from Ministry of Environment and Forest for the Coir exporting units;

(c) whether the possession of such Eco mark labels by the Coir and Coir products exporting units will give an immense boost to their exports and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the export incentive for the Coir and Coir products export, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Heritage Sites as Tourist Spots

†91. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

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PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government contemplates to preserve the mythological heritage of the country and convert them into tourist spots;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the allocated funds for the maintenance, beautification and development of all the tourist places in Jharkhand and Bihar by the Government?

NCLP Societies

†92. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether notification has been issued in all the districts of the country regarding National Child Labour Project (NCLP) societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the new NCLP societies set up for completing new Central Sector Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labourers in the country, State/UT-wise?

Minimum Wages

93. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of increasing incidents of owners not paying minimum wages to their labourers and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints from labourers and any organisation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the complaints received during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year wise;

(d) whether the Government is taking any effective steps to ensure that there is no violation of Minimum Wage Policy in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is taking all necessary measures to create awareness among labourers about their rights and if so, the details thereof?

Health Insurance Schemes for Workers

94. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any health insurance schemes for unorganized workers including migrant workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any social security portfolio/schemes for migrant labourers in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether State Governments have their own policies in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Start-up India Programme

95. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Government has achieved the aims and objectives of the Start-up India Programme being implemented in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce certain schemes including Credit Guarantee Fund to enable Start-ups to get collateral free loans for their operations in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the terms and conditions of the schemes; and

(d) the details of other financial support and incentives being extended to the Start-ups in the country?

Performance of ONGC in KG Basin

†96. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profit and performance of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in Krishna Godavari Basin has been declined to fifty percent during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(c) whether the heavy decrease in prices of crude oil in the international market has affected the profit of ONGC and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the extent to which profit is affected by the failure of ONGC to replace damaged pipeline due to crack in Nagaram in East Godavari district and the reasons of inordinate delay in the replacement of the said pipeline in time; and

(e) the time by which the said pipeline is likely to be replaced?

Sakshar Bharat Abhiyan

97. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people benefitted under the Sakshar Bharat Abhiyan, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any other steps to ensure inclusive education for all; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Tourism Infrastructure Projects

98. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourism infrastructure projects approved and financial assistance provided by the Government to the States/UTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the guidelines implemented by the Government for extending financial assistance to such projects;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for development of tourism infrastructure in the country;

(c) the details of the projects sanctioned and funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/programmes during the said period, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise;

(d) whether any cases of irregularities in the implementation of the said schemes/programmes have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure timely execution of tourism infrastructure projects across the country?

National Small Industries Corporation

99. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) has provided common facility services to

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during the last two years;

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

(c) whether the NSIC has assisted MSMEs with the supply of basic raw materials during the said period; and

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

Scarcity of Funds

†100. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement many schemes for conservation and preservation of historical monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government/Archaeological Survey of India has failed to implement schemes due to paucity of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for ensuring the availability of adequate funds for the implementation of its important projects?

Revival of closed Government Factories

†101. COL. SONARAM
CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government factories are running in commercial loss in several States and several others have been shut down due to losses;

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

(c) the details of the Government factories shut down due to losses during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

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

National Institute of Open Schooling

102. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the answer sheets for classes 10 & 12 checked by Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Government granted school teachers during the spot evaluation in NIOS exam in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise especially in Gujarat?

Spiking of Marks

103. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken the initiative to convince the State boards to curb spiking of marks and implement a more scientific moderation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has set up an Inter-Board Working Group (IBWG), comprising eight boards, to work out the details for stopping the spiking of marks through modernisation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the response of the State Governments thereon; and

(e) the progress made so far in this regard and the manner in which it would be beneficial for the education policy?

Migration of Youth

104. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the migration of youth from their home State to other States within the Country for education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noticed any issues in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all the States are witnessing this kind of migration and if so, the details thereof?

GER of Boys and Girls

†105. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a

huge gap between Gross Enrollment Ratios (GER) of Boys and Girls at the secondary, senior secondary and higher education level in the country and if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the manner in which the Government proposes to tackle this serious problem?

PF to Workers of Arathias

106. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Arathias (Commission Agents) who procure foodgrains for Food Corporation of India (FCI) or other State Agencies have to register themselves under the Employees Provident Fund Act and pay the provident fund for the casual labour that works in the loading/unloading of commodities during the procurement;

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

(c) whether such labourers are not employees of the Arathias but only provide labour for the procurement agencies;

(d) if so, the reasons for holding Arathias liable to pay EPF; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that given the reluctance of casual labour engaged for the aforesaid purpose to contribute towards the EPF, the concerned Arathias are forced to pay/contribute the entire amount of EPF and if so, the details thereof?

Women Safety in Night Shifts

†107. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States, departments or factories in the country where women work in night shifts;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any guidelines to provide security to women working in night shifts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the incidents of misbehaving with women working in night shifts reported/come to the notice of the Government and the action taken by the Government thereon during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Funds Spent on Kendriya Vidyalayas

†108. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than Rs. 5500 crore are spent on running Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the average amount spent per annum for running each school;

(c) whether the Government is creating special category schools by providing assistance to these schools and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Tribal Welfare

111. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the status of tribals in different parts of the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon;

(b) the details of the welfare schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for the development/upliftment of tribals along with the number of beneficiaries therefrom, State/UT-wise;

(c) the monitoring mechanism put in place by the Government to ensure better and effective implementation of these schemes; and

(d) the budgetary allocation made and funds utilised therefrom, during each of the last three years, scheme/programme-wise and State/UT-wise?

Importance of Field Inspection

112. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

(d) whether the Government proposes to spend the said amount for increasing manpower, improving and strengthening infrastructure in the existing Government schools to the desired level and if so, the details thereof?

Model Villages for Tribals

†109. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/has any proposal to formulate a programme for developing model village for the scheduled tribe communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of this programme along with the names of villages identified for this purpose, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

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

Promotion of Ayurveda for Medical Tourism

110. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include Ayurveda for international medical tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to reduce the importance of field inspection of colleges and Universities and instead rely more on self disclosures before granting accreditation;

(b) if so, whether this move is expected to reduce subjectivity in institution evaluation and restrict use of unfair means in getting higher grades despite poor quality of the teaching learning environment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to revamp the National Assessment and Accreditation Council; and

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

Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops

113. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and guidelines of Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops approved by the Government recently;

(b) whether the programme has been meeting expected outcomes in the States where the programme is being conducted on pilot basis and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been reports of errors and irregularities in claims processing of rubber growers in the State of Kerala; and,

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

Impacts of GST on Petroleum Products

†114. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to exclusion of certain petroleum products on one hand and on the other hand inclusion of some petroleum products under Goods and Services Tax (GST) the compliance of both the existing tax as well as the GST regime is likely to double the cost and adversely affect oil and gas sector in the country;

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

(c) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the likely impact of GST on the petroleum products and concrete steps taken by the Government to negate the adverse impact in the Petroleum sector; and

(e) the other steps being considered by the Government for the benefit of the consumers and the Petroleum sector in the country?

Phased Manufacturing Scheme

†115. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain incentives and other facilities are being provided by the Government under the phased manufacturing scheme in the country;

(b) if so the details of incentives and facilities declared by the Government till the last financial year under the said scheme;

(c) whether the Government are considering to cover other industrial sectors under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposed areas and the reasons for identifying them?

Budget to Education Sector

†116. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Budget allocated to the education sector during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government is considering to achieve the level of Average International Budget for the Education Sector;

(c) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the remedial action taken by the Government to provide admission to poor students in various private institutions?

Import of Waste/ Scrap Material

117. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an import of waste, garbage and scrap material from other countries, particularly from the western countries into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of waste, garbage and/or scrap imported into the country during the past five years;

(c) whether all of these imports are reused locally for local requirements and to fuel small industries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any of these imports are harmful to the health of the people and if so, the steps being taken by the Government to prevent or reduce their harmful effects; and

(e) whether these imports are governed by any legislation/rules framed by the Government and if so, whether all imports are being made in accordance with these rules/laws and if so, the details thereof?

Free SIM Card to Foreign Tourists

†118. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to distribute free SIM Card to the foreign tourists at the airport and a welcome kit containing pre-activated SIM Card along with all the information is likely to be provided to the foreign tourists coming to India under e-visa scheme; and

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

Registration of Employers/Employees

119. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ESIC has introduced a new Scheme to promote Registration of Employers/Employees and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ESIC has also enhanced Ceiling on Medical Expenditure and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by ESI Corporation to bring more and more workers under the Social Security Coverage of ESI Scheme?

Demand-led Trained Workforce

120. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and objectives of various schemes conceptualized by the

Government to create demand-led trained workforce;

(b) whether the Government intend to outsource basic training for such workforce in an institute of their choice;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has engaged/proposes to engage qualified institutes by means of a master list, created by the Government based on different benchmarks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Hindi as a Compulsory Subject

121. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Kendriya Vidyalayas may have to study Hindi compulsorily till X Class;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has formed a policy in consultation with the States to make the Hindi language compulsory and if so, the details thereof?

Safety and Security of Foreign Tourists

122. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE
PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the safety and security of tourists;

Autonomous Institutes

124. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to merge some autonomous institutes/bodies under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives of the said move;

(c) whether the merger decision is likely to adversely impact the autonomy/functioning of the institutes and if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether merger decision have been taken to reduce the financial expenditure of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of IIITs

125. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to establish some new Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to establish an IIIT in Raichur, Karnataka also; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be established?

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the incidents related to safety and security of tourists the number of foreign tourists is on the decline and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has instituted any structured mechanism to tackle with the offensive incidents against domestic and foreign tourists in several tourists religious places in different States of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose during the last two years and the current year, year/State-wise and tourist place-wise?

Manufacturing of Defence Equipments

123. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
PROF. RICHARD HAY:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified that the licences for manufacturing of defence equipment will now be granted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;

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

(c) the details of the categories which will come under the new arrangements and under its purview along with the targets set in this regard?

Impact of Demonetization on MSMEs

126. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the demonetization has adverse impact on the viability of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and has resulted into rising defaults by MSMEs in the country;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for these defaults was that a large number of units of MSMEs have been shut down after demonetization; and

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

India's Imports and Exports

†127. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the item-wise details of imports and exports made from the country during the last three years and the current year along with the value thereof;

(b) whether the country's export has been continuously increasing during the last one year and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the exports/imports?

National Mission on Cultural Mapping

128. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:
PROF. RICHARD HAY:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch "National Mission on Cultural Mapping" under the scheme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' to promote its culture and language in each and every State of the country and to bridge the cultural gap in the country and enhance interaction between people living in different States;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the aims and objectives of the said scheme along with its salient features;

(c) if not, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched and the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned under this scheme, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is planning to promote destinations that are associated with warriors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has identified the places for the circuit and if so, the details and the criteria adopted for selection of such places, place-wise along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Substandard Food under Mid Day Meal Scheme

129. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the allegations of substandard quality of food, discrepancies in rates and favouritism towards certain contractors in the mid day meal programme for school children and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has inquired about the matter and if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make Aadhaar Card mandatory for the students to avail mid day meals and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment about the number of school children who have Aadhaar cards and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for making it mandatory for mid day meal and

the reaction received from the State Government;

(e) whether it is a fact that present rate of Aadhaar card Enrolment of students in primary schools in States is very low and if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the enrolment; and

(f) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure no student be denied mid day meal only because of not having Aadhaar card?

Reduction in Mandatory EPF Contribution

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

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce employees as well as employers contribution to Employees Provident Fund from 12% to 10%;

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

(c) whether the representatives of employees unions, employers unions and the State Governments have strongly opposed the said proposal;

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

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to bring EPFO contribution at par with other savings instruments like the National Pension Scheme?

Centres for Global Trade and Investment Issues

131. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Commerce under the Ministry is setting up four centres for trade and investment law, trade promotion, regional trade and capacity building;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the purpose for setting up of these centres indicating the main focus areas of the said centres;

(c) whether these centres have been set up or being set up on the lines of the existing centres for WTO studies and will be part of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken / being taken by the Government for setting up dedicated think tanks for global trade and investment issues?

Tur Dal in MDMS

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

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated for the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) per primary school child and per upper primary child in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has approached the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (HRD) to include tur dal in mid day meal and hostel mess menu of colleges;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind such request from the said Ministry;

(d) whether the prices of tur dal is higher to be included in the mid day meal and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the Ministry of HRD to the said proposal?

Export of Petroleum Products

133. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

- SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum, product and value/country-wise export of petroleum products during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the country imports more than 80% of crude oil and also exports multiple petroleum products and if so, the details thereof during the said period product/value/quantum/country-wise;

(c) whether net export of petroleum products has fallen 42% during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the import and export gap and to boost export of petroleum products?

Errors in Marking in Board Exams

134. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI JOSE K. MANI:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL

- VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of applications for verification of marks have been received from students after Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared class 12 examination results and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether during verification of marks *i.e.* retotalling of marks by CBSE big errors in totalling has come to the notice and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct an enquiry into the matter and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid such incidence in the future;

(d) whether it is a fact that CBSE does not allow re-evaluation of answer sheets unless the Court orders for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is true that the National Progressive Schools Conference representing leading private schools pleaded the Government for a relook of CBSE decision to scrap re-evaluation?

PSUs Working under the Ministry

- †135. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:
SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and agencies functioning under the Ministry have earmarked funds for taking up projects under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of total funds earmarked, allocated and utilised thereunder by these PSUs and agencies along with the projects undertaken by them during the said period including their present status particularly in Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh and company-wise;

(c) whether any cases of violation of guidelines related to spending under CSR have been reported to the Government during the period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in these cases?

Daily Pricing of Petroleum Products

136. SHRI NINONG ERING:
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:
SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/State run Oil Marketing Companies propose to revise the price of petrol and diesel on daily basis together with international crude oil rate in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its likely impact on the common man, inflation/essential commodities and petroleum companies;

(c) the details of mechanism put in place by the Government to communicate daily pricing of petrol and diesel to the consumers in order to increase the transparency and remove manipulation by petrol pump owners including monitoring of such revision in the country;

(d) whether the customers/consumers of petrol and diesel are not given the actual benefit that accrued to oil companies by importing the same at low prices and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government;

(e) whether the Government has received requests/suggestions from various quarters in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto; and

(f) whether fuel outlets are reportedly facing difficulties for want of centralised software to compute the rates on daily basis, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to alleviate the problem?

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review its Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) to address the increasing complaints of unhygienic and poor food quality served to the students under the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such complaints received by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is a gap reported between sanctioned and utilised funds under the said scheme during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the number of cases of irregularities/corruption reported in implementation of the scheme across the country during the said period and the remedial action taken in such cases, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb malpractices in MDMS and to ensure the quality of food served ?

Fake Universities

- †139. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:

Delay in Disbursement of Scholarships

137. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scholarships given from the Ministry for the meritorious students of various categories;

(b) whether the scholarships are regularly disbursed to the students during the same academic year;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in disbursing the scholarship amount;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the scholarships sanctioned to the meritorious students in Kerala coming under different categories are pending arrears;

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government to disburse the pending arrears of scholarships; and

(f) the details of action taken by the Government on the request of students selected for scholarship to disburse the amount without further delay and whether the Government proposes to implement an effective mechanism for disbursement of scholarship in time and if so, the action taken thereon?

Complaints Relating to Mid Day Meal Scheme

138. DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of fake degrees/certificates and fake/unrecognised Universities have come to the notice of the Government across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and University-wise;

(b) the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far;

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that fees being collected by these unrecognised/non-registered institutes is exorbitant and if so, the details thereof;

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

(e) whether there is a need to improve the existing monitoring mechanism to stop flourishing of such fake/unrecognised universities in the country; and

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

Performance on World Tourism Index

140. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the latest UNWTO Barometer, India has improved

its performance on the World Tourism Index and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Tourist arrival data, 2016 has been compiled by the Market Research Division of his Ministry recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any increase in visit of foreign and domestic tourists in the country in the year 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of top 10 popular destinations in 2016 for domestic and foreign tourists, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country?

Review of Admission Process in Kendriya Vidyalayas

141. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the existing rules with regard to admission process in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

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

(c) the time by which the said review of admission process is likely to be finalised; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide quality education in Kendriya Vidyalayas at a nominal fee?

National Institutes of Technology

142. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Institutes of Technology (NIT) functioning in the country, at present, State/location-wise;

(b) whether the NITs have not performed as well as expected neither on ranking nor on placement and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has asked the NITs to get their act together to fill up vacancies, focus on better placements, encourage research and patents, aim for a more inclusive campus and aggressively work and the response of the NITs thereto; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the overall performance of NITs and improve its brand in the country?

New Markets for Exports

143. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual average share of India in global trade;

(b) whether India has lost global market share in the past five years in a large number of export items;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, item-wise;

(d) whether the Federation of Indian Export Organisations has requested the Government to revisit the strategy for export of these items;

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

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the global market share and boost the export?

Problems of Rubber Growers

144. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to control the rubber price fall and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning any price stabilization funds to support the struggling rubber farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance/revival packages for rubber farmers and plantation agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to understand the real issues faced by rubber growers and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to address these issues; and

(e) whether the Government has rejected the proposal to declare a national policy on rubber and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and if not, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Steel Production

145. SHRI BHEEMRAO B.
PATIL:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the production of raw Steel and annual increase therein during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the said increase is sufficient for present demand in the country and to meet its export demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the financial requirement of the sector to achieve these targets;

(d) the total quantity of raw Steel exported during each of the said period, country-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of steel in the country?

Impact of US Visa Reforms

- †146. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:
SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the United States (US) have signed a fresh trade policy and if so, the details thereof along with the impact of the new US Government on the bilateral foreign trade agreement;

(b) whether the Government has taken any measures to protect Indian IT Service Industry from the effects of US H1B visa reforms and if so, the details thereof

indicating the types of industries from India that are vulnerable to the changes taking place in the US visa programme;

(c) whether Indian offshoring activities would suffer therefrom and if so, the details thereof along with measures taken to mitigate the losses; and

(d) whether the Government has made strong efforts to strengthen ties between the two countries to ensure certainty and transparency in the US visa system and if so, the details thereof?

Theft of Petrol/Diesel by Electronic Chips

147. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI RAJESH VERMA:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of theft of petrol/diesel using electronic chips/hi-tech way of cheating in various petrol pumps have been noticed/reported during the last two years and the current year and if so, the details thereof along with names of the States where such theft cases have been reported, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any investigation/inquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with number of individuals/petrol pumps owners found to be involved in such malpractices and action taken and surprise check by the Government against them, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken note that due to nexus between Public

Sector Oil Companies and the owners of petrol pumps, customers are getting less fuel;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken to break such nexus and provide correct measurement of fuel to the customers in the country, State/UT/Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)-wise;

(e) the number of complaints / representation received by the Government regarding less supply or adulterated supply of fuels from various petrol pumps across the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT/OMCs-wise; and

(f) the corrective action taken/being taken by the Government on such complaints/representations?

Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act

148. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected and lying idle under the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996;

(b) the reasons for delay in working out utilisation and disbursement mechanism for the funds collected under the said Act; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure utilization of this fund for the welfare of construction workers?

New Steel Plants

149. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Steel plants with Private players on PSU lands in the country; and

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

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

150. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is reviewed twice every year by a Joint Review Mission comprising independent experts and external funding agencies covering States ;

(b) if so, the status thereof in all the States including in Karnataka;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released to and spent by the States under SSA including in Karnataka in the last three years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise; and

(d) whether SSA has helped in universalisation of elementary education in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of Fuel Consumption

151. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drafted rules for regulating fuel consumption and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has pointed out any lacunae in the draft rule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken to address the said issue?

Misuse of Funds

†152. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for the Ministry are being reportedly misutilised;

(b) if not, whether some official of the Ministry used helicopter along with his family members to review the works in tribal areas in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan using funds of the Ministry whereas he had carried out these tours in his personal capacity;

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

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the outcome thereof?

Engineering Colleges

†153. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private engineering colleges in the country and the total number of seats in these engineering colleges, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of seats filled up and lying vacant in these colleges and the reasons for seats lying vacant;

(c) whether it is a fact that a committee has been constituted to conduct inquiry in this regard; and

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

Task Force on Ease of Doing Business

154. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a dedicated task force in each department to track the progress on ease of doing business and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to set up an evaluation mechanism to monitor activities being carried out by the respective departments related to ease of doing business;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to promote ease of doing business in the country?

Female Labour Participation Rate

155. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check wage disparity among male and female labour force in the country;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve and increase female labour participation rate in the country and if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof along with the follow-up action taken thereon?

Vacancies of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

156. SHRI Y.V. SUBBAREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country, including KV in Ongole, Andhra Pradesh, do not have Principals for more than one year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there are vacancies of teachers at various levels in KV, Ongole;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to fill in the said vacancies, including Principal, immediately;

(d) the reasons for pendency regarding opening of KV at No. 2 Ongole and at Rajampalli village of Yerragundlapalem in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh in spite of these being reportedly cleared by KV Regional Office at Hyderabad; and

(e) by when the said proposal is likely to be cleared and start functioning?

Funds Sanctioned for Cultural Projects

†157. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fund sanctioned by the Government and utilized for various cultural assistance and cultural projects in Chhattisgarh during the last two years;

(b) the details of the on going cultural activities and projects in Chhattisgarh under these schemes/projects; and

(c) the details of the projects which are running on time and those that are lagging behind?

Teachers Training

158. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to open technical teachers training institutes in all the States in the country including Kerala on the lines of National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) wherein there would be facility of practical training;

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

(c) the time by when these institutes are likely to be established to meet the increasing demand of such training?

NGOs in Bihar

†159. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Bihar who have received financial assistance for the on going schemes from the Ministry of Human Resource Development during the last three years NGO-wise;

(b) the names of the schemes under which the said NGOs have been provided financial assistance along with the amount sanctioned; and

(c) the names of the NGOs out of the said NGOs found involved in irregularities?

BIS Mark for Electrical Transformers

160. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for all manufacturer (Micro, Small and Medium) electrical transformers for distribution of electrical power to compulsorily undergo BIS Certification and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received memorandum to reconsider this amendment of compulsory BIS mark for the electrical transformers from various State organizations specially from Micro, Small and Medium Scale Transformer Manufacturing Associations; and

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

Formulation of Courses for Employment Generation

†161. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked Central, State and Private Universities to formulate such courses in higher education which would provide employment in addition to degrees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has directed the Universities to bring about improvement in courses every three years according to the instantaneous conditions and give impetus to skill development schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the basis for evaluation and changes in courses of all Universities in

three years is going to be for providing vocational education as per the market demand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

India as Global Hotspot in Tourism

†162. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to work on a large scale for transforming the country in to a global hotspot in tourism;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps in this direction till date; and

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

Inclusion of Monuments in the Protected List

163. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include certain monuments/heritage sites of the country in the list of monuments of national importance/protected monuments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, monument-wise and heritage, site-wise in Jharkhand as well as in other States of the Country, State/UT-wise?

Auction of Oil and Gas Fields

164. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to go for auction of oil and gas fields in the country and if so, the details thereof along with number of such blocks offered at present, company/block-wise;

(b) whether the last New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) has not been able to achieve the exploration target;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government to restructure earlier hydrocarbon policy and to formulate new auction policy; and

(d) whether opinion of the various Public Sector Undertakings under the control of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and experts/consultants has been taken on the proposed auction policy and if so, the details thereof?

Displaced Tribals

165. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are gaps in the rehabilitation to the tribal community members displaced by development projects and if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons reported to be displaced and rehabilitated therefrom so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that of an estimated 85 lakh persons displaced due to development projects and natural

calamities, only 21 lakh people have been rehabilitated so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps being taken by the Government for expeditious rehabilitation of all the tribals displaced due to such projects in the country?

Extension of e-Visa Facility

166. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended the facility of e-Tourist Visa Scheme for citizens of 161 Countries recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme aims to tap the vast tourism potential of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the criteria followed for issuing of such e-visa?

Vacancies in IITs and IIMs

†167. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of Directors and Professors lying vacant in various Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country and the reasons for the vacancies;

(b) the time since when these posts are lying vacant and the steps being taken by the Ministry to fill these posts; and

(c) the number of reserved posts out of these and the steps being taken to fill these posts in a time-bound manner?

Incentives for Girl Students

168. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided funds allocation to the National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) and if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives;

(b) the details of the sums to be deposited by States/UTs per child under the scheme and the other features of the operation of the scheme;

(c) whether the States and the UTs have properly utilised the funds provided under NSIGSE to further the education of the target group and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the proactive steps taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure proper utilisation of the NSIGSE funds by the States and UTs?

Bilateral Investment Treaties

169. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has taken a decision not to extend the expiry date of Bilateral Investment Treaties India has signed with as many as 83 countries;

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

(c) whether it is also true that India had written to all these countries about a year ago to start or expedite talks on a new BIT on the revised BIT text and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether India has received any response from these countries on it so far and if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Children in Entertainment Industry

170. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to stiffen the rules to regulate participation of children in any form of audio or visual entertainment, including advertisement, films, television serials or sports, hitting the burgeoning child entertainment industry in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be mandatory for producers to seek written permission to be renewed every six months and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether 5 hours in a day has been stipulated as working hours for child artistes and 3 hours working time set for them without any break; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

EPF Coverage to Contract Workers

171. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sub-committee of Central Board of Trustee of EPF has noted that the coverage of contract workers had increased from 89.25 lakh to 1.02 crore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of contract workers in the country are still deprived of PF benefits and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether many Central Government departments/organizations do not come under the purview of the EPF & MP Act, 1952; and

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

Minimum Wages for Women

†172. SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women labourers engaged in various industries/trade of unorganised non-agricultural sector who are being given equal wages for equal amount of work;

(b) the number of complaints received regarding the issue of non-implementation of Equal Remuneration Act, 1976; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for strict implementation of the said Act?

Import of Food Products

173. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food products imported into the country during the last three years and the current year, year and item-wise; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on import of food products during the said period, item-wise?

Reimbursement to Schools under Right to Education

174. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reimbursement provided by the Government to the States under Section 12(1) of the Right to Education Act, 2009 for reserving 25% seats in private schools for children from weaker sections;

(b) whether various State Governments including the Government of Tamil Nadu have requested for reimbursement towards reserved seats under this Act; and

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

Setting up of Industries

175. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new industries in various States including the State of Andhra Pradesh in near future; and

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

World-Class Infrastructure

176. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has earmarked large amount of funds for building world-class research infrastructure and facilities in higher education institutions across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for each State and each institution, State/UT-wise?

Vacant Reserved Posts in Central Universities

177. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent posts of teaching and non-teaching staff reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Castes (OBCs) in Central Universities and the number of backlog posts out of the above posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of teaching and non-teaching staff are working as temporary staff in Central Universities due to which the reserved categories are not getting any benefit and if so, the number of temporary teaching and non-teaching staff working in Central Universities, University-wise; and

(c) the time by which permanent appointments would be made against the posts reserved for SC, ST and OBC categories in Central Universities?

Tenure/Posting of Officers

178. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of maximum tenure of Group "AB" officers in a particular post in Regional/Sub-Regional/Divisional Office in ESIC;

(b) whether this tenure policy is being followed and if so, the details of officers who are posted beyond this tenure;

(c) the details of the norms for posting Assistant Directors and Deputy Directors in five zones;

(d) whether options were called from Group "AB" during 2011 to 2015 and if so, the details of all circulars issued with number of options received in each year;

(e) the details of all ADs and DDs with their category that were posted out of their zone during 2011 to 2015;

(f) the details of action taken to repatriate officers who were posted out of their zone and completed their tenure of 2 years; and

(g) whether any complaint has been received regarding large scale corruption in the Ministry regarding Administration issues of ESIC and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Disinvestment of SAIL Plants

179. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to/has any proposal to sell three plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) including the Salem Steel Plant;

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

(c) the details regarding the steps taken to improve the financial performance of the plants to make them profit earning ones before exploring the possibilities of disinvestment/privatization;

(d) whether any standard criteria has been laid down for disinvestment/privatization of loss making PSUs and if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether the concerned State Governments would be offered equity ownership before resorting to disinvestment/privatization and if so, the details thereof?

Tourist Hotel in Nalanda

†180. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by the Government to promote the tourism in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open tourist hotel in famous tourist spot Ghora-Katora in Nalanda district in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other facilities proposed to be provided by the Government to attract tourists in said Ghora-Katora?

Subsidy to EPF Members for PMAY

181. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation proposes to provide credit linked subsidy to its members for purchase of affordable homes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the EPFO has also entered into agreement with Housing and Urban

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Development Corporation (HUDCO) in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the financial implication estimated by the Government for this purpose?

Production from Hydrocarbon Blocks

182. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN: SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production and income generated from 36 hydrocarbon, methane extraction sites in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year along with the royalty amount paid to Government of Tamil Nadu during the said period;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to stop the hydrocarbon project at Neduvasal in Pudukkottai District of Tamil Nadu;

(c) the list of places where hydrocarbon extraction/fractioning is being done at present; and

(d) the details of production from each of the wells along with the income generated from each hydrocarbon site and the royalty paid to the respective States during the said period, State/UT/year-wise?

Establishment of Spices Park

183. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal requesting for establishment of Spices park;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on this proposal?

Encroachment of Forts

184. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is not able to protect forts from encroachments in various States of the country including the Tughlaqabad Fort in Delhi;

(b) whether it is true that ASI have slackened in enforcing the orders of Apex Court in this regard;

(c) whether the Delhi High Court has recently directed to protect, maintain and preserve the Tughlaqabad Fort; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard to protect the forts from encroachments?

Natural Gas Share in Energy Components

†185. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of energy components in the country along with the measures

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taken to increase the compulsory share of natural gas to 15 per cent in energy components during the last three years and the time frame stipulated by the Government to achieve the same; and

(b) the estimated components of energy in the next five years and the efforts made/being made to increase the share of gas in the energy components?

Quality of Education

186. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the quality of our education system is not up to the mark when compared to international standards;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken note of the fact that no Indian institution features in the top two hundred list of international ranking; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of education in the country and also world ranking of Indian institutions?

Schemes to Encourage Folk Artists

†187. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the Government at present to encourage folk artists and music of artists in the country in various States especially in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the fund spent on these schemes and people benefitted out of the schemes during the last three years; and

(c) the names of the States where the folk artists of Maharashtra have performed during the last three years?

Community Development through Polytechnics

†188. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing community development scheme in the country through polytechnics and if so, the details of the scheme;

(b) the extent to which this scheme has been implemented in Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government is aware that honorarium and consolidated emoluments given to the workers involved in this scheme is very less and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to revise the present rate of honorarium; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of ITDC Hotels

189. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the process of disinvestment of hotels/properties of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Limited in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of hotels/properties that will undergo disinvestment, State-wise;

(c) whether the amount of funds realised from disinvestment proceeds will be used to promote tourism industry in the respective States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details and number of hotels/properties of the ITDC Limited located in the State of Maharashtra; and

(e) the time frame by which the Government is expected to disinvest hotels/properties of ITDC Limited?

Revenue Share Deal Abroad by ONGC

190. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has signed a revenue share deal with global oilfield services giants to revive oil fields where the production has been stagnant/falling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with quantum of investment made and technology transfer made by such global oilfield service giants, company-wise?

Inclusion of Tourist Destinations of Chhattisgarh in Tourist Circuits

†191. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Chhattisgarh Government for adding new tourist destinations in the tourist circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of said proposals and the decision taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Union Government has provided funds to the various State Governments for developing new tourist destination in their respective States during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh?

Non-payment of Dues

†192. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of construction companies in National Capital Territory, Delhi which have not paid wages to the labourers along with the number of complaints received in this regard; and

(b) the action taken by the Government so far to clear the dues of the said poor labourers and the time by which the due wages of the said labourers are likely to be paid?

Financial Assistance to NGOs for Various Schemes

†193. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

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

(a) the names of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Madhya Pradesh which have been provided financial assistance for schemes being run under this Ministry of Tourism during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the names of the schemes under which the said financial assistance has been provided to the said NGOs;

(c) the funds allocated to such NGOs; and

(d) the names of the said Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) from among these which have been found to be involved in irregularities ?

Child Workers at Traffic Signals

†194. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any survey regarding the minor children selling newspapers, toys etc. at the traffic signals on the roads in the cities across the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has set up any committee for monitoring these children and bringing them into the mainstream society; and

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

NIOS Employees

†195. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several C and D group employees have been serving as daily wagers and on contractual basis in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) since 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and group-wise number of employees serving as daily wagers and on contractual basis; and

(c) the time by which these daily wagers and contractual workers are likely to be regularized?

Technology Development Centre

196. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the Minister of
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM
ENTERPRISES

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

(a) the status of work on Tool Room/ Technology Development Centre to be set up at Rohtak and Saha, Ambala in Haryana including the stage of construction of building infrastructure;

(b) the number of new Tool Rooms/ Technology Development Centres approved/proposed in Haryana during the last three years;

(c) whether the work is going on as per the schedule or is there some delay in completion of work and if so, the details

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thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government;

(d) the investment made by the Government in setting up each of these centres and the number of people to be benefitted from one such centre every year; and

(e) the time by when these tool rooms are likely to be made operational?

New Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

197. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal/request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's response thereto?

Employment Generated from Tourism

198. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism sector contribution to GDP has been increasing over the past five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the share of the tourism industry to the GDP of the country during the said period including employment generated due to tourism sector in the country;

(c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study on manpower requirement in the Tourism sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking of Teacher Education Colleges

199. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of teacher education colleges have not submitted baseline information and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plans to curb the growth of poor quality institutions and bring about transparency in teacher training and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Council of Technical Education (NCTE) has any proposal to start ranking the teacher training Colleges/Institutes in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether NCTE also proposes to assess the performance of a school in terms of the manner in which the students are performing in a real-life class environment and if so, the details thereof?

Literacy amongst Divyang Students

†200. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRI P.K. BIJU:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the literacy rate amongst the Divyangs out of the total literacy rate of the country in rural and urban regions;

(b) the literacy rate amongst female and male Divyangs in the rural and urban areas;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Divyangs/differently abled children in the country are deprived of education and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the special action plan formulated/ to be formulated by the Government to raise the literacy rate amongst Divyangs/ differently abled children; and

(e) the total number of Divyangs in the country who have taken admission in primary, secondary, senior secondary and higher educational levels during the last two years along with the details of the Divyangs dropouts during the period?

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

†201. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) along with targets fixed/achieved and the number of gas connections provided under the said scheme since its inception including funds allocated/utilised thereunder, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enlarge/enhance the target of coverage under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government proposes to create infrastructure/launch any portal to bring transparency in the distribution of gas under PMUY and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Bihar; and

(d) the number of complaints regarding distribution/delay in providing gas connection to BPL families under PMUY received by the Government since inception of the scheme along with action taken against erring persons/distributors including constitution of any committee for redressal of such complaints to bring transparency in this regard, State/UT-wise including Bihar?

Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy

202. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA
SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched National Data Repository

(NDR) and Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) process under Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP) and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said policy;

(b) whether OALP permits investors to select blocks of their choice and submit an Expression of Interest provisions like single/uniform licence to explore all forms of hydrocarbons and no cess on domestic crude oil production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched 'Swasth Saarthi Abhiyaan' for providing healthcare facilities to commercial drivers in Delhi NCR region and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for reducing dependence on imports and making petroleum and natural gas industry self-reliant?

Joint Venture for Agri Produce

203. SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some of the Indian companies had allegedly formed a Joint Venture with foreign companies with the aim to collect agri produces on large scale from farmers in major pulses producing States and manage to get the cap on three pulses arhar, moong and urad removed through

Government Order, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these companies have allegedly collected most of the produces at very cheap rates at their warehouses which result in shortage crisis mainly for Arhar dal and if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the action taken on the outcome of the inquiry report and the preventive measures taken to check such malpractice in future?

Financial Assistance for Religious Places

†204. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various pilgrim places in the Wardha, Nagpur and Amravati districts of Maharashtra identified under "Swadesh Darshan Yojana";

(b) whether the provision of funds has been made for development works of the "Dargah of Girad" and Ganesh Temple at Keljhar of Wardha District; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these works are likely to be started?

New Industrial Policy

205. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government considers overhauling the manufacturing and industrial policy in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government considers to invite suggestions and opinions from industrial & manufacturing companies and State Governments for shaping the new policy;

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

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

Jobless Economy Growth

206. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether current growth is a jobless growth and many European and Asian countries, including India, are facing it and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the current growth of the economy is not translating into more employment and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has set up a task force to compile figures of jobs

generated in the last three years and if so, whether the aforesaid task force has submitted its report;

(d) whether statistics showed that employment generation figures appeared to be on lower side and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the current education system has too much emphasis on theory and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) whether the Government is considering to have more practical approach towards educating the youth and if so, the details thereof?

Special Economic Zones

207. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of functioning of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country and the exports made from each of them during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has cancelled approvals to some of the SEZs and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revoke the approvals of those cancelled SEZs and also to set up more SEZs in various parts of the country; and

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

Global Ranking on Ease of Doing Business

208. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken several steps, big and small to improve the ease of doing business in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working further with all States to improve the business climate in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that in the World Bank's latest 'Doing Business 2017' report, India's place remained unchanged from last year's ranking and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve global ranking of the country on ease of doing business?

Domestic Production/Requirement of Petrol/Diesel

209. SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total domestic production of petrol and diesel as a percentage of total requirement of the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) the details of the import of petrol and diesel during the said period, country/year-wise;

(c) the steps taken to improve domestic production of petrol and diesel; and

(d) whether the Government has resorted to/proposes to resort to change the price of petrol and diesel on daily basis and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Agreement with Railways for Connectivity of Tourist Places

†210. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any agreement with the Ministry of Railways to boost tourism by providing connectivity between tourist places in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard of the tourist places, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Gujarat; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country?

Reservation for IP's Wards in ESIC Medical Colleges

211. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the criteria fixed by the Government for selection of Insured Pension (IP's) children for MBBS/BDS course in ESIC Medical College is not favourable to the insured person and their children and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by the Government to liberalize the criteria so as to fill all the seats reserved for the IP's children in ESIC Medical Colleges; and

(c) the details regarding the total seats available for IP's children in the ESIC Medical Colleges and Dental Colleges during the academic year 2016-17?

Decline in Labour Intensive Sector

†212. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies have been adopting the policy of utilizing less labour and more capital in the country;

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

(c) whether the said policy will account for an decline in the creation of additional employment opportunities in the manufacturing sector and promote mechanization due to the increase in capital investment; and

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

CSR Schemes by Oil Companies

213. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:
ADV. NARENDRA
KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)/Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)/GAIL donate/allocate funds under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections/Minority Communities across the country;

(b) if so, the region/head-wise scheme/projects being implemented by the said companies and funds allocated/spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken by the Government against such companies which have not utilized CSR funds as per the laid down norms/criteria, Public Sector company/State/UT-wise including GAIL;

(c) the details of social welfare work done in the country for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections by various OMCs along with the mechanism if any, devised to periodically review the funds spent by said companies under CSR and corrective measures taken in this regard, Public Sector company/State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of cases of irregularities and other clandestine activities to avoid their CSR under the said schemes reported/come to the notice of the Government during the said period along

with action taken/inquiry conducted by the Government thereon, company-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has made/proposes to make it mandatory for private oil companies to create the CSR fund for the purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure optimum spending of the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Ahar Civilization

†214. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to get Ahar Civilization situated in Udaipur (Rajasthan), declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of FDI

†215. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the large corporate houses/groups are the main beneficiaries of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) reforms in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the foreign companies and their Indian

associates which have made FDI in the country during each of the last three years, country-wise, sector-wise;

(c) the quantum of FDI made by the said companies in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the country during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote FDI in the country?

NGOs Involved in Mid Day Meal Scheme

216. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to include NGOs and private organizations to supply food under Mid Day Meal Scheme and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise ; and

(b) whether the Government has taken into account the concern of workers currently working in the scheme and if so, the details thereof including the remedial steps taken in this regard ?

Naming of University

217. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to declare the name of the Central University in Kerala as Sree Narayan Guru Central University;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revitalization of Public Libraries

218. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise list of public libraries in the country;

(b) whether any public libraries have been closed over the past three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise.

(c) whether the public libraries are facing the problem of revitalizing public libraries; and

(d) if so, the details of the plans of the Government to revitalize public libraries?

Student Death and Dropout in IITs

219. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the number of student' deaths and drop out rates of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, the details of such instances reported in the current year, Institution-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the students in IITs are encouraged to join de-stressing and other motivational/ psychological activities for

total personality development and if so, the details thereof?

School Bags Pick-up Facility

220. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that on experimental basis an upper primary school in Kerala has launched pick-up facility for school bags, through deployment of special vans to pick up bags of students who cannot afford bus travel because of financial constraints and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this move is seen as a measure to promote walking among students and reducing dependence on vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government would encourage introduction of this facility at all primary schools where children carry heavy bags on the lines of Dabbawalas in Mumbai carrying lunch-boxes and if so, the details thereof?

Tribal Population

†221. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total tribal population in the country at present, tribe-wise and State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh along with the percentage of tribal

population to the total population in each State/UT; and

(b) the criteria and procedure being followed for inclusion/exclusion from/for carrying out other modifications in Scheduled Tribes (STs) List?

NCS Portal

222. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made it mandatory for vacancies in Government Departments to be posted on the National Career Services (NCS) Portal;

(b) the details of candidates and establishments registered on the NCS portal and job fairs organised by NCS in 2016-17;

(c) the details of memoranda of understanding inked by NCS with leading job portals, placement organisations and institutions of repute; and

(d) the details of Model Career Centres set up/ being set up across the country to deliver quality employment services, State/UT-wise?

PNG Supply

†223. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target for supply of PNG to all

households in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme for supply of gas through pipeline in economically backward areas particularly in Bundelkhand and hilly areas and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Rubber Board

224. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the Rubber Board by the Government during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Rubber Board is facing acute financial crisis to provide salary and pensions;

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

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

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto?

National Master Plan for Manufacturing Clusters

225. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to devise a National Master Plan for the

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manufacturing clusters in the country and if so, the details thereof including its main aims and objectives;

(b) whether the Government has set up a Committee to finalise a comprehensive Master Plan in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote manufacturing sector under the "Make in India" for creating millions of jobs in the country?

Rural Tourism Projects

226. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the promotion of rural tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rural tourism projects being sanctioned/implemented in the country along with the status of such projects, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on such projects during the last three years, project-wise;

(d) whether the Government has identified the remote villages and small and medium cities as a spot of tourist attraction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Sanskrit Language

227. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of students opting Sanskrit language have reduced considerably in the last ten years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of Sanskrit teachers has also reduced considerably in the last decade due to lack of job opportunities; and

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to revive the education of Sanskrit language in schools and colleges and if so, the details thereof?

Anti Dumping Duty on Steel Imports

†228. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed 57 per cent anti-dumping duty on imported stainless steel to provide relief to domestic steel industry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a proposal to impose this duty for five years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a decision to impose variable duties on steel imported from various countries have been taken under

this provision in which maximum of 57 per cent for China and minimum 5.39 per cent for Thailand has been proposed; and

(d) if so, the reasons for imposing duties at variable rates in steel and details of duties imposed on steel, country-wise?

Funds Sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme

229. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of the proposals recommended by the Government of Kerala;

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(c) the details of the funds sanctioned and released so far, district-wise; and

(d) the status of works as on date?

Vacancies in Labour Courts

230. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that numerous posts are vacant in Labour courts/tribunals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether majority of these posts are in the backward areas;

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

(e) whether the Government has made any roadmap/timeline in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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