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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

VIP Quota in Trains

†*281. PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make HOR/VIP quota paperless in the Railways so as to save paper and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the average number of requisitions made by the Members of Parliament under the above quota in a year;

(c) whether instances of emergency quota released on the basis of forged/fake letters have been reported in the recent past and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken thereon; and

(d) whether multiple bookings and no show by VIPs have caused much inconvenience to the travelling public as waitlisted tickets were not confirmed and if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken thereon?

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Projects on Cost Sharing Basis

†*282. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) the status of Railway projects on cost sharing basis with States under execution;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for construction of 84 Km. long rail line along Wardha, Yavatmal, Pusood and Nanded with 40 per cent cost sharing by the State Government and if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be sanctioned;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has also agreed to mobilise funds for other rail projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the said project is likely to be started?

Speedy Disposal of Cases

*283. DR SANJAY JAISWAL:

SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average disposal of cases by a High Court Judge in a day;

(b) whether on an average, 57 to 80 percent cases have taken 10 to 15 years to be disposed of in High Courts;

(c) if so, the reasons for such inordinate delay and the system put in place for timely disposal of cases;

(d) whether the Government has taken any concrete action plan to improve the disposal of the cases and efficacy of the system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the success achieved as a result thereof so far?

Third Stage of Nuclear Power Programme

*284. SHRI KONDA

VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether appreciable developments and achievements have been made in implementing the third stage of Indian Nuclear Power Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including technological challenges and concerns identified in this regard;

(c) the time by which the said technology is likely to be made commercially operational; and

(d) the funds earmarked/allocated/released during each of the last three years for the said purpose?

Aadhaar Based Online Ticketing System

*285. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN

SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to

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move towards Aadhaar based online ticketing system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the aims and objectives behind the move and the time by which this is likely to be made effective;

(c) whether Aadhaar number has been made mandatory for senior citizens to avail concessions in train tickets from April, 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways has also decided to move towards cashless ticketing system and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote cashless transaction in the Railways?

Infrastructure in Courts

*286. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of development of infrastructure facilities and computerisation in the courts;

(b) whether the Government is aware of shortage of Court Rooms and other infrastructure in the Courts across the country resulting in tardy disposal of cases in such courts and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the sanctioned strength of Judges in the Courts including Subordinate Courts and the number of posts lying vacant at present, Court-wise along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts

and provide adequate infrastructure in the Courts at the earliest?

Space Innovation Centres

*287. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up Space Innovation Centres in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) so as to encourage young researchers keen on exploring space technology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such centres are proposed to be a part of Universities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the mechanism in place for covering the costs of such institutions;

(d) the system for ensuring transparency and accountability in such research institutions; and

(e) the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage and promote interests in space research/space related fields especially amongst the youth?

Private Sector Participation in Space Programmes

*288. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn

any long term perspective plan for various facets of Space research and if so, the main features thereof;

(b) the funds currently employed and proposed for future expeditions; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated a policy for supporting the overall growth of Space activities with increased level of private sector participation and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Medical College

*289. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to start railway medical college in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the name of the locations identified for the purpose?

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train

†*290. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding to the tune of 77 thousand crore has been signed between the Government of Gujarat and the Railways for Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any cost benefit analysis, especially taking into consideration the present prevailing condition of Railways has been made in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat are likely to invest in the project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the area of land proposed to be acquired under this project; and

(e) whether the entire amount for the said project is proposed to be taken as loan from Japan and if so, the details thereof along with the payment plans?

Promotion of Digital Transactions

*291. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV :

SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the online payment system is not foolproof and open to potential attack by cyber thieves who can wipe out millions of rupees bypassing the weak firewalls and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to float rules for operation of e-wallets;

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

(d) whether the Government has drafted a consultation paper in this regard which will be shared with consumers and merchants so that they can voice their worries about the new payments system; and

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(e) if so, the details thereof?

Community Radio Stations

*292. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Community Radio Stations in the country for agricultural farmers, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for supporting and developing these stations;

(c) the funds allotted to States for the development of such stations during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government is considering any plan for the development of Community Radio Stations for fishermen also in the coastal regions of the country for updating the weather forecast and if so, the details thereof?

Investments in Railways

*293. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed action plan chalked out by the Government to improve safety measures/standard of the Railways during the next three years;

(b) the details of funds allocated to the Railways between 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the manner in which the funds have been utilised during the said period;

(c) whether the budget allocation has

been decreased and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there has been under-investment in the Railways and if so, the measures taken to increase investments?

Projects in North-Eastern States

*294. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned in the North-Eastern States during the last three years and the funds sanctioned for each of them, State-wise;

(b) whether any revised estimate has been made for the Department of Public Health Engineering in Meghalaya and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of schemes being implemented in Meghalaya along with their present status; and

(d) whether the contractors engaged for implementation of the schemes need to be approved by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Labour Laws

†*295. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has

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prepared any database of workers employed abroad including students and other persons residing in other countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government monitors the compliance of labour laws in consultation with the countries concerned and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints from Indian workers in various countries regarding violation of labour laws and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide assistance to Indians facing problems and the role of the Indian Council of Overseas Employment (ICOE) in this regard?

Transit Oriented Development

*296. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a policy framework for transit oriented development to promote living in proximity to mass urban transit corridors such as metros, monorail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors;

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

(c) whether the Government has also held a workshop to brief the States and Union Territories on the National Transit Oriented Development Policy recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the

names of States/UTs which have participated in the said workshop along with the details of issues discussed in the workshop and the outcome thereof; and

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

Merger of Tribunals

*297. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government plans to merge the existing 36 tribunals in the country and bring down their number to 17 as recommended by the Indian Law Institute;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the plan is likely to be executed;

(c) whether the Government has consulted various Ministries under which the said tribunals are functioning in this regard and received their responses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Safety Related Vacancies

*298. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total staff strength in safety category in the Railways, zone-wise;

(b) whether a large number of vacancies relating to safety are lying vacant in various zones of the Railways and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) whether the existing staff is overburdened with work due to such shortage of staff; and

(d) if so, the efforts the Railways is making to conduct a special drive to fill up all the safety related vacancies in all zones expeditiously?

Privacy of Data

*299. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure data privacy of users and the security of free and public Wi-Fi connections being provided at several locations of the country such as railway

stations, airports and other public places etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for the aforementioned locations to display information regarding the safe internet browsing and usage practices; and

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

Revival of Railway Projects

*300. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain projects have been shelved though budgetary allocations were made for them every year since their conception of projects including Nalgonda-Macherla Railway line;

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

(c) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for allocating funds year after year the above projects in case the projects were not viable?

NEW DELHI;
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ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Retrenchment of IT Staff

3221. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:

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

(a) whether 65 per cent of IT staff are not re-trainable with the domestic IT industry due to change in nature of work with the advent of new digital technologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the staff may tend to lose their jobs at the middle and senior level and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to overcome this problem?

Teachers in ITIs

3222. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of teachers in the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country; and

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

Agricultural Reforms Index

3223. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has prepared Agricultural Reforms Index for the first time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the methodology by which the index is going to rank States;

(c) whether nearly 2/3rd States could not reach even half way mark of reform score of index and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government for the improvement in agriculture sector across the country?

Migration from Backward Areas

† 3224. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale migration from Uttar Pradesh particularly from Bundelkhand during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise including Bundelkhand region;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the reasons for the migration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government for development and providing employment opportunities in rural areas to check the migration?

Heat Waves

3225. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) whether scorching heat waves in the country has killed thousands of people in the past year;

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

(c) whether any differences have been observed over the years in the intensity of such heat wave, State-wise;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has declared a heat wave as “National Disaster”; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Telecom and Postal Services in Backward Areas

† 3226. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecommunication and postal services provided in the country particularly in backward and rural areas are insufficient;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to improve telecommunication and postal services in the country particularly in backward and rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide these services in each village of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the time by which these services are likely to be provided in the said areas?

Promotion to Reserved Category

† 3227. SHRI KAUSHAL
KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-gazetted employees belonging to the SC/ST categories working with the Central Government and the autonomous institutions are not given promotion as per the reservation guidelines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of proposals for amendments in the rules for promotion are under consideration of the Government; and

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

NMDFC Projects

3228. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has received any projects from various State Governments and the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the details of projects/proposals sanctioned by the Government, State-wise;

(d) the time by which the pending projects are proposed to be sanctioned, project-wise; and

(e) the reasons for delay in this regard and the steps taken by the Government for their early disposal, project-wise?

Delay in Postal Operations

3229. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal operations are delayed due to lack of effective internet services, thereby causing difficulties to the citizens; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government to resolve the same?

Division Bench of High Courts

†3230. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of division benches working in various High Courts in the country;

(b) the names of the States from which demand for division benches is lying pending, State-wise details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the name of High Courts where hearing is done in the regional language; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to initiate hearing process in the courts in regional languages and if so, the details thereof?

Aakashvani Kendra and Pvt. Radio Station

† 3231. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Aakashvani Kendras and private radio stations operational in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up new Aakashvani Kendras and private radio stations in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the total revenue earned from commercial advertisements during each of the last three years?

Broadband Services through Cable TV Infrastructure

3232. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to use cable TV infrastructure for broadband delivery in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost broadband penetration in order to ensure success of 'Digital India' programme?

Incidents of Derailment

3233. DR. K. KAMARAJ:
SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of derailment/accidents of freight trains during the last three years along with the loss to the Government as a result thereof;

(b) whether the reasons for the derailments/accidents have been investigated and if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the said derailments/accidents have been caused by over-loading of wagons and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether examination of rail tracks is done to judge their condition/usability and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and improve the track management mechanism?

Digi-Dhan Abhiyan

3234. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced Digi-Dhan Abhiyan programme recently with a view to increasing the digital literacy among the public, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the programme has received the expected momentum and if so, the details thereof?

Print Media

3235. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newspaper industry in India is predominantly dependent on advertising revenue and newspaper in India are the cheapest in the world and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether demonetisation has adversely impacted the print media and whether the Government has taken note of the concerns expressed by the newspaper industry and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has examined the issues facing the print media and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether necessary consultations with all stakeholder Ministries will be initiated in this regard; and

(e) whether the print media is the only sector where a Government formed Wage Board fixes the wages of private organisations and if so, the details thereof?

Yoga as Optional Subject in UPSC

† 3236. SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposals for introducing yoga in the list of optional subjects in UPSC exams;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Shortage of Manpower in Indian Missions

3237. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is severe shortage of manpower in Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the number of staff in High Commissions presently posted in all the countries; and

(c) the action taken to fill up the shortage of staff in the Indian Missions?

Digital Locker

3238. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to appoint an authority to manage its digital locker initiative and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the digital locker is one of the key projects under Digital India Programme; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof along with the role of private players, if any, under the same?

Theft of Foodgrains from Goods Trains

† 3239. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of theft of foodgrains from the goods trains stationed at railway yards being reported have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details of the thefts reported during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has taken effective measures to check such incidents; and

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

Community Radio

3240. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has mandated the Community Radio Stations for daily submission of programmes to be broadcast;

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

(c) whether certain stakeholders have opposed the move of the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Anti-India Activities from Neighbouring Countries

3241. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many neighbouring countries of India have assured that they will not allow any anti India activity on their soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there were reports that some insurgent groups were using neighbouring countries for such activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Online Readership

3242. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to implement the New Business Policy for publications Division which will promote online readership by selling digital versions of the publication at 75 per cent the price of printed version and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated a framework to select and appoint e-commerce platforms to sell e-books of the publication Division and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to adopt a competitive bidding process to select the e-commerce platforms under the new policy, to ensure efficient delivery of services and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Trains to Capital Cities

† 3243. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajdhani or Shatabdi Express trains are being run from New Delhi railway station to Capitals of all States everyday;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of capitals of States where there is no arrangement for such trains along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to run 12442 Rajdhani Express daily which is being run twice a week at present; and

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

Legal Service by NALSA

3244. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Legal Services Clinics set up so far by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for this during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made under this programme so far;

(d) whether the Government is satisfied with the achievements and if not,

the reasons therefore and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) the details of the facilities/information provided by these Clinics and the details of the response received by the Government in this regard; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to open some more Village Legal Services Clinics with modern facilities across the country and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Foreign Aid

3245. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is currently a net donor or recipient of foreign aid and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of aid India provided to other countries of the world annually in the last ten years;

(c) the country-wise distribution of India's foreign aid provided to various countries in the last five years; and

(d) the country-wise foreign aid to India in the last ten years?

Renaming of High Court

† 3246. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposal from the Government of Maharashtra about renaming the Bombay High Court to Mumbai High Court;

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

(c) the reasons for delaying the proposal?

Resources for New Rail Lines

3247. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether resources for laying new railway lines during the 12th Plan period were very inadequate;

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

(c) the details of remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken for improving fiscal condition of Railways for better allocation /implementation of projects?

Allowances to Government Employees

3248. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unions of Government Employees have demanded for an early decision on pending issue of allowances recommended by the 7th Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up a committee which held talks with the representatives of unions;

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

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

Appointment of Notary

† 3249. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

SHRI PARBHUBHAI

NAGARBHAI

VASAVA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government issues orders for appointment of advocates to practice as Notary in all the courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of number of Notary Advocates appointed during the last three years, State/Court-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) whether the services of these Notary Advocates are for a specific period/years and their services are to be renewed after their term ends and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of certificates of Notaries that have been renewed during the last year and the current year, State/Court-wise;

(e) the number of requests for seeking renewal of their certificates to practice as Notary that are pending with the Government for approval/renewal, Court-wise/State-wise; and

(f) the criteria adopted by the Government to appoint notaries in the States?

Communication Network in Kerala

3250. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data with regard to percentage of communication network in States including Kerala;

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

(c) the steps being taken by the Ministry to increase communication network in remotest areas including Kerala?

Collaboration under Digital India

3251. SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to collaborate with Microsoft to explore opportunities in the areas such as rural health and employment under rural Digital India Programme; and

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

Central Board of Film Certification

3252. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up separate regional office of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in various States including Amaravathi/Vijayawada/Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Pucca Platform for Wagons at Puri

3253. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a separate pucca platform and cover are being provided for the wagons commuting at Puri/Khurda and Nayagarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Simplification of Passport Issuing Process

3254. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of passport seekers/passport renewal aspirants are unable to use online mode as the server often remains down and the information process is complicated;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the reasons therefor;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to simplify the above process so that the citizens of the country can get their passport easily; and

(d) the success achieved in this regard as a result of above efforts?

e-Ticket Facility

† 3255. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-tickets in the waiting list get automatically cancelled during preparation of chart while the tickets in the waiting list purchased from railway counters do not get automatically cancelled;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to make any alternative arrangement so as to provide the e-ticket facility to all passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Upliftment of Minority

† 3256. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/programmes being implemented for upliftment of the minorities;

(b) the State-wise and scheme-wise details of funds allocated/released and

utilised for the said purpose in the country including Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether any survey/assessment has been conducted/made in regard to socio-economic condition of the minorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Science Centre and Zonal Systems

3257. SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up science centres and zonal systems to support research in all States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received requests from many State Governments to promote research and development works in their States; and

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

Subsidised Home Loan

3258. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any scheme to subsidise home loan for persons earning upto 18 lakh to achieve housing for all by 2022;

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

(c) the details of stakeholders involved in the scheme?

Scientific Recognition of Herbs

† 3259. SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recognized herbs included in the list of scientific recognition by Ethno Medical Research Centre;

(b) the number of centres established by the Government for carrying out this task; and

(c) the number of centres to be opened in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan for which the Union Government has received proposal from the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan?

Annual Renewal for TV Channels

3260. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently in bid to slash red tap the Government has completely done away with the process of obtaining an "Annual Renewal" for TV channels in the current form, a move that would benefit more than 900 channels and

if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government was fully committed to the vision of the Government and the Prime Minister to promote ease of doing business and would continue to take more steps in consultation with stakeholders and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Donor

† 3261. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to his Ministry during its initial first year of creation and the current financial year (2016-17);

(b) whether the Ministry has accorded priority to specific sectors or prepared any strategy to achieve the desired targets;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the sectors in which the Ministry has achieved a remarkable success as on date, Sector-wise?

India-Myanmar Bilateral Talks

3262. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the massacre of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar has any adverse impact in India and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to hold 'Indo Myanmar bilateral talks' in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bikaner-Dadar Superfast Train

† 3263. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to run Bikaner-Dadar superfast train No.12489/12490 seven days a week instead of the present twice a week in view of passenger load and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to run Barmer-Yashwantpur AC express Train nos. 14805/14806 seven days a week instead of the present once a week; and

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

Non-Implementation of Welfare Schemes

3264. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether minority welfare schemes are not being implemented properly or rapidly and if so, the details of physical targets and financial outlays, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Union Government is monitoring regularly the minority schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Assam has constituted any State level committee for this programme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any quarterly progress report from the State Government of Assam in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Launch of GSAT-II

3265. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether GSAT-II, India's advanced and heaviest communication spacecraft, would be launched early next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the same will be launched on the European Ariane launch vehicle and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the high throughput satellite with its multi-sport beam coverage of the country will be far superior to the older generation three tonne INSAT/GSAT spacecrafts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Electric Loco Shed

† 3266. SHRI BAHADUR SINGH
KOLI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up an electric loco shed at Bikaner in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the estimated cost for setting up the said electric loco shed and the number of employment likely to be generated as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the trains extended and new trains introduced from the said Bikaner division?

Proposals for Assistance to IT Industry

† 3267. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposal from State Governments for financial assistance to promote information technology;

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

(c) whether the proposals have also been received from various State Governments to set up information technology institutes for advanced computer and communication technology of national importance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the follow up action taken by the Government on these proposals?

Prints of Acrylic & Oil Paintings

3268. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has launched the project of showing off the prints of

acrylic and oil paintings depicting station scenes, natural scenery in Express, Shatabdi trains and plan to extend it to other trains also; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the passengers thereto?

Temperature Outlook

3269. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department (IMD) proposes to bring out temperature outlook;

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

(c) the salient features of the said programme and the benefits likely to accrue therefrom;

(d) the agencies involved in the programme; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to create awareness about the said programme amongst masses?

Redevelopment of Government Colonies

†3270. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to redevelop old Government colonies and social infrastructure;

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

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the project along with the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Hindi Advisory Committee

†3271. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the complete profile including professional qualifications of the members of the reconstituted Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry;

(b) the details of the last meeting of the committee and the decisions taken therein; and

(c) the action taken to implement those decisions and the time by which the next meeting is likely to be convened?

Railway Projects in Bihar

†3272. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any new proposal for railway projects in Bihar State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any target for launching new railway projects in future in Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

Government Advertisements

3273. SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by Government on advertisements through print media, electronic media, advertisement boards and other forms of media and the details thereof, department-wise; and

(b) whether any study or assessment has been carried out to ascertain the utility of these advertisements and the benefits accrued from them and if so, the details thereof?

Print Media Empanelled with DAVP

3274. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTALA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of print media empanelled with Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether DAVP has revised the guidelines for empanelment/renewal of print media for advertisement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any drastic decrease in empanelment/renewal has been noted during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes of Department of Bio-technology

3275. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/projects implemented or under implementation by the Department of Bio-technology (DBT) during the last three years in Gujarat;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated in this regard during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Department contemplates starting any new scheme/project for Gujarat in 2017-18; and

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

Coastal Protection

3276. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are environmental coastal protection projects being implemented in the country for different coastal States including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the projects including the work being done and the funds allocated;

(c) whether there has been any delay in implementation of these projects; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Patent Rights held by CSIR

3277. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patent rights held by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in the country and in foreign countries as on date;

(b) the expenditure incurred by CSIR in the process of obtaining the said patent rights; and

(c) the advantages and benefits gained by CSIR on account of its patent holdings during the last three years in terms of money values?

IT and ITES Industry

3278. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total contribution of IT and ITES industry in country's GDP and jobs created in the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is keen in utilising the services of various electronic arms of Department of Electronics for multi task activities of Government than to outsourcing very important and essential activities to private players;

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

(d) the steps taken and new scheme of plans devised and implemented by the

Government to make electronic industries and IT sector at par with foreign electronic and IT companies?

USOF

3279. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether revenue is collected from different private telecom operators to maintain the Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether BSNL is the main beneficiary of the fund;

(d) if so, the total fund made available to BSNL during the last three years;

(e) whether any private players have been able to meet the demand of providing subsidised fixed services in villages; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption Cases

†3280. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has received large number of complaints regarding corruption during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number-wise and month-wise details of such complaints received by the CVC during the years 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(c) the efforts made by the CVC to enquire into the said complaints and give its final decision during the last three years;

(d) whether the CVC proposes to dispose of the said complaints within a fixed time frame; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Low Cost Houses by Private Agencies

3281. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private agencies have succeeded in providing low cost houses in the metro cities;

(b) the number of such houses constructed by these agencies during the last three years in metro cities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the response of the Government thereto?

Cancellation of Vendor Licences

†3282. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the catering vendor licences at all the railway stations under Agra Railway Division were cancelled and stalls and trolleys were removed citing reasons for overcrowd at the railway stations and new licences were issued for catering stalls and trolleys at these stations;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have conducted any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the details of the officials found guilty and action taken against those officials in this regard?

Fabricated Construction Technology

3283. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage fabricated construction technology in the housing sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of houses constructed under different projects under this technology;

(c) the details of States so far covered using this technology demonstration;

(d) the extent to which this technology is useful for para-military forces and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana;

(e) whether the Government has examined their durability and safety and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the further steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Skill Training and Placement

3284. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 82,000 of the 1.76 million officially trained were actually recorded as having jobs;

(b) if so, whether the Government has also initiated steps for maintenance of data about the placement beneficiaries trained under Skill Development Programme; and

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

Films and TV Serials in Public Life

3285. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any study on the impact of Films and TV serials in various National and local television networks on the day to day life of common public and their social life and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the effects of social ills and evil effects caused by substandard films and television shows?

Regional News Units

3286. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States where Regional News Units of Doordarshan yet to be started and the names of the States where more than one News Unit has been setup;

(b) whether the Government is not in a position to start Regional News Units of Doordarshan in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the places where Regional News Units are being run from rented buildings and the time since when these are being run from rented accommodation?

Non-functional ARGs and AWSs

3287. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs) located in hills and other remote areas and a number of recently installed Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs) and AWSs are not working to capacity/ lying non-functional;

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

(c) whether several instruments remain non-functional because of lack of qualified personnel to repair them; and

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

Udupi Railway Station

3288. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to develop Udupi railway station in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the existing entry and exit would be widened at Udupi station and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether construction of 3rd platform has been planned ostensibly to help the student community from Manipal who use the trains running on the Konkan route; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Auction of CWG Flats

3289. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the auction for Commonwealth Games Village (CWG) flats has been pending for a long time;

(b) if so, whether the Government has expressed interest in buying some of them;

(c) if not, whether the Government is conducting an e-auction for these flats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Atomic Energy Education Society

3290. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and the objectives of the Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES) in the country;

(b) the number of schools and colleges established under AEES in the country State/

UT-wise and the number of students getting educated in these schools and colleges, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated/released/spent by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to start more such schools and colleges under the AEES in the country, especially in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated by the Government for the said purpose, State/UT-wise?

Rail Line from Amravati

3291. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for new rail lines from Amravati to Bengaluru and Amravati to Rayalaseema regions and to other areas from new capital of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the time set to complete these projects with funds sanctioned/spent so far?

Rejuvenation of Existing Tracks

3292. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding "entire rejuvenation of existing railway tracks" in the wake of recent train accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the plan outlay, financial and technical constraints, if any?

Innovative Projects

3293. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the innovative projects conceived and developed by the autonomous organisations funded by the Government during the last three years;

(b) the overall financial investment made in these organisations by the Government during the last three years;

(c) the financial viability of the projects undertaken and the percentage of projects which have been commercialised; and

(d) the valuation for patents that have been received from these projects in the last three years?

Wi-Fi Facilities in Villages

†3294. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect all the villages of the country with Wi-Fi facility;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this direction;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide Wi-Fi facility in the villages of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the number of villages and time by which they are likely to be provided with this facility and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant Posts in CAT

3295. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in the country where Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) branches/benches are located, State-wise;

(b) whether a number of CAT benches are headless which has resulted in large number of pending of cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to fill up all the vacant positions in the CAT benches; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which all vacant positions are likely to be filled up?

Real Estate Sector (Interest Rate)

3296. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite cut in interest rate, the demand in real estate sector has seen no substantial increase and is expected to fall further by 15 to 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with of efforts being made to boost this demand;

(c) whether there are nearly 8-10 million workers engaged in the sector who face uncertain future if the sector does not revive; and

(d) if so, the details of the plans suggested for overcoming this potential crisis and the steps taken to reduce debt burden of developers?

Information under RTI Act

†3297. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the cases wherein the information under the RTI Act has not been provided to applicants;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any official(s) has/have been found guilty of not providing information during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to review the Right to Information Act, 2005; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rail Neer Plant

†3298. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways operates Rail Neer Plant and if so, the production capacity thereof;

(b) whether the production capacity is adequate to meet the demand;

(c) if not, the names of private companies which supply Rail Neer along with the guidelines laid down in this regard, zone-wise;

(d) whether a number of complaints are being received with regard to drinking water being sold by private companies; and

(e) if so, the zone-wise details thereof?

Share of Contribution under AMRUT

3299. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the difficulty being faced by municipalities to find their share of contribution under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) if so, whether their inability to raise resources to ensure their stipulated contribution has affected the implementation of AMRUT; and

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to release norms regarding local body contributions in AMRUT?

Mobilization of Funds

3300. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds earmarked for modernisation of railways, laying of new railway lines, doubling of tracks, electrification and protection of railways, zone-wise during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the time and the manner in which the funds sanctioned for this purpose are likely to be mobilised;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement the said programmes on public private partnership model; and

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

Monthly Rental of Set Top Box

3301. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the broadcasting regulator has proposed that television households should pay Rs. 1.30 as monthly rental per set top box for 100 standards Definition Channels and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the regulator has also proposed a genre-wise ceiling on the channel prices and the details thereof; and

(c) whether the distributors of TV channels can form bouquets only from *a la carte* channels of broadcasters and if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

PMGDSA

3302. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aims and objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan along with the total outlay and funds allocated under this Abhiyan, State-wise;

(b) whether the Abhiyan will cover the entire rural areas of the country and if not, whether the programme would be extended to the entire rural areas of the country in future; and

(c) the time frame fixed for implementation of the Abhiyan?

Code and Conduct of Advertisement

†3303. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to implement a new code of conduct to control the subject matter of the advertisements so that it could not cause any type of adverse effect on children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this issue has been/is being investigated by the Advertising Standards Council of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome of such study in this regard?

Cultural Exchange

3304. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes of cultural exchange which have been officially held between North Eastern States and the rest of the country;

(b) the efforts being made to integrate North Eastern States with the national mainstream; and

(c) the success achieved as a result thereof?

Payment of Fee under RTI

†3305. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for payment of fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005 through Electronic Indian Postal Order (E-IPO);

(b) the number of people registered so far to avail such facility; and

(c) the State-wise details thereof?

Singrauli Rail Line

3306. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli broad gauge rail line project has been approved to meet the demand of growing population of the region;

(b) if so, the details of proposed expenditure and the total length of proposed railway line;

(c) whether NOC has been obtained from forest department between Khajuraho to Satna for the above mentioned project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a proposal to construct railway hatts between Jabalpur-Satna and Dhunkara-Satna-Rewa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the timelines to complete the new railway hatts and commencement of operations?

Logistic Development

3307. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether when compared to the other developed nations, the logistic development through railways is lagging in the country;

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

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard;

(d) whether through public private partnership mode in the country, the Railways plans to set up multi-modal logistic parks; and

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

Complaints regarding Catering Services

†3308. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received regarding catering facility and other inconveniences faced by the passengers in Rajdhani Express trains running in the country; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government on these complaints?

Affordable Justice to Poor

†3309. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put some system in place to provide justice to the poor who can not afford exorbitant fee of Supreme Court lawyers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to put such system in place and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Fund for MSDP

3310. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for implementation of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) for development of Minority Concentration areas during the last three years, year-wise including for Assam;

(b) whether the Government is aware of large scale collapse in implementing of this MSDP by some States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure proper utilisation of fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Counsels for Filing Cases

†3311. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government appoints a panel of counsels for filing cases in the courts on behalf of various Ministries/ departments and representing the said offices in the courts;

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

(c) the qualifications fixed by the Government for appointment of panel of counsels in various departments/ Ministries?

Redeveloping C-class Suburban Station

3312. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to redevelop C-class suburban stations in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the development plan prepared for the same?

Nuclear Recycle Board

3313. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nuclear Recycle Board has been constituted by the Government and if so, the details thereof including the functions of the said board; and

(b) the funds allocated by the Government to the board during each of the last three years?

Water Conservation

†3314. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for water conservation and water recycling in residential locations of major cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed any scheme for mandatory water

conservation in various urban development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive Skill Development Policy

3315. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering synchronizing the activities of various skill development agencies in order to evolve a comprehensive skill development policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for skill development course by global major and top Indian companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of road map charted out by the Government as part of the National Skill Development Mission?

Freight Earning

3316. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether faced with decline in freight earning, the Railways has rationalized coal tariff by reducing the rate for long distance transportation and

increasing it for short distances and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said move of the railways is to arrest the decline in freight revenues which has seen a 7.74% fall in July and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the coal loading has also witnessed a decline during April-July, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Spectrum Auction

3317. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven telecom operators filed applications for the last concluded spectrum auction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to make another spectrum auction very soon as the previous one could not make any dent in various categories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Thorium based Nuclear Energy

3318. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study on the feasibility of Thorium as a fuel for the generation of atomic energy in the country and if so, the details and the

outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the country has the world's largest proven reserves of Thorium and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the said Thorium reserves in the country has the potential to satisfactorily meet the overall energy requirement of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken with regard to the utilisation of the said reserves; and

(d) the current status with regard to the research and development of the Advance Heavy Water Reactor (AHWR) along with the cause of delay, if any, reported in the development of the said reactor?

High Speed Railway Line

3319. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to construct high speed railway lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the proposals for setting up new lines between Bangalore and Amravati; and

(c) the details of the progress of the project till date and the proposed timeline for setting up high speed railway lines?

Indo-Japan Civil Nuclear Deal

3320. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to undertake joint research and development projects between India and Japan as part of Indo-Japan Civil Nuclear deal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any plan between the two countries to push the idea of Asiatom, similar to Euratom in western Europe, for joint efforts in different nuclear programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the deal strengthens the energy security of the country and opens up doors for collaboration between Indian and Japanese industries and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken towards export control enforcement and outreach for the Indian companies receiving Japanese goods; and

(e) whether there exists a termination clause in the agreement and if so, the details thereof?

Research Conducted on the Availability of Herbs

†3321. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any survey of forest and hilly areas of the country to find out the availability of herbs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants has made

any efforts to meet the demands of herbs in the international market and earn foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare Programmes (DAVP)

3322. SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) has laid down specific norms for empanelment and allocation of media related works for promotion of Government Welfare Programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of requests have been received from advertising agencies during the year 2015-16 for registration and allocation of work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of advertising agencies placed on panel, criteria adopted for work allocation to them during each of the last two years and the reasons for ignoring requests from other agencies?

Monitoring of Major Projects

3323. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major projects including infrastructure projects monitored

by the Ministry, State/UT-wise were along with the funds allocated/released/spent on these projects during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has chalked out the completion scheduled of these projects and if so, the details and the status thereof;

(c) whether several projects in various States are running behind the schedule resulting into cost/time-overruns and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the measures taken by the Government to avoid the cost/time-overrun of these projects; and

(e) the reasons for unspent allocation, if any, during the same period along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Stray Cattle

†3324. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a plan at national level under the Swachh Bharat Mission to restrict movement of stray cattle particularly cows and buffaloes in urban areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with the roadmap of the said plan;

(c) the details of funds likely to be incurred on implementation of the said plan; and

(d) the details of sources from where the said funds are likely to be mobilised along with the quantum thereof?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Sports Quota in Government Jobs

3325. SHRI DEVUSINH

CHAUHAN:

SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the sports quota for recruitment in the Government jobs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in Price Indices

†3326. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several financial expert agencies in India have given different opinions regarding rise in price index in the country;

(b) if so, whether the rate of increase from the minimum of 3.6% to 6.3% has been opined;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the said rate estimated on the basis of the assessment of the Reserve Bank of India?

Vocational Training

3327. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 6.8 per cent persons aged 15 years and above are reported to have received vocational training in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to spread of vocational training;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure quality education and vocational training; and

(d) if so, the budget allocation for this purpose, State-wise details?

Geo-Spatial Monitoring Mechanism

3328. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any new "Geo-Spatial Monitoring Mechanism" regarding the construction of Houses under PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana) in Tribal Areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the key points of the aforesaid proposal?

ITIs and ITCs

†3329. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

SHRI HARISHCHANDRA

CHAVAN:

SHRI BHANU PRATAP

SINGH VERMA:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the funds allocated and spent State-wise for modernization and upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)/Industrial Training Centres (ITCs) in the country;

(b) whether the said funds have been utilized properly by the State Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Government for better utilization of the said funds;

(d) whether the Government has any system to evaluate the works of ITIs/ITCs properly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Employees in Government Service

3330. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of State-wise number of employees in Central Government Service; and

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

Law Universities and Colleges

†3331. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH

JAUNAPURIA:

SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of law universities and colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more law universities in the country;

(c) whether the recently released list of law colleges in India prepared by the Bar Council of India reveals that there has been a proliferation of new colleges in U.P., M.P. and Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this has raised concerns in the legal and judicial fraternity about the quality of advocates these institutions are churning out and if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether elite universities have just one or two colleges affiliated to them to ensure good law education to its students and the details thereof?

Corruption Perception Index

3332. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

SHRI ANANTKUMAR

HEGDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether widespread corruption in the country is an impediment in development and improving social conditions;

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

(c) whether India is ranked at 79th place in the list of 176 countries in the Transparency International Corruption Index 2016;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the India's rank in its report during the last three years; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to remove the corruption from public offices and the action taken against the corrupt public servants?

Pilgrim Trains

3333. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI

KHADSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a pilgrim train through IRCTC with a package of seven and ten days;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the locations identified for running the said train across the country; and

(d) the details regarding operation schedule for booking by the pilgrims/passengers?

Simultaneous Election of Lok Sabha and State Assemblies

3334. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought the views of people on holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any response from the public in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to conduct any study in this regard; and

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

Fake Voters/Bogus Voter Card

†3335. SHRI PRATAPRAO

JADHAV:

SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports regarding fake voters and bogus voter cards have come to the notice of the Government;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government in coordination with States to delete such names of fake voters along with the number of fake names/voter cards deleted as a result thereof, State-wise?

Reservation for Women in Parliament

3336. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

SHRI SADASHIV

LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether action is being taken to formulate law for providing reservation to women in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard;

(b) whether serious social and economic imbalance has developed due to lack of women empowerment; and

(c) the status of the efforts being made by the Government to provide legal assistance for upgrading the social, economic and political status of women in the country?

Railway Tracks

3337. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that new and a few old railway tracks have not been handed over to Government Railway Police for safety of passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme Under DBT

†3338. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the names of schemes being implemented or funded by the Union Government;

(b) the schemes under which financial assistance is provided to targeted people through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT);

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring all the schemes under DBT; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

NCVT

3339. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) has conducted courses/short term skill courses under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the number of youth benefited from the said courses so far across the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of engineering Colleges/Polytechnics identified and affiliated to run the said courses so far across the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the closed Engineering Colleges/Polytechnics have also applied for affiliation to run the said courses;

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

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for training and skill development of youth and to ensure their employment in the country?

Accessibility of Post Offices to Differently-abled Persons

3340. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any notification/guidelines with regard to making the Post Offices in the country accessible to differently-abled persons;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that despite repeated requests and reminders several post offices/sub-post offices including the one at Yelahanka Old Town has not yet made its buildings and facilities accessible to differently-abled persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the names of such post offices/sub-post offices, State/UT-wise and the corrective action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which all the post offices/sub-post offices are likely to be made accessible to the said persons?

Monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission

3341. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government for real time monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the action taken to set up a mechanism for complaint redressal under SBM;

(c) whether a helpline number for registering complaints under SBM is already in place; and

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

Train Accident near Kanpur

3342. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any official contradicts on Kanpur train accident;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has revealed that perpetrators of the train accident are abroad; and

(d) if so, the details of railway officials' inquiry report on the accident?

New Rail Lines in Chhattisgarh

†3343. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the survey works for new railway lines sanctioned in the year 2016-17 and lying pending including in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the present status of the work of new rail line sanctioned from Bilaspur to Dongargarh;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on the same;

(d) the reasons for not starting the work of the said rail line so far; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to speed up the work of the said projects?

Manufacturing of High Speed Coaches

3344. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has decided to go ahead with the manufacturing of its own train sets that can run at a maximum speed of 160 kmph; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the production is likely to commence in full swing?

Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana

3345. SHRI S.P.

MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of implementing the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have improved their livelihood under the said scheme across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds provided by the Government to States along with its utilization under the said scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the cases of irregularities/corruption/diversion of funds in implementation of the said scheme have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if so, the details thereof;

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

(f) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bring all the 4041 statutory urban areas under the ambit of Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission and if so, the details thereof?

Committees under CSIR

3346. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Repair of Old Railway Bridges

3347. SHRI KAMAL NATH:

DR. K. KAMARAJ:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of railway bridges, which are too old, requires urgent repair etc.;

(b) if so, the number of old railway bridges identified and repaired during the last two years and the amount spent on their repairing;

(c) whether repair and rebuilding of distressed railway bridges are not conducted timely resulting in risk of train accidents; and

(d) if so, the timeline fixed by the Railways to repair all the old railway bridges across the country?

Generation of Revenue from Advertisement

3348. SHRI P. KUMAR:

KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway has appointed any global consultancy firm to assist them in mopping up advertising revenue in the next few years;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the agreement and the details of areas, in which the firm is likely to guide Railway to generate revenues; and

(c) the details of views suggested by the consultancy firm and the action taken by the Railways on those points?

Aadhaar for Various Services

3349. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has intervened in the compulsory demand of

Aadhaar Card for various usages in Government sector and issued an interim order on the same;

(b) if so, the details including the details of the interim order;

(c) whether the Government is further insisting for compulsory production and linkage of Aadhaar Card in various sectors other than those identified by the Supreme Court;

(d) if so, whether it has come to the notice that EPFO has now made compulsory Aadhaar linkage of accounts for its pensioners;

(e) if so, the various other services for which Aadhaar has been made mandatory; and

(f) the steps Government will take to protect the interim judgment of the Supreme Court and also the privacy of the citizens?

Barwadih-Chirmiri Rail Line

†3350. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the time and area of the land acquired for Barwadih-Chirmiri Rail Line and the extent to which the construction work has been completed;

(b) if so, the date of approval and commencement of the scheme, the total amount released so far for this rail line and the amount spent so far for this project since its inception;

(c) whether this project has been suspended and if so, the details of the decision or order under which it has been suspended; and

(d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed along with the details of the current status of progress thereof?

Skill Development Centre for Physically Handicapped

3351. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start Skill Development Centres designed especially for orphan children, physically handicapped persons and widows;

(b) if so, whether skills have been identified for the training of the above categories so as to make them self-employed and make them self-reliant; and

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

Misappropriation of Funds

†3352. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint in regard to misappropriations of funds allocated to the selected smart cities;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to revise the prescribed targets for the development of the cities and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has requested to increase funds for smart cities project and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has finalised any monitoring device to ensure prompt execution of the mission and if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Construction

3353. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted in Government residential colonies in Delhi including Lodhi Colony to evict the illegal tenants and for removal of illegal construction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether illegal construction and illegally staying tenants are still thriving in these Government colonies especially in Lodhi Colony; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in view of the threat from such illegal tenants to the law and order in Delhi?

Installation of Escalators

†3354. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering installation of automated stairs at Dhanbad railway station and if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(b) whether the Government is considering to extend Dhanbad railway station and if so, the details thereof?

Jain Commission on Obsolete Laws

†3355. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several laws which were enacted before Independence are still prevalent in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jain Commission has made any recommendations in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken so far on these recommendations; and

(f) whether the Government has reviewed the laws enacted before independence and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rake Points

†3356. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of required infrastructure in the existing rake point, provision of new rake points and the two points rakes, supply and allocation of chemicals, fertilizers and foodgrains are adversely affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to build new rake points in Kanpur Dehat District of Uttar Pradesh which can help in timely supply and allocation of chemicals and fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Efforts to Increase Online Transactions

3357. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) the number of people making electronic payment through credit card, plastic money etc., in the country as on date;

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

(e) if so, the steps being taken to prevent fraud and infuse confidence among

people to use electronic payment?

Installation of Doppler Weather Radars

3358. SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposed in the year 2006 to install four Doppler Weather Radars (DWR) system at four locations in Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said DWR system has been installed and made operational;

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

(d) the time by which the DWR system are likely to be installed?

Issues Faced by Telecom Consumers

3359. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has floated a new discussion paper seeking clarity on issues faced by the consumers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a feedback is sought on consumers problems in case of termination of telecom services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the TRAI has invited

suggestions from telecom companies on the ideal mode of communicating a services closure to subscribers and if so, the details thereof?

Institute of Mass Communication

†3360. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of
INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centres/campuses of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) set up in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new campuses/centres of IIMC place-wise, State-wise/Union Territory-wise including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which new campuses/centres are likely to be opened/scheduled to start functioning; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Digital India

†3361. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology has taken some major steps to fulfil the dream of the Prime Minister about Digital India for Skill Development and capacity building in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department has achieved specialization in Internet of Things cyber security and cloud computing etc. through various techniques; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Derecognition of Political Parties

†3362. SHRI JANAK RAM:
DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether measures are being taken to derecognize those political parties which have been non-functional and suspected of being involved in money laundering; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Safety of Women in Trains

†3363. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers of the general class can get information of the seats available in the bogies from stations before starting their journey and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any system has been developed for the women travelling alone to give status of being safe from their bogies and if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of SC/HC Judges

3364. SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government to fill up the existing vacancies of judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) whether the Government received proposal from collegiums regarding such appointments;

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

(d) whether the Government and collegiums fixed criteria other than seniority for promotion of the Judges in service;

(e) if so, the details of the criteria fixed by the Government;

(f) Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is violation from the existing norms in the list prepared and sent by High Courts so as to avoid certain Judges; and

(g) if so, the action taken by the Government to make requisite changes and appoint those who are qualified considering their seniority?

Funds to States

3365. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
MONDAL:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING
योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to various States in the financial year 2016-17 and 2017-18, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has granted special category status to some States;

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

(d) whether the Government has received proposals for grant of special category status to some more States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Electronic Postal Order

†3366. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to facilitate electronic India Postal Order;

(b) if so, the provision made by the Government to avail this facility; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Poor Quality of Food

3367. DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average time taken by the Government in resolving the grievances/complaints of the passengers pertaining to

poor food quality in long distance/premium trains has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of such complaints received from the passengers of the said trains during the said period;

(c) the details of the penalties imposed on the contractors and the number of contracts terminated by the Government on such complaints so far;

(d) the role played by the Catering Monitoring Service Cell (CMSC) in addressing the said grievances/complaints and imposition of the said penalties; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the catering services and prompt redressal of grievances/complaints of the passengers along with the achievements thereof?

Film Certification

3368. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a large scale resentment on refusal of film certification to a recent Hindi movie Lipstick Under My Burkha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Indian Film Industry has approached the Government to clear the film and not to suppress the freedom of expression and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Skill Development Service

3369. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the formation of Indian Skill Development Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including sanctioned and current strength of the cadre;

(c) whether there is any proposal for creation of more dedicated cadres in the civil services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana

3370. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of SKILL
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an action plan for Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana has been created;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with details of the institutes included under this scheme;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the scheme;

(d) whether e-Services are provided for the functioning of this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of Civil Servants

3371. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength, the actual strength and the net shortage of IAS, IFS and IPS officers, State-wise;

(b) the number of IAS, IFS and IPS officers recruited during the last three years, year and State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up the vacancies without any delay?

Speedy Implementation of Railway Projects in Kerala

3372. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed a Joint Venture Company with the Government of Kerala for the speedy implementation of rail projects in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all projects implemented by this company will be on cost sharing basis;

(d) if so, the major projects to be implemented in Kerala by this company along with cost of each project;

(e) whether budget allocations for all projects will require matching allocations by the State Government; and

(f) if so, the reasons for changing the pattern of budget allocations?

Judicial Reforms

†3373. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
DR. UDIT RAJ:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating any outline for bringing about judicial reforms for speedy, effective and time bound delivery of justice along with transparency in judicial system for litigants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to carry out structural changes in order to ensure accountability at every stage;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct study on the specification of time limits adopted by the other countries in the world; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

Gross Fixed Capital Formation

3374. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) in the country during each of the last three financial years and the current financial year;

(b) whether the GFCF has been registering a decline during the said period;

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

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

Maglev Transport Method

3375. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether introduction of Maglev transport method in the country for passengers and movement of goods is being considered by the Government and if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study or preparing a detailed project report through the RITES in this regard;

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

(d) whether the Government is aware that Maglev tech need 100% electrical efficiency and the current infrastructure cannot be utilised for the purpose and if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(e) the manner by which the Government will be able to implement the project?

Ban on T.V. Programmes

3376. SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI CHANDRA
PRAKASH JOSHI:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned the telecasting of any television programme during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to establish a reasonable balance between decency and freedom and to discourage provocative and inflammatory news in the telecast of programmes in the country; and

(d) whether it is also true that the Government has banned some news channels for a day from telecasting and if so, the details thereof?

Non-Fare Revenue

3377. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken any steps to increase the non fare revenue including those from advertising and leasing out the excess land;

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

(c) the details of total revenue garnered from non-fare sources in the last three years

and the impact of above mentioned steps on the same?

Availability of Uranium

†3378. SHRI HARINARAYAN

RAJBHAR:

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current annual production of Uranium in the country is enough to meet the annual fuel requirement of all the operational Uranium-based Nuclear Power Plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to explore alternative fuel/technologies/imported fuel for the said purpose;

(c) the details of uranium reserves and extraction potential in the country, State/UT-wise along with the details of the uranium extracted during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of domestic production and import of other nuclear minerals including Thorium and Rare Earth Minerals during the said period along with the steps taken by the Government to make the country self-reliant in aforementioned minerals; and

(e) whether the country is importing Uranium from other foreign countries and if so, the details thereof including the quantity of imported Uranium during the above period, country-wise?

Video Recording of Proceedings

3379. DR. UDIT RAJ:
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered video recording of proceedings in all courts of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether such a recording is the fundamental right of a citizen and denying the same breaches Article 21 of the Constitution as right to information forms an integral part of right to life and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the circumstances under which such recordings are permissible; and

(d) whether the Government has received petitions regarding the same and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Digital Transaction

3380. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the recommendations of the Committee of Chief Ministers on digital payment;

(b) the reaction of the Government on each of the recommendations;

(c) whether the Aadhaar enabled payment system is a low hanging fruit for moving towards digital economy and the Government proposes inter-operability of UPI of different banks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the NITI Aayog plans to rank States on the basis of digital transaction and has asked the States to submit their digital transaction data and if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto;

(e) whether the NITI Aayog has also suggested to incentivize digital payments by promising a fixed incentive for individual and also for district collectors/district magistrates/deputy commissioners and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) whether the NITI Aayog has received any complaints for the problems of transacting in digital mode and if so, the details thereof?

Institutes for Education of Minorities

3381. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to establish five world class educational institutes to provide better traditional as well as modern education to students belonging to Minority communities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has proposed 40 per cent reservation for girls

in these institutions and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a high level Committee has been constituted to chalk out a framework of these institutions; and

(d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the action taken by the Government on the report?

PPP in ITIs

3382. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a public-private partnership (PPP) in operating ITIs to ensure job placements post vocational training and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures being considered/ implementation to measure the impact especially in North Eastern States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Research in Antarctica

3383. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research areas being focussed on at India's base in Antarctica;

(b) the number of scientists and other people working at Indian base in Antarctica;

(c) the financial outlay for the base; and

(d) whether any breakthrough scientific research has been achieved at Indian base in the Antarctica and if so, the details thereof?

Growth of IT Industry

3384. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian software is depending on US and Europe for business opportunity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NASSCOM or the Government have ever explored the possibilities in other countries for our IT professionals;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Mexico has given an open invitation for our IT professionals and China is also one of the destinations where our IT sector can expand;

(e) if so, whether the Government, in coordination with NASSCOM has done anything in this regard; and

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

Skilling of Youth in Construction Sector

†3385. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to make youth skilled in view of acute shortage of skilled workers in construction sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the scheme to train youth for different work at various levels who are engaged in construction work to complete several projects of construction in various sectors?

Inventions in Science and Technology

†3386. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major inventions/discoveries made in the field of Science and Technology in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the budget allocated therefor;

(b) the steps taken for the commercialisation of the said inventions/discoveries along with the extent of success achieved as a result thereof;

(c) whether developed countries are depriving India of the latest technology through baseless and time barred restrictions;

(d) if so, whether the scientific endeavours of India have faced any hindrance due to unavailability of states-of-the-art foreign technology; and

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

Quality of Food

†3387. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the railway passengers are likely to be benefited in terms of quality of food due to launching of meals on wheels catering policy;

(b) whether this policy is proposed to be implemented in all the trains and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the base kitchen arrangements in the trains are smoothly functioning in all the trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the facility of base kitchen is likely to be provided in the trains that do not have such facility at present; and

(e) the reasons for charging high prices for catering items from railway passengers and whether the Government proposes to check it and if so, the details thereof?

Open House to Address Grievances

3388. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to organise open houses to redress the problems related to the issuance of visa, passport and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) card under the jurisdiction of Indian Mission in the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend such open houses in all of our missions abroad;

(d) if so, whether the Government has received any representation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

NSDF

3389. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/released by the Government to National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) during the last two years to conduct skill development activities in the country;

(b) whether Government has received any additional financial assistance from private sector organisations/corporates to aid skill development activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Asian Development Bank Report

†3390. SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has published any report in regard to sanitation, drinking water and infrastructure facilities in Indian cities;

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

(c) the corrective action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove the deficiencies?

e-Migrate and MADAD Platform

3391. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched an online portal called e-Migrate and MADAD platforms to address the grievances of migrant workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is creating a national repository which will have details of educational qualifications of migrant workers that can be used for officials to verify the credentials of the employees and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether no woman below the age of 30 will be issued work visa as a housemaid outside the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Encryption Standard

3392. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
PANDA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the existing encryption standard of 40-bit for ISPs as mandated by law is outdated;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to update it;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the status of the National Encryption Policy and the manner in which the Government is planning to address potential security concerns arising out of the same for the purposes of investigation?

Loss to Railway Property

3393. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has assessed the quantum of loss to its properties due to attacks and revenue loss due to Rail Roko Abhians during the violent Jat reservation agitation in Haryana recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases filed by GRP/RPF/ State police in this regard and the status report of action taken thereon, case-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

High Speed Trains

3394. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:
SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to run the mail and express trains at high speed as compared with the present speed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the trains which have been converted into super fast trains; and

(c) the reasons to increase the passenger fare in super fast trains?

Earth Science Activities for Students

3395. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any plan for the Earth Science activities in the country for the students in the coming three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Confronting Terrorist Activities

3396. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of recent terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir by militants from across the border was taken up with Pakistani authorities and if so, the details thereof and the response of Pakistan thereto;

(b) whether such matters are taken to the United Nations under the co-operation for counter-terrorism and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether diplomatic efforts are made all over the world to condemn such

terrorist acts coming from across the border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Auction for Branding and Advertising Rights

3397. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is starting mega auctions for the branding and advertising rights of over 1,000 of its trains to monetise its existing assets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing Projects in Maharashtra

†3398. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing railway projects in Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(b) whether all the ongoing railway projects are likely to be completed within the fixed time limit;

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

(d) whether new railway projects have also been started in these States and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken for expeditious implementation of projects in Maharashtra?

Reforms in Space Sector

†3399. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Space has failed to fulfill satisfactorily the competitive requirements of sensitive policy bound and commercial sectors;

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

(c) the reforms made by the Government in this regard so that the department can function satisfactorily; and

(d) the success achieved so far by making above reforms?

Indecency in Reality Shows

†3400. DR. BHARATIBEN D.
SHYAL:
SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether indecency and slovenliness have been rising in the so-called reality shows being aired on various private channels in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has held anybody accountable in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures taken to prevent misuse of the fundamental right of expression in the live debates on television; and

(e) the provision for controlling the content of the reality shows which depict crimes?

Safety of Passengers

†3401. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken to improve the safety in Railways along with the State-wise details of the number of cases of theft of luggage of passengers during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any provision to give compensation to the passengers for loss due to theft of their luggage;

(c) if so, the number of cases in which payment of compensation was made to the passengers; and

(d) the number of passenger railway trains in which CCTV cameras have been installed following the scheme to install CCTV cameras in all the passenger trains?

Delay in Construction of ROBs/RUBs on NHs

3402. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of ROBs/

RUBs on National Highways (NHs) is delayed due to non-availability of land;

(b) if so, the details thereof, ROB/RUB-wise along with their Zones;

(c) the present status of these delayed ROBs/RUBs as on date; and

(d) the details of steps taken in completing these ROBs/RUBs?

Status of Skill Development

3403. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skills and trades that are available for the Indian youth in comparison with China and Japan;

(b) the present status of skill development in regard to electronics, manufacturing mobile phones, horticulture and dairy development;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to promote skill development in these aforementioned sectors and in the backward areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ticketing Touts

3404. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE: SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Railways to prevent touts for blocking bulk tickets and making fraudulent bookings;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce online ticketing system to prevent touts from blocking bulk tickets and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to promote cashless ticketing system in the country?

Vacant Posts in PSEs

3405. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many posts of CMDs and Executive Directors in the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) including Maharatna Corporations are lying vacant for a long time;

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

(c) whether the Government has proposed to appoint professionals from private sectors to such posts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the criteria adopted for hiring private professionals on such posts?

Illegal Indian Migrants

†3406. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any reports regarding Indian Citizens residing as illegal migrants in various countries and if so, the details thereof and the names of the countries in which they are residing illegally; and

(b) the assistance being provided by the Indian Diplomatic Missions to help such migrants?

Digital Connectivity with ASEAN

3407. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to partner with Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries to enable digital connectivity between the said countries and regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the strategic and transformative impact thereof;

(c) whether the Telecom Equipment and Service Export Promotion Council (TEPC) has organized an inter-ministerial meeting between India and the ASEAN countries and if so, the details and the outcome thereof including the countries that participated in the said meetings;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch a pilot project on BSNL network

to connect the villages of the country with the world and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Basic Facilities to Urban Poor

3408. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated to provide basic facilities to urban poor are not being utilised properly and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of States which have utilized less than 50 per cent of the allocated funds per year during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for such under-utilizations along with the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Skill Development in NER

†3409. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:
DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students of North Eastern Region being imparted skill development training by various ministries and Skill Development Ministry along with

the number of trainees who got employment;

(b) the percentage of female students out of the said number; and

(c) whether the Government is imparting training to the students of north eastern region in the field of sheep rearing, organic farming, floriculture, mushroom farming, vegetable and herbs farming and food processing etc. as per the need of the region and if so, the details thereof?

Forecast of Natural Disasters by ISRO

†3410. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed a system to forecast the natural disasters and to find ways for safeguards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the disasters on which ISRO has developed/is developing a scientific system to forecast them;

(c) whether the Government has allocated fund to ISRO to develop Space Research System in collaboration with foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of the fund provided?

Honouring Courageous Persons

3411. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government honours the persons who show courage to save the life of people on railway tracks;

(b) if so, the number of such persons who have been honoured so far;

(c) whether in a recent incident at Jalandhar, a student and his father tried to save a woman who was about to be run over by a train;

(d) if so, whether the son was killed and the father has become permanently disabled; and

(e) if so, the amount of compensation that has been given to the family and the steps taken to honour the family?

Radio-Pharmaceuticals

3412. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reported delay on the part of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board in issuing no objection certificate to hospitals to import/receive radio-pharmaceuticals and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the said delay has resulted in patients using the same radio-pharmaceuticals thus suffering a delay in availing medications and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to provide radioactive source (cobalt-60) to cancer

hospitals free of cost and if so, the details and the recommendations thereof along with the hospitals identified for the distribution of the said radioactive source; and

(d) whether the constitution of the said Committee has resulted in making radiotherapy facilities less expensive and if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Services by BSNL

†3413. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to expand the scope of the service of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether BSNL is likely to sign an agreement regarding 5G and Internet of Things (IOT) technology during the current month; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Army Postal Service

†3414. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various facilities provided by the Army Postal Service Core;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for making the said facilities more effective;

(c) the names of various service postal service locations where the said facilities are available, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has launched any portal to make the Army Postal Service Core more convenient; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to make this service accessible to the rural areas and if not, the reasons therefor?

Research by Bioved Institute

†3415. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bioved Research Institute of Agriculture and Technology, Allahabad have undertaken research with the help of traditional and modern technique to meet the requirement of fuel in the field of Agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any study regarding authenticity of the said research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Regional Disparity

3416. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a new study the regional disparity has been growing over the years;

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

(c) whether development clusters, combinations of quality service delivery and high per capita income are emerging more among the developed States leaving behind the less-developed States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures undertaken by the Government to address the aforementioned problems and bridge the growing gap between States?

Restriction on Migration to Gulf

3417. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is imposing restrictions on migration to Gulf countries in view of the problems being faced by the Indians in these countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring the already migrated Indians back to India; and

(d) the number of people benefitted by this mission?

Weather Forecast

3418. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any new initiatives aimed to bring in scientific and technological advancement in predicting detection, monitoring natural calamities like earthquakes, floods and cyclones, abnormal weather, unseasonal rains etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of States who have sought technological support in this regard along with the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of countries and Government agencies abroad who have signed MoU with India for providing technological support in this regard;

(d) the priority sectors earmarked for the next 3 years for strengthening and protecting the India's agro based industries, fishing and maritime trade, transport and coastal security;

(e) the roles and responsibilities and other stakeholders in this regard; and

(f) the details of the predictions or forecast of weather, drought or flash floods, etc. that has come true during the last three years and the current year?

Extradition Treaty

3419. SHRI SULTAN AHMED: SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the countries with which India has signed extradition treaty;

(b) the details of the countries with which India proposes to sign extradition treaty;

(c) the extent to which extradition treaties have helped in the process of extradition of international terrorists and criminals during the last three years;

(d) the reasons for non-repatriation of economic and criminal offenders including Vijay Malaya till date; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to secure his extradition and the time likely to be taken in this regard?

Toilets in HAD Trains

3420. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to provide toilets in HAD trains; and

(b) if so, the time frame fixed for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Separate Railway Zone

3421. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has constituted a Committee with an Executive Director level official to interact with all stakeholders in creating a separate railway zone for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the Committee would submit its report; and

(c) whether any timeframe has been fixed for the Committee to submit its report and if not, the reasons for the same?

FDI in Media

†3422. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public opinion of the country is against the investment of foreign capital in media and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reaction of the Government regarding the said investment;

(c) the details of the improvements done by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the likely adverse effects of foreign capital investment into media?

CERT-IN

3423. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of Union Government's push in promoting digital payments, the premier cyber security agency CERT-IN (Computer Emergency Response Team) has warned that all is not well with the digital mode of payments

and it could be vulnerable to cyber attacks;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government on such warning by one of the premier cyber security agency;

(c) whether the common man is feeling insecure by adopting mode of digital transactions; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Curb on Malpractices during Election

3424. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has succeeded in addressing the issues of drugs, liquor and illicit money in the recently concluded elections in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Manipur, Goa and Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such seized drugs, liquor, illicit money etc.; and

(c) the details of the such incidents and the cases registered against those involved?

Poor Services in Rural and Tribal Areas

†3425. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that mobile and internet facilities

reportedly remain out of order for a long period in rural, hilly and tribal areas;

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

(c) the extent to which the fixed quality norms have been achieved in this regard;

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other action taken by the Government to improve the services in the said areas?

Monsoon Behaviour

3426. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department predicted above normal temperature across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check the serious situation;

(c) whether the Government has predicted the current years monsoon behaviour and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is expecting less rain and drought like situation in various States including in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to assess the impact of less rain and drought on agriculture sector and animals and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Aadhaar Enabled Payment System

3427. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to introduce Aadhaar Enabled Payment System and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all the people in the country have been issued Aadhaar Cards and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which this system will come into force; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the Aadhaar Card distribution to enable people to adopt the system?

Development of Railway Infrastructure

3428. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has allocated USD 142 billion, to be spent over the next five years, for development of railway infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any contributions from international agencies such as the World Bank (WB) and the International Finance

Corporation (IFC) towards the Railway Development Fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government would consider establishing smaller RDFs for specific zones and their various needs including the Southern Railway Zone;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indigenization of Telecom Equipment

3429. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector has been a major contributor to economic growth registered across the world including India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the share of the said sector in the growth registered during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has set up Telecom Equipment and Service Export Promotion Council (TEPC) to initiate the conceptualization of Information Super-Highway in the country;

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

(e) whether the Government proposes to take steps to indigenize the research and development of telecom equipments and if so, the details thereof including the other measures taken so far by the Government in this regard?

Unviable Projects

†3430. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several projects were approved on the social and economic basis despite their unviability;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof and the years when these projects were approved;

(c) the number of projects under which work has not been initiated so far and the reasons therefor along with the names of such projects;

(d) the number and names of projects that remain incomplete till date and the reasons behind the same; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problems?

Survey of Rail Lines

†3431. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway lines for which budgetary provisions were made during the last two years to carry out survey work for gauge conversion;

(b) the total number of surveys that have been completed and the number where survey work is still incomplete;

(c) the reasons for not completing the survey work;

(d) whether the Government has not fixed any time limit to complete these surveys;

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

(f) the action taken by the Government against the officers responsible for not completing the survey within the stipulated time limit?

Statutory Body

†3432. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute any statutory body for the redressal of complaints related to the programmes being broadcast on television and radio channels and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the provisions to redress the complaints against T.V. and radio channels at present?

Gurukul Schools

3433. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved 16 "Gurukul" type residential schools for minority students across the country;

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

(c) whether the Government also plans to establish "Garib Nawaz Skill Development Centre", "Begum Hazrat Mahal Scholarship" for girls for educational empowerment of minorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/utilized for the last three years and the current year?

Shortage of Spectrum

3434. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to provide industry with an option to buy spectrum every year irrespective of their interest so that there is never a shortage of spectrum in providing quality mobile services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Development of ISRO

†3435. DR. ARUN KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has emerged as a powerful institution in the field of space in recent years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to develop it as a top most centre of the world by providing autonomy to the scientists of ISRO?

Water Purification Technology

3436. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy has developed water purification technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said technology would be deployed in Visakhapatnam and Anakapalle to allay the reported apprehensions of villagers of the said areas and provide pure drinking water and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

DDA Parks

†3437. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of parks developed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in National Capital Territory of Delhi; location-wise;

(b) the details of land acquired for each park, location-wise;

(c) whether any irregularities have been noticed in the maintenance of parks during the last two years and the current year; and

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

BSNL Headquarters

3438. SHRIMATI ARPITA
GHOSH:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up a BSNL headquarters in each constituency of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the said headquarters is likely to be established in Balurghat constituency?

Slum Dwellings

3439. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

आवास और शहरी गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री

be pleased to state the estimated number of houses and slum dwellings in urban areas as per fresh survey of National Sample Survey Organisations (NSSOs), State-wise including Bihar?

Impact of Climate Change

3440. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain's earth observation community is linking with Indian experts to assess the impact of climate change and the associated green house gas emission on agriculture in the Indo-Gangetic Plains;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the main focus area of the project;

(c) the advantage India is likely to get out of this study;

(d) whether the project is funded by the UK-India education and research initiative and the Ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the study will be started and completed?

Cyber Gram Project

3441. SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched minority cyber gram project

aimed at training the villagers to become Internet Savvy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the project has been shelved by the Government and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government will take necessary steps to revive the minority cyber gram project and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to establish more such minority cyber gram projects in other parts of the country?

National Supercomputing Mission

3442. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
KUNWAR
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SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the National Supercomputing Mission including its first supercomputer proposed to be built by 2017;

(b) whether the Government is collaborating with private entities on applications for the supercomputer and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to develop High Performance Computing (HPC) and the human resource for running these applications and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to connect all academic and R&D Institutions across the country to the national supercomputing grid and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction?

Wagon Factory in Sitalapalli Village

3443. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of Railways

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the rail project sanctioned in 2011-12 to establish a wagaon factory in Sitalapalli Village in Ganjam, Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current status and plan on part of the Government to commission this project?

El Nino Effects

3444. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to predict summer forecast accurately during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether World meteorological agencies have expressed concern about the effect of El Nino bringing drought like situation in the country and if so, the prediction of each of the world meteorological agency in this regard;

(c) whether the India Meteorological Department has carried out any study on rainfall, during the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action plan has been chalked out by the Government to tackle adverse impact of abnormal weather condition/less rainfall and issued or proposes to issue guidelines/advisories to States to prepare themselves for El Nino and heat wave effect and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken to create awareness about the scarce rainfall in the country?

Status of Refund after Demonetization

3445. SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has failed to refund the amount of cancelled rail tickets after demonetisation through banks even after lapse of almost four months;

(b) if so, whether the Railways shall pay interest on money held by it for more than 15 days;

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

(d) the time schedule worked out to clear all pending refunds to customers?

Holiday Homes

3446. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT

शहरी विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the holiday homes and touring officers hostels/guest houses in the country and their capacity, location and State-wise;

(b) the details of the holiday homes and touring officers hostels/guest house which are covered through online booking, location and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government keeps some of the rooms outside the online booking system;

(d) if so, the details thereof, holiday home-wise and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to establish more new holiday homes/guest houses in the country?

New Lines/Gauge Conversion

†3447. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:
SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new railway lines commissioned across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, zone-wise along with the Rate of Return of such lines during the said period;

(b) the details of the narrow gauge lines converted into broad gauge lines across the country during the said period, zone-wise;

(c) the number of proposals of converting narrow gauge lines into broad gauge lines that are pending with the Government as on date, zone-wise along

with the time by which such proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government;

(d) whether the underutilisation of funds have been reported by the Ministry of Railways in commissioning of new railway lines or conversion of narrow gauge lines into broad gauge lines during the said period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

New Railway Lines in Telangana

†3448. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to lay new rail lines in the backward regions of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether any survey has been conducted/proposed to be conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of budgetary provisions made, if any, in the current financial year for laying/survey of new rail lines in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

Station Redevelopment Plan

3449. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has short-listed 2 stations to be brought under the Station Redevelopment Plan of the Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the redevelopment projects are to be taken up under the Swiss Challenge Method and the successful bidders will have the right for commercial exploitation of the land at the station for a period of 45 years and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Kottayam Railway Station is also under redevelopment programme and if so, the details thereof?

Grameen Dak Sevaks

†3450. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:
SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ
SAHU:

Will the Minister of
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of postal circles in the country and the number of GPOs, SPOs and EDBOs functioning under these circles alongwith number of these post offices located in rural and urban regions separately;

(b) the number of post offices manned by Grameen Dak Sevaks (GDSs) State/UT-wise alongwith the details about the monthly salary of the GDS;

(c) whether Grameen Dak Sevaks (GDSs) are eligible for pension like other Government employees and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to constitute any

Committee to look into the salary structure and other service matters of Grameen Dak Sevaks and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said committee has submitted its said report and if so,

the salient features of the said report; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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