

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Monday, March 27, 2017/Chaitra 6, 1939 (Saka)

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

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

Total Number of Questions — 20

Child Labour

†*341. SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons accused/
reportedly responsible for employing child
labourers in the country during the last
three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of such persons against
whom action has been taken along with
the outcome thereof;

(c) the number of persons against whom

action has not been taken along with the
reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken
by the Government to prevent child labour
in the country?

Inclusion in ST List

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

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS
जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals from States for
granting Scheduled Tribes (ST) status to
different communities are pending with the
Union Government and if so, the details
thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-
wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Government proposes to change the procedure for granting ST status and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has now put on hold a plan to change the criteria and procedure for inclusion of communities in the ST list and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Government is likely to take a final decision in the matter?

Export Performance

*343. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the value of Indian exports in terms of both rupees and US dollars, respectively in the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and in the current financial year, so for;

(b) the details of commodities facing downturn in exports and the reasons for slowdown; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote the exports?

Evaluation of Educational Institutions

†*344. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up or is likely to set up mechanism for evaluation of the educational institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made arrangements to rank various universities/ educational institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the top-ranked Universities/educational institutions among the various educational institutions in the country, State/UT-wise?

Contractual Workers

*345. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has allowed various organisations including the Food Corporation of India to hire contractual workers, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this matter was referred to the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board(CACLB);

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made by CACLB in this regard; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken into consideration the recommendations made by CACLB and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds to Universities

†*346. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to various universities including Kachchh University in Gujarat by the Government during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and University-wise;

(b) the number of posts of lecturers, senior lecturers, readers and professors sanctioned by University Grants Commission in various universities of Gujarat; and

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds for organising special training classes and skill development programmes in the State and if so, the details thereof?

Smart Schools

†*347. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various States, including Uttar Pradesh for setting up of smart schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has accorded administrative and financial approval to these proposals and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be accorded approval?

Facilities to Tribals

*348. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps have been taken for the welfare and protection of tribals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in the absence of adequate banking facilities, the tribals are coerced to depend mainly on money lenders and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a large number of tribals are engaged in cultivation and most of them are landless and practise shifting cultivation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to help them in adopting modern technology/methods of cultivation; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to help the unemployed and the underemployed tribals in finding secondary sources of earning?

Discovery of Old Pottery

*349. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Department have discovered 4000 year old Ochre Coloured Pottery copper related evidences during their excavations recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these discoveries are a clear evidence that the Indian Culture during that period was very scientific and if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the steps taken to identify more such places in the Ganga-Yamuna fertile base of the country?

Revival of Sick MSMEs

*350. SHRI J. C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been closed down in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of workers affected along with the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

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

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

National Master Plan for Manufacturing Clusters

*351. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to devise a National Master Plan for the manufacturing clusters in the country and if so, the details thereof including its main aims and objectives;

(b) whether the Government has set up a Committee to finalise a comprehensive Master Plan in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government;

(c) whether the Government is also assessing the big projects including the Sagarmala and the upcoming industrial corridor projects to ensure their synchronization with this Master Plan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote manufacturing sector under the 'Make in India' for creating millions of jobs in the country?

Export of Foodgrains

*352. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of foodgrains exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise including the United Arab Emirates (UAE);

(b) whether India is considering special farms and infrastructure for foodgrain exports to UAE and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any agreement has been executed in this regard between the two countries and if so, the details thereof?

Wages of Mid Day Meal Workers

*353. SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that wages of Mid Day Meal (MDM) workers differ from State to State and if so, the details thereof along with the wages given to MDM workers across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the wages of MDM workers; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring Private Public Partnership mode in MDMs in all States so as to ensure a better delivery of service and if so, the details thereof?

Export of Coffee

*354. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of coffee exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and country-wise along with the revenue generated therefrom during the period;

(b) whether the Government has any data regarding the prices of coffee in the international and domestic markets;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the said period, year-wise and country-wise; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of coffee?

Global Ranking on Ease of Doing Business

*355. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI ANANTKUMAR
HEGDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target to improve India's Global ranking for Ease of Doing Business and if so, the details thereof;

(b) India's current ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business ranking and the reasons for low ranking of the country;

(c) whether the rank of India has improved on the Ease of Doing Business global index over the last one year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the ranking on the said index; and

(e) whether these steps have led to the desired outcome and if not, the reasons therefor?

Industrialisation of Backward States

*356. SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:
SHRI MOHD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has

identified industrially backward States/regions/districts in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any specific policy/scheme for these States to create a favourable investment environment and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for setting up of forest based industries in the country; and

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

Migration of Workers

†*357. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the migration of workers/unemployed youth from the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including the number of migrant workers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to prevent migration of workers/unemployed youth and contain them near their places?

Employment Opportunities for Women

†*358. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled, self-employed and unemployed women in the country at present; and

(b) whether the employment opportunities for women have increased substantially during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

Export of Meat

†*359. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing Meat Export Policy of the Government;

(b) the total quantity and value of meat and meat products exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, item and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government provides any subsidy to meat exporters;

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

(e) the amount of subsidy provided to various meat exporters during the said period, State/Ut-wise?

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Right to Education

*360. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and the extent to which it has succeeded in achieving the goals along with the difficulties being faced by the Government in implementation of the Act and measures taken/proposed to be taken to overcome the difficulties;

(b) whether the said Act has not been successful in providing quality education and if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the said Act makes it mandatory for all schools to have Government recognition to become stakeholder and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to insist on fixing teachers' accountability in public schools and learning outcome-based recognition for all schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make education simple and accessible, with a focus on quality rather than infrastructure?

NEW DELHI;
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ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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343	Part (a); line 4: <u>for</u> "for" <u>read</u> "far"
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ANOOP MISHRA
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Total Number of Questions — 230

Impact of Demonetisation on Steel Sector

3911. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonetisation has adversely affected construction and real estate business resulting in loss of revenue for Iron and Steel industry, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the problems faced by the steel industry post demonetisation;

(c) whether there is a general decline in the production and domestic supply of Iron and Steel in the country due to raw material shortage; and

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

Irregularities in FDDI

3912. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any benchmark has been set up for making appointments to the higher posts in the Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) including the post of Executive Director keeping in view the status of FDDI as an academic institution and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the faculties at FDDI are not as per the norms of UGC for degree courses and teaching UG and PG students and if so, the details thereof along with the authority under which all such posts have been allowed to be filled up;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered to investigate such serious lapse/irregularity and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which remedial action would be taken in this regard;

(d) the details of the qualifications as well as work experience of such officers

along with the packages and perks available to each of the Executive Director and other higher posts at FDDI;

(e) the details of provisions/rules under which FDDI is still continuing to hold examinations under Mewar University at its various campuses whereas it was reportedly agreed between FDDI and Mewar University that all activities related to examination would be undertaken at the main campus of Mewar University; and

(f) the action taken to fix the responsibility in FDDI degree issue along with the steps being taken to solve the said issue and save the lives of students?

Dearth of Science Teachers

3913. SHRI G.M.

SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the shortage of science teachers in various colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Production of Pig Iron

†3914. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the main producers of Pig Iron;

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(b) if so, the details thereof including any schemes formulated by the Government for the liberalization of the same;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the Pig Iron produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the import of Pig Iron has come down during the said period?

Teaching of Law in Schools

†3915. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the basic laws are being taught to the students in schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which it is being done?

Trade with Neighbouring Countries

3916. SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's plan on the Trade Center of Myanmar entry point to the ASEAN countries and the Trade-Investment policy of the Government with Bangladesh for North-East/Eastern corridors;

(b) the present status on using Bangladesh ports towards India-Bangladesh Trade Development and the commercial viability therein;

(c) whether there is any trilateral agreement amongst the neighbouring countries towards Trade-Technology Development; and

(d) if so, the details of the agreements signed in this regard during the last three years along with the present status thereof?

Functioning of Madrasas

3917. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Madrasas presently functioning in the country, State/UT-wise and their functions thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to encourage/incentivize Madrasas to promote mainstream education along with their traditional religious teachings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also proposed to set up a Committee to draw the guidelines for implementation of the programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Private Banks to Collect EPF Payments

3918. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to permit private banks to collect Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) payments from the subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

School Dropouts

†3919. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of the number of children belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes dropping out from the schools before completing the required education;

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

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Teaching Hindi in Private Universities

†3920. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of private universities are not showing interest in teaching Hindi subject and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are a number of private universities in the country presently but only a few are having Hindi departments;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for making the study and teaching of Hindi as per the prescribed norms in the private universities in the country; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to promote the use of Hindi in the official work?

Financial Assistance to NGOs

3921. SHRIMATI APARUPA
PODDAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government keeps track of the different Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Cultural Organisations working in the field of preserving and promoting Indian Heritage, art and culture of various forms;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds provided to such organizations under the 'Scheme for Financial Assistance to Cultural organizations with National Presence' during the last three years, State/UT-wise and Organisation-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received or demanded utilization certificate from any of these organizations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to review and amend the criteria of spending 3 crores in last 5 years to be eligible to get financial assistance under the 'Scheme for Financial Assistance to

Cultural Organisations with National Presence' and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has sanctioned financial assistance to organizations working in the same way but at the State level who are promoting Indian art and culture in smaller volume and if not, the reasons therefor?

Dance and Music Universities

†3922. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Arts and Music Universities and colleges are functioning only in Rajasthan which are assisted or operated by the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Union Government provided assistance to the State Government in this regard;

(d) if not, State-wise, location-wise details of the Universities and colleges being run solely or in affiliation with the States, Union Government or autonomous bodies in the country; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up new Arts and Music colleges in the country to encourage the cultural activities and their originality intact and if so, the details thereof?

Diversion of PF Fund

3923. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that PF money cannot be expended for any purpose other than the payment to individual members and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Provident Fund money has been reportedly diverted for setting up of a Senior Citizens Welfare Fund despite strong resistance from the EPFO Trustees; and

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

Anti-ragging Regulations

3924. ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has amended the anti-ragging regulation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the students could henceforth be expelled for ethnic, regional, linguistic insults on campuses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Water Taxi Project

3925. DR. C.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch Yamuna water taxi project to ferry tourists and commuters

from Wazirabad in North Delhi to Palla(Fatehpur Jat) and Delhi to Agra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said water Taxi is likely to be operational; and

(d) the total cost of the project along with the funds allocated and released in this regard?

Drilling of Oil and Gas

†3926. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many private companies are drilling oil and gas without permission and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken/being taken by the Government against the erring companies, company-wise?

Arbitration Cases of Oil Field Disputes

3927. SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has approached the Government for resolving oil field disputes with contractors/companies and also given certain suggestions for improving the dispute redressal mechanism to minimize incidence of arbitration cases;

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

(c) the details and current status of cases of oil field disputes pending with arbitrators; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to resolve such cases in a time-bound manner?

Programme Undertaken by IITs

3928. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have undertaken programme called Quality Improvement Programme and Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme to train teachers of engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) whether any teachers from engineering colleges of various States including Telangana have been trained by IITs under the above or any other programme;

(d) if yes, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the above training is expected to help in improving the quality of teaching in engineering colleges and research?

Education on Electoral Process

3929. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the Election Commission regarding introducing electoral education in secondary level school education;

(b) if so, the status of the said proposal;

(c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by when electoral learning is likely to be introduced as part of the curriculum?

Welfare of Landless Agricultural Labourers

3930. SHRI Y.V. SUBBARREDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per 2011 Census, Andhra Pradesh is the third largest State in the country which has landless agricultural labourers to the tune of 1,69,67,754;

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

(c) the details of welfare schemes being implemented for these labourers with physical targets set and achieved during each of the last three years, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is paying special attention on these labourers in the light of bifurcation of the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Death Claims

3931. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) proposes to settle PF money claimed after death of an employee within seven days from 20 days at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the death cases claims will be given top priority and officers in charge at all EPF offices will personally monitor such claims on day-to-day basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Massive Online Open Courses

3932. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch a web portal named 'Swayam' Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCS) platform with a view to offering various online courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Preservation of Taj Mahal by Mud Therapy

3933. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mud therapy is being given to marbles in Taj Mahal, Agra to remove black and yellow spots on the marble surface and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the duration for which this procedure has been used for Taj Mahal and the outcome in conservation of the monuments?

New Education Policy

†3934. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed New Education Policy is being formulated to decide role of the students in nation building according to the requirements of the country and to curb their foreign migration and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated to remove shortage of schools, buildings, facilities, teachers and subject teachers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the budget earmarked for the purpose?

National Higher Education Campaign

†3935. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to open colleges under the National Higher Education Campaign;

(b) if so, the number of colleges proposed to be opened during the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government is considering to formulate any scheme in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Adverse Comment of NITI Aayog

3936. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has made adverse remarks on PSU oil companies about huge expenditure of Government money on diversification of non-strategically important areas and to expand their private capacity;

(b) if so, the details of such companies along with the discrepancies found in investment; and

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

Sites for New Universities

3937. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the places for the purpose of proposed establishment of some universities in the country during the next academic year; and

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

Quality of School Textbooks

3938. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

SHRIMATI P.K.

SREEMATHI TEACHER:

SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to evaluate the quality of text books of private publishers prescribed by CBSE affiliated schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this is likely to ensure that the books are in consonance with the National Curriculum Framework and if so, the details thereof?

Documentation and Dissemination of Research Results in Anthropology

3939. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assistance to State Governments, Institutions and Organisations for Documentation and

Dissemination of Research Results in the Field of Anthropology Scheme is yet to be implemented by the Anthropological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the salient features of the scheme, the amount of funds sanctioned for the same; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in implementation of the said scheme along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Functions of MSEFC

3940. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up the Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (MSEFC) to redress the delayed payment grievances of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, if so, the details thereof including its powers and functions, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more MSEFC in the country, if so, the details thereof including vacancies likely to be filled up therein, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of cases referred to MSEFCs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the number of appeals filed under Section 19 of the MSME Act, on the decisions of MSEFCs during the said period?

Development of Trade and Commerce

3941. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any new initiatives and innovative projects for the overall development of Trade and Commerce in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the performance thereof indicating profit/loss of the companies for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and till the 3rd quarter of 2016-17;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out any strategy to balance our imports and exports according to supply and demand to ensure independence on commerce and trade activities; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

Housing Scheme for Mine Workers

†3942. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to provide housing facilities for mine workers in the country including Rajasthan;

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

(c) the number of dwelling units proposed to be constructed in each State; and

(d) the details of the loan amount likely to be provided for the aforesaid purpose, State/UT-wise?

Industrial Corridors

3943. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the industrial corridors being developed by using the funds of Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for these projects indicating the cities being developed thereunder and the progress made so far, corridor-wise;

(c) whether any proposals have been received by the Government from various quarters to include more cities under these industrial corridors; and

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

Disaster Management in Schools

3944. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA: SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has set up an emergency

response mechanism like National Disaster Response Force for schools across the country to deal with emergency situations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a set of guidelines have been issued to all concerned to deal with the state of emergency and safety precautions and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the schools have been recommended to have CCTV installed and in working order and if so, the percentage of schools with CCTV facilities in the country; and

(d) the time by when these CCTVs are likely to be installed in all the schools?

Functioning of AICTE

3945. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to improve the functioning of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in the light of the reported deteriorating standards of professional technical education in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being considered to make a transparent mechanism at AICTE for recognition and monitoring of private institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Tribal Right in FDI

3946. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases of investments on industries and the bilateral MoU agreements in the country, between the Government and private investors are against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) Act, 2007 and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) if so, whether the Government did not have reports on the violation of the tribal protection before signing the MoU and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the compensation claims submitted along with the details of compensation received by the investors so far under Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)?

Lack of Uniformity in Courses

3947. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is no uniformity in the Indian credit system as well as syllabus and course structure in universities and it harms the interests of students wishing to apply for programmes after graduation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to take any action to evolve uniform norms and standards for all universities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Teacher Training Institutes

3948. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented/proposes to implement new initiatives and innovative methods for the development of School Education in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount spent during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the list of functional Teacher Training Institutes and Research Centres established for enhancing/overall development of school education in the country; and

(d) whether the Government has chalked out any strategy to involve PSUs, NGOs, Non Profit Organisations and foreign agencies in the development of School Education System in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Facilities in IITs

3949. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current details of availability of infrastructure facilities and administrative staff in each of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) as on date, IIT-wise separately;

(b) the funds allocated and spent on IITs during the last three years, IIT-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of students admitted during the said period, course-wise and IIT-wise; and

(d) the extra efforts taken by the Government to maintain the standards of education and infrastructure in the new IITs at par with the older established ones?

Heavy School Bags

†3950. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Academy of Paediatrics has suggested that children should not carry school bags weighing more than ten per cent of their body weight to avoid long term health problems and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the students of both Government and private schools in the country have to carry heavy bags to the schools; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Tribal Art and Craft

3951. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running programme and schemes to protect and conserve tribal art and craft in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to preserve and promote traditional tribal heritage and culture in the country?

Innovation Hubs

†3952. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms prescribed by the Government for selecting good universities for extending of total assistance to make innovation hubs; and

(b) whether the Government is considering to implement the Prime Minister's scholarship programme in higher education and if so, the details thereof including the Institutions presently covered and which are proposed to be covered under the scholarship scheme?

Extension of Time to Complete M.Phil and Ph.D

3953. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give additional time to women and persons with disabilities to complete their

M.Phil and Ph.D with an aim to promote participation in research work; and

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

Discussion on Tribal Issues

3954. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Tribal Carnival was organized in Delhi recently;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether high level discussions on tribal related issues including implementation of Forest Rights Act and Panchayats Extension in Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act were also held during the said carnival; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-Teaching Duties of Teachers

3955. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken the cognizance of the report of the National University of Educational Planning and Administration that teachers in urban areas spend 17 of 224 days of work doing non-academic work and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued directive to its affiliate schools not to engage teachers in activities other than those

of teaching, professional enhancement, conduct of examination and evaluation etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBSE Circular has that the teachers in affiliated schools should not be engaged in such ministerial activities as the plying of transport and running of canteens etc. and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Film Tourism

3956. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recognized the potential of film tourism in the development of tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage film tourism in the country and the extent of success achieved therefrom so far;

(c) whether India has signed MoU/ agreement with various countries to develop film tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the various States including Maharashtra regarding publicity and promotion of tourism based projects including documentary films and TV commercials; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

Memorial on Morarji Desai

3957. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:
SHRI C.R. PATIL:
SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received request/proposal from the State Government of Gujarat for paying compensation to Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust towards the land acquired for the memorial of former Prime Minister, Late Shri Morarji Desai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto including the reasons for delay if any, in taking action in this regard;

(c) whether the Government had constituted a Concept Committee to develop suitable memorial on the Samadhi of Late Shri Morarji Desai named as Abhay Ghat and if so, the details of the action taken thereon; and

(d) the action taken by the Government so far to acquire land for such memorial?

Insurance Scheme for Small Tea Garden Workers

3958. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has sought the Government's approval for modifying an insurance scheme meant for workers at small tea gardens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the workers at small tea gardens would be eligible to apply for the accident insurance scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the owners of tea gardens would also be eligible for insurance under the said proposal and if so, the details thereof?

Non-Governmental Organisations

‡3959. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number and names of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) operating under the Ministry in the country including in Chhattisgarh and the details of the financial assistance provided to them during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the schemes under which the said financial assistance has been provided;

(c) the State-wise details of the NGOs which have been found to be involved in various irregularities and the actions taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such irregularities?

School Dropouts in Jammu and Kashmir

‡3960. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the declining trend in the number of students taking admissions from Middle level to secondary level in various States including Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jammu & Kashmir;

(c) the present status of the National Secondary education campaign to facilitate the secondary education for all; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote the number of admission seekers at secondary level in the schools throughout the country?

Enrolment of the Disadvantaged in Higher Education

3961. SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is finding it difficult to ensure sustained enrolment of socially disadvantaged students in higher education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a sharp dip in the rate of growth in enrolment of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) students in higher education over the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government so that universities can take affirmative action to retain them?

Export of MSME Products

3962. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total exports made by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government has identified the areas which has registered decline in exports;

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

(d) the corrective steps taken/planned by the Government to increase export of MSME products?

Grading System for Professors

3963. SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to come up with a grading system of the professors in all central universities under New Education Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the parameters fixed by the Government for this gradation?

Tribal University

†3964. SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from various State Governments including Uttar Pradesh for setting up of tribal universities;

(b) if so, the status of the said proposals; and

(c) if not, whether in view of their tribal populations, the Government is likely to set up tribal universities in certain States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Closure of University

†3965. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:
SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total universities closed in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that CMJ University situated in Meghalaya has been closed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make the degrees of those students valid who have received the

degrees from the said universities before its closure and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the students and resolve the problems faced by the students due to the closure of Universities?

Exploration of Natural Gas

3966. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Focus Energy Limited (FEL) is doing exploration of natural gas at Ramgarh in Rajasthan near Pakistan border;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions of the allocation of the said Block;

(c) whether FEL provides/proposes to provide gas to the Power Plant at Ramgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are huge surplus gas reserves and FEL intend to lay pipeline to take/supply Gas outside Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with any proposal under consideration of the Government to lay Natural Gas grid to connect major cities of Rajasthan particularly Western Rajasthan?

Rising Cost of Education

3967. SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that rising cost of education has become a major cause of worry for parents and students in the country;

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

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government to check the high cost of education in universities and technical educational institutions in the country, at present?

Programmes to Promote Local Dialects

3968. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programmes are being taken up to promote literature in local dialects of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the dialects covered/proposed to be covered under these programmes?

Forest Right Committees

†3969. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States wherein Gram Sabhas have constituted/have not constituted Forest Rights Committees under The Scheduled Tribes and Other

Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 till date;

(b) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for early constitution of these committees in those States where gram sabhas have not constituted the said committees; and

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

Exemptions for Start-ups

3970. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign companies that have applied for establishing start-up including the number of companies which have sought mandatory exemption from 30% local sourcing in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(b) whether it is fact that the Ministry has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance to raise tax holiday from three years to seven years for start-ups the said response of the Ministry of Finance thereto; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government including exemption from 30% local sourcing for foreign start-ups to boost investment in start-ups?

Schools for Tribals

†3971. DR. BANSHILAL
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL
AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schools including Eklavya Model Residential Aawasiya Schools for tribal people established in the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more schools in the tribal areas;

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

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide high standard education to the tribal students in the country?

Inclusion of IIITDM

3972. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to include any of the Indian Institutes of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), along with the other Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country managed by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the expenditure for the operationalization of IIITDM, Kurnool is incurred from the Plan funds of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign Companies in Steel Sector

3973. ADV. CHINTAMAN
NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign companies are working in Steel Development sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of investment in American dollar made by these companies, company/country-wise?

GAIL Gas Pipeline Incidents

3974. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has resumed the stalled pipeline work in many parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the GAIL proposes to take all precautions to prevent any untoward incident like the one happened last year in Andhra Pradesh from its pipeline; and

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

Vegetarian Courses in Hotel Management

3975. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand from vegetarian families with orthodox traditions to make available opportunities for their children in hotel management courses by giving the option of 'Learning Vegetarian only';

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

(c) whether the Indian Heritage Hotel Association (IHHA) and some other groups representing hotels have approached the Government urging it to run vegetarian only degree programmes in some hotel management institutes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received a number of online petitions in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

PNG Network

3976. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide PNG connection in all small/medium and major cities/towns including Madurai City of Tamil Nadu, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of City Gas Distribution network including Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the

country and the number of households/ industrial units covered in each of the cities under this network, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals/demands from various States for increasing PNG coverage in their States if so, the details thereof along with upcoming Geographical Areas identified for development of CGD network, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target to cover every rural/urban household/industrial units under PNG network across the country in a time bound manner and prepared a roadmap for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the achievement made in this regard, State/UT-wise?

ZED Scheme

3977. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government to provide financial assistance to MSMEs during the last three years;

(b) the objectives and parameters to provide financial assistance under Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) scheme; and

(c) the number of applications received and financial assistance provided to MSMEs under the scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise?

School of Planning and Architecture

3978. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government including Maharashtra has submitted any proposal to establish a new School of Planning and Architecture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposals are under active consideration of the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the approval for establishing the said institutions is likely to be given?

Construction around Monuments

3979. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant permission for the construction work for the benefit of the people near a prohibited area of the Monuments across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the kind of construction works proposed to be allowed near the monuments; and

(c) the total number of monuments presently prohibited for undertaking construction work across the country, State/UT-wise?

Exploitation of Labourers in BHEL

†3980. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of exploitation of labourers working in various institutions including Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL), New Delhi;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the modification in labour laws in view of the said labour problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Book Trust

3981. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Trust (NBT) proposes to bring out a dozen books in many languages including Sanskrit by next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NBT also proposes to launch a Book on Mahatma Gandhi in the coming months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Awareness Drive for School Dropouts

†3982. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to initiate awareness drive for the dropout students;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Elementary Education

†3983. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the children in all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh are being provided elementary education;

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

(c) if not, whether the Government has prepared a scheme for the children who are not going to the school and if so, the details thereof?

Intellectual Property Rights

3984. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation on capacity building, Human Resource Development and awareness generation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights and if so, the details thereof, country-wise including the number of cases of patents pending abroad;

(b) whether there is a need for recognising the importance of modernisation of Intellectual Property Offices in the country and if so, the schemes implemented by the Union Government for Modernisation and Strengthening of Intellectual Property Offices;

(c) whether there is a proposal to amend all the legislations related to patents, designs, trademarks and geographical indications to comply with India's International obligations under the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS); and

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

No Detention Policy

3985. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has sought the views of the Ministry of Law and Justice with regard to abolition of no detention system in schools and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that NCERT had suggested not to scrap the no detention system which is giving effective results in controlling the dropping out from school education; and

(c) if so, the stand of the Government in this regard and reaction thereto?

Nursery Schools

3986. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed the State Governments to start nursery classes in all the Government schools with better facilities to meet the increased demand for nursery admissions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of fund earmarked for the purpose along with the State/UT selected for the purpose;

(c) the time by which these classes are likely to be started; and

(d) whether the Government has assessed the lack of human and infrastructure resources required for nursery education in Government schools and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Production of Spices

†3987. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of spices produced every year in the country;

(b) the percentage of produced spices exported and the percentage of spices released separately for domestic consumption during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the quantity of spices released for domestic consumption is sufficient to fulfil the requirement of spices for the local consumers;

(d) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the demand of domestic market for consumption of spices for local consumers; and

(e) the procedure adopted for making balance between the demand in local market for domestic consumption and demand in foreign market?

Decline in Coffee Production

3988. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coffee Board has predicted an 8 per cent decline in coffee production for the 2016-17 season, due to erratic/ deficit rains in Western Ghat States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the emergence of pests such as the White Stem Borer (WSB) is hurting coffee production and has been a major cause of concern for growers in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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(d) the estimated output of Robusta and Arabica variety of coffee for 2016-17 and whether crop size is likely to shrink as compared to 2015-16 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government expects dip in coffee exports with the lower output in 2016-17 and if so, details thereof and the quantum of coffee exported during the last three years ?

New Measures to assess Learning Outcomes

3989. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to tweak the Right to Education Act to include definitions of learning outcomes for classes I to VIII and if so, the details thereof including the timeline kept for the same;

(b) whether it is also true that if implemented, this could lead to revision of examination systems followed by different school education boards and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to allow schools in this regard to ascertain learning skills more accurately and take corrective steps without delay and if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of Safdarjung Tomb

†3990. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wall adjoining pavilion in the western part of Safdurjung Tomb

situated in Delhi is in a dilapidated condition;

(b) whether the Safdarjung Tomb is maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI);

(c) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Government to preserve this historical heritage structure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Automation Impact on Jobs

†3991. SHRI NATUBHAI
GOMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of employing robots to dispose of office works has been commenced in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether thousands of employees are likely to be rendered jobless as a result thereof;

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

(d) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme for such employees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Rules for Upgradation of Schools

†3992. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure for upgradation of Primary school to Middle school and Middle school to Secondary level;

(b) the State-wise details of the number of Primary and middle schools upgraded during the last three years in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote the education by relaxing the approved criteria for upgradation of schools situated in SC/ST/OBC approved criteria dominated areas; and

(d) if so, the details of the approved criteria and rules which are proposed to be relaxed?

Proposal for School Buildings

†3993. PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received by the Government from the Maharashtra State for constructing school buildings that are sanctioned by the State Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for delay in considering the said proposals and the time by which they are likely to be considered by the Government?

Setting up of Special Tourism Zones

3994. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Special Tourism Zones in partnership with State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for this purpose, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether these special zones will be anchored as Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) that will be set up in partnership with the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard?

Make in India Programme

†3995. SHRI P. KUMAR:
SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the achievements made under the Make in India Programme in the country, if so, the details thereof including the methodology adopted in this regard;

(b) the funds allocated, released and spent by the Government for promotion of the said programme;

(c) whether the indigenous and foreign companies have shown interest to set up industries under the said programme in the country, if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, company-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated or is formulating any action plan for the expansion of the Make in India programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote investments under the said programme in the country?

Expansion of EFP Coverage

3996. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made or proposes to make it mandatory for all the units with more than 10 workers to provide PF cover to ensure social security to workers;

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

(c) the steps being taken for its implementation and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the additional number of employees likely to be benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise?

Online Entrance Examinations

3997. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is also planning to conduct entrance examinations

to various professional and other courses online only;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to avoid duplication of various entrance examinations in the country?

Inclusion of Places in Buddha and Gandhi Circuit

†3998. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to include Rampurva, Lauriya, Chankigarh and Nandgarh in Balmiki, Napar constituency in Buddha and Gandhi circuit ;

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

(c) the details of tourist spots connected with Buddha circuit and Gandhi circuit in Bihar?

Returning of Artefacts

3999. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to bring back/return of the Amaravati Buddhist Sculptures/artefacts kept in the Museum at London and Chennai; and

(b) the initiatives taken by the Union Government with British Government in the matter?

Special Package for Hilly States

4000. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create employment opportunities by granting special package for setting up industries in hilly States/regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose during the current year, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the hilly States in this regard and if so, the details and the status thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh?

Preservation of Vanishing Art Forms

4001. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
SHRI BHANU PRATAP
SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken initiatives to identify and preserve rituals, cultural traditions, arts, literature, folk arts and songs of rural and tribal areas which are dying out and vanishing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and the steps taken by the Government to protect these cultural traditions folk arts, songs and literature;

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

so, the details and the outcome thereof and the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to open Regional offices/Cultural Centres/auditoriums/museums for promotion and preservation of various cultural folk arts, literature and tradition in the country; and

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal to provide assistance to active working groups in the field of music and promote the importance of culture and language among youth and if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken in this regard?

Import of Edible Oil

4002. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of maximum and minimum import duties permitted in the rules laid down by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) with respect to the import of edible oils and the import duties being charged currently;

(b) whether the import of edible oils is increasing steadily due to the excessive rebate in their imports and if so, the details thereof along with the other reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of edible oils imported during the last three years along with the import duties charged thereon, year-wise; and

(d) whether the yields of oilseeds of the farmers have been adversely affected due to exceedingly low import duty and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Tourism in Bundelkhand

†4003. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to boost tourism in Bundelkhand;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop Bundelkhand circuit like Ayodhya, Mathura and Gorakhpur circuit;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

FDI from China

4004. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

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

(a) what is the value of FDI received by India from China during the last one year;

(b) whether there has been any progress being made based on the MoUs and agreements signed between India and China during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Participation of Girls in Education

4005. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to examine reasons for low participation of girls in education and suggest ways to reduce gender disparity to achieve better gender parity index in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the current status of enrolment of girls across the country at primary, upper primary, secondary education and senior secondary levels are well below the stipulated standards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Training under PMRY

4006. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee has been constituted to supervise the training imparted for promoting rural entrepreneurship under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojna Programme and skill India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the training so imparted is well-tested;

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

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

Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops

4007. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR: ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing a scheme called "Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops/Sector";

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with its salient features and the plantation crops covered under the scheme, State-wise and crop-wise;

(c) the details of total funds allocated for this scheme till date along with the funding pattern of the scheme; and

(d) whether the Government has selected any regions/States for implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of MSME Sector

4008. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA: SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate an integrated policy for promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the credit guarantee/cash credit limit to small and medium enterprises to encourage the SME sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to create an MSME data bank and if so, the details and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for promotion of MSME sector in the country?

Teaching of Sanskrit Language

4009. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of students opting Sanskrit language have reduced considerable during last ten years in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of Sanskrit teachers has also reduced considerably in the last decade due to lack of job opportunities; and

(c) whether the Government is likely to consider reviving the education of Sanskrit language in schools and colleges?

Protected Area around Bhangarh Temple

4010. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not been able to demarcate protected area around the Bhangarh temple even after 66 years of declaring it as a protected monument; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Investment Agreements with Foreign Countries

4011. SHRI SULTAN AHMED:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enter into agreements with foreign countries especially with the UAE for mutual investments particularly in the area of infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof including those in brownfield and greenfield investments, country-wise;

(c) whether these agreements are facing bureaucratic capture and frequent changes in tax laws and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Establishment of New Planetariums

4012. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposals for establishment of new Planetariums at Gopalpur, Baripada, and Jeypore of Odisha are pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared?

Extension of Delhi Public Library

†4013. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government libraries functioning in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) the annual expenditure incurred on these libraries during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme of modernisation of Delhi Public library and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up any extension branch of Delhi Public Library; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Three Language Formula in CBSE

4014. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to extend three language formulae scheme till class X in the schools affiliated to CBSE;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government does away with foreign language option for students and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to appoint teachers for all 22 languages in the Constitution for proper implementation of the scheme?

Objectives of Swadesh Darshan Scheme

4015. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

SHRI KESINENI NANI:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objective and salient features of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme along with the extent to which the objectives have been achieved by the Government;

(b) whether this scheme is exclusively for the development of heritage circuit and if so, the details thereof along with the details of projects/tourist circuits developed under this scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the said scheme during the last three years, State and year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from State Governments/public representatives regarding the inclusion of more places under this scheme and if so, the details thereof and the status of such proposals?

Vocational Training

4016. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed/promoted any module to give vocational training to the students of Political Science in the country; and

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

Transfer of Architecture Institutions

4017. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to transfer all architecture educational institutions under the Urban Development Ministry lately;

(b) if so, the details as well as the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Urban Development is likely to be sufficiently and adequately staffed and equipped to take over the said responsibility;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has received any objections in this regard from the professional body or the Ministry;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there are any more plans of this nature to divert certain areas to specialised Ministries; and

(g) if so, the details thereof as well as the reasons therefor?

Special Study Centres of IGNOU

4018. DR. ARUN KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has established Special Study Centres for the benefit of disabled, Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST), women, Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and other

minority community students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that IGNOU is cancelling/suspending operations of many such Special Study Centres without any prior notice causing a lot of difficulties to the said disadvantaged students; and

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

Trade between India and Canada

4019. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total trade carried out between India and Canada during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any meeting has been held recently between India and Canada to expand bilateral trade and investment between the two countries and expedite the conclusion of Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) and Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA); and

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

New Inter Colleges

4020. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any amendments in "Guidelines

for Establishing New Inter Colleges" for improved middle education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) details of key amendments and financial constraints in this regard?

Promotion of Indian Food Culture

4021. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that our country has a rich and most unique food cultures in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian food aims to balance various requirements of health of a person according to the season in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is taking any measures to promote Indian food culture to keep away the diseases of the modern day world; and

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

Database of Cultural Groups

4022. SHRIMATI ARPITA
GHOSH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any database of renowned cultural groups of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of Odissi Museum

4023. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up "Odissi Museum" at Guru Kelu Charan Odissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar; and

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

TAPI Gas Pipeline

4024. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and current status of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) trans-national gas pipeline projects including length of the gas pipeline, estimated cost, country-wise;

(b) the quantum of natural gas to be supplied to India through the pipeline and status of price negotiations with participating countries; and

(c) whether the TAPI gas pipeline would be insured from sabotage and terrorist attacks and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Inclusion of Heritage Sites in UNESCO List

†4025. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI P. KUMAR:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the heritage sites across the country which are likely to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage List;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the monuments/sites identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the sites which have already been granted heritage status by UNESCO, State/UT-wise;

(d) the criteria adopted for inclusion of heritage sites in the UNESCO World Heritage list; and

(e) whether various State Governments have requested the Union Government to identify the famous historical sites as National Heritage sites and recommend to UNESCO for declaring them as 'World Heritage Sites' and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto, State/UT-wise?

Index of Industrial Production

4026. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTALA:
SHRI ANANTKUMAR
HEGDE:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

SHRI RAMA KISHORE
SINGH:
SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
PANDA:
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Index of Industrial
Production (IIP) has registered an increase
between April to December of the current
year, if so, the details thereof and if not,
the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the said growth rate
registered an increase at 3.2 per cent
between April to December during
2015-16, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of quarterly IIP and
order book growth estimates of the
manufacturing sector during each of the last
three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government
to improve growth of IIP in all core sectors
of the country?

Financial Assistance for Remedial Coaching

4027. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants
Commission (UGC) provides financial
assistance for remedial coaching to under
graduates and post graduate students
including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled
Tribes students, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such students
including SC/ST students benefited from
the said programmes during the last three
years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether UGC is offering any
scholarship/incentives to the students for
such coaching facilities;

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

(e) the total amount of grants
sanctioned to colleges as well as central
and deemed universities during the last
three years and current year?

Allocation to Crude Oil

4028. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level meeting has
been convened by petroleum secretary for
allocation of crude oil for the year
2015-16;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
decisions taken in the matter;

(c) whether Oil and Natural Gas
Corporation Limited has been directed
not to sell crude oil to private refiners; and

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

Steel Production, Export and Imports

4029. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:
SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:
SHRI BODHSINGH
BHAGAT:

SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steel production and
its consumption during each of the last
three years and the current year;

(b) the details of various types of steel
imported and foreign exchange spent
thereon during the said period, country-
wise;

(c) the details of various types of steel
exported and foreign exchange earned
therefrom during the said period, country-
wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government
to increase steel production, consumption,
export and reduce steel imports in the
country?

Demand Led Trained Workforce

4030. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
formulated/proposes to formulate
schemes to create demand-led trained
workforce and if so, the details thereof
along with aims and objectives of such
schemes;

(b) whether the Government
proposes to outsource basic training for
such workforce in an institute of their choice
and if so, the details thereof along with

modalities worked out by the Government
in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government proposes
to engage qualified institute for the
purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Migration for Employment

4031. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:
SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware
of migration of large number of educated
persons to various countries for
employment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the
Government to stem such migration and
provide employment opportunities to the
educated youth in the country itself;

(c) whether the Government has any
plans to incentivise educated youth to
work in India instead of emigrating;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of new jobs
created during the last three years, sector-
wise?

Sea Food Industry

4032. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of growth registered by
the Indian sea food industry during the
last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the details of sea food production are not available with the Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Cost of Petroleum Products

4033. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of petroleum products in the country is higher in comparison with neighbouring countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to give cash subsidy on diesel to farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to provide diesel at lower cost to the farmers?

Money Spent on Research

4034. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds of the Ministry being spent on research in various institutions in the country;

(b) the details of the funds out of the above total allocated funds earmarked specifically for research in Central Universities in the last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry has thought of an action plan to give emphasis on 'good research' in the ensuing years by way of supporting with funds to the research institutions and universities across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Labour Laws by Private Construction Companies

†4035. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of violation of labour laws by the private construction companies/contractors during the last three years;

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

(c) the action taken by the Government against these private construction companies/contractors for safeguarding the interests of the labourers; and

(d) whether the Government has proposed any other better alternative to implement the labour laws effectively and if so, the details thereof?

International Festival to Showcase Culture of NER

4036. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organize International festival to showcase the culture of North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

CNG for Vehicles

†4037. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote use of CNG in public transport vehicles including two wheelers across the country and roadmap prepared to provide CNG in all cities in order to reduce pollution in the cities;

(b) whether the Government has set any target to provide CNG across the country in various public transport vehicles including two wheelers and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve the pollution control measures by promoting CNG across the country and achievement made in this regard;

(c) the installed production and consumption of CNG in the country along with the steps taken to ensure its optimum availability in all cities, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the GAIL/Indraprastha Gas Limited have set up/proposes to set up CNG filling stations in the country to meet the demand for clean fuel and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government to achieve the target fixed in this regard and the cities/villages identified for setting up CNG stations in future and the extent of success achieved therefrom and the funds sanctioned/spent thereon, State/UT-wise?

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

4038. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' scheme to promote cultural awareness among the citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including guidelines, objectives, salient features and budget allocated for the scheme;

(c) whether states have expressed their interest in being part of the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the cultural gap in the country and enhance interaction between people living in different States?

Prices of Petroleum Products

†4039. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE PATIL:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:
DR. K. KAMARAJ:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:

SHRI TAMRADHWAJ
SAHU:
SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the prices of petroleum products such as petrol, diesel, CNG, PNG, LPG, Kerosene and ATF including production/ raw material/refining cost along with taxes/ duties imposed and subsidy provided by the State and Union Government separately for making them usable along with profit/loss during the last two years and the current year, product/State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the production cost of various petroleum products is more in public sector refineries as compared to private sector refineries and if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) the reasons for separate taxes being levied on petroleum products by each State resulting in additional burden on common man along with the steps taken to adopt a uniform tax structure for petroleum products across the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any requests/representation from petroleum dealers to withdraw/reduction in the prices of petroleum products and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

(e) whether the recent increase in the non-subsidised LPG price is likely to affect those who surrendered their LPG subsidy if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in favour of such consumers;

(f) the details of study conducted about the impact of the consistent increase

in prices of petroleum products on poor and cascading effects on the overall prices on essential commodities and action taken thereon along with details of profit/loss incurred by Oil Marketing Companies during the said period; and

(g) whether the cost of diesel and gasoline are almost the same if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Decline in Export of Basmati Rice

4040. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of Basmati rice from the country has declined considerably since May 2014 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this decline in the said export;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resume normal exports through the Ministry and the other channels along with the outcome; and

(d) the details of other Basmati rice exporting countries who are supplying Basmati rice same as indian quality and standards?

Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO

4041. DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of World Trade Organization (WTO) along with its ratification status, country-wise including India and the benefits to the country therefrom;

(b) whether the Government has started the process to set up a National committee on Trade Facilitation in the country to coordinate and implement the TFA of WTO and if so, the details and the status thereof;

(c) whether the said TFA is likely to simplify customs regulations for cross-border movements of goods/ lead to reduction in transaction costs/ make it easier for developing countries to trade with developed nations in global markets and also to reduce red-tapism to facilitate trade by reforming customs bureaucracies and formalities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has introduced a concept note at the WTO highlighting the need for a Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in services and if so, the details and the status thereof indicating the recent developments in this regard;

(e) whether India's efforts to garner support for the proposed TFA in Services comes even as it has dragged the United States to the WTO following US's move to hike visa fees for H-1B and L-1 categories and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether India had also objected to Britain tightening norms for foreign skilled workers and if so, the details thereof?

Issue of Steel Imports at WTO

4042. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA
RAJU:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan and some other countries have dragged India to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) against certain measures taken by the Government on imports of iron and steel products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has conveyed the reasons to the WTO for these measures including imposition of minimum import price on steel products and its willingness to discuss the issue further;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to mitigate the trade tensions between India and Japan?

National B.Ed. Entrance Exam

†4043. SHRI YOGI ADITYA
NATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to organise B.Ed. entrance examination at the national level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the actions taken by the Government for organising the B.Ed. entrance examination at national level?

Quality Education in Government Schools

4044. SHRI R.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the condition of school education is abysmal due to poor teacher-student ratio and deficient standards of teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government; and

(c) whether the Government is also aware that the classes in Government schools in the country are not held regularly and if so, the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Modernisation of MSMEs

4045. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MSME sector faces acute technology /knowledge crisis and financial constraints resulting in low production and compromising on quality in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to modernize MSME sector in order to match the global quality and standard in the county;

(c) the number of MSME units in the State of Madhya Pradesh and the revenue generated by the units during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to modernize the MSME sector in the country?

Digitisation in Education Sector

4046. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for digitisation in the education sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Hostels in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†4047. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide hostels facility in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) whether the performance of the students studying in the schools under the State Government is not good at the national level examination due to poor condition of these schools; and

(c) if so, the alternative arrangement made so far by the Government and the details of the arrangement for providing better education facility to the children of labourers, farmers, small traders in the country?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Schemes for Schools

†4048. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes formulated by the Government for education at school level;

(b) the number of such schemes of the Government awaiting implementation;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has made any suggestions to formulate any action plan for the betterment of learning level; and

(d) whether the Government proposes for early implementation of all the schemes related to school education and the suggestions made by NITI Aayog and if so, the details thereof?

Higher Education Enrolment

†4049. SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has data regarding the ratio of people registering for higher education in the country and if so, the details thereof including the comparison of the country with respect to the other countries of the world in this regard; and

(b) the details of the institution/ authority accountable in this regard to enrolment in higher education?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Admission to Students of the EWS

4050. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO: SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA: SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether anyone has been benefited by the section 12(1)(c) of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2010 and if so, the statistics of the students benefited, number of schools implemented the said Act and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of admissions under the said Act is less than the mandatory level prescribed thereunder and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve enrolment of students from Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and disadvantaged groups of the society; and

(d) whether the Government has also instructed the States to maintain registry on the number of seats provided under the said Act to the children belonging to the EWS category and if so, the details and the compliance thereof, State/UT-wise ?

Formulation of Committee for Development of Steel Sector

4051. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted/proposes to constitute committees with the sole purpose of formulating codes and standards, life cycle cost analysis and sustainability, 'development of designs of various utility structures' and skill development within the steel sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any task forces have been established to increase steel usage in railways, urban development, road transport and highways and shipbuilding; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Development of KG Basin

4052. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has delayed development of its own recoveries in Krishna Godavari (KG) basin and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ONGC has lost a considerable amount of gas because of migration and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ONGC has insisted to utilise its discoveries with Reliance Industries Limited and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether ONGC proposes to buy major shares of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation of KG basin and if so, the details thereof?

Student-Teacher Ratio

†4053. DR. BHARATIBEN D.

SHYAL:

SHRI VISHNU DAYAL

RAM:

SHRI JANAK RAM:

SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students-teacher ratio needs to be improved in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of posts of teachers are lying vacant in primary schools resulting in only 49.3 per cent schools meeting the criteria of student-teacher ratio and if so, the details of student-teacher ratio and class-student ratio in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government would be able to implement Right to Education Act effectively in this manner; and

(d) if so, the schemes/programmes formulated/proposed to be formulated by the Government for this purpose?

Shale Oil and Gas Projects

4054. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are on-going shale oil and gas exploration projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with number of such projects completed so far, block-wise;

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, in coordination with Shipping Ministry, is in the process of identifying cruise circuits under Sagarmala project to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in this regard the Government is focusing more on the Western coast than the Eastern coast at a time while the Government is giving more emphasis on 'Act East Policy'; and

(d) the prospects of cruise tourism in Andhra Pradesh?

Accident in Petrol Pumps due to Retail Shops

†4057. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN

YADAV:

DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that some commercial outlets such as eating points and liquor shops are being allocated by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at various petrol pumps in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with number of accidents happened at various petrol pumps due to commercial operation and follow-up action taken to check incidents of fire at petrol pump by preventing of throwing of burning cigarette etc. into the premises of petrol pump, OMC-wise;

(c) whether the operations of such retail general shops/liquor shop at various

(c) the funds allocated and disbursed for these projects during the last three years and the current year and the achievements therefrom; and

(d) the details of guidelines laid down by the Government to evaluate the environmental impact of such explorations?

Skill Development Curriculum

4055. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH

SHINDE:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) proposes the addition of Skill Development in the curriculum of 9th and 10th standards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all the necessary clearances have been obtained in this regard;

(c) whether the necessary road map has been prepared in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any agreement has also been signed with other Ministries in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Cruise Circuit under Sagarmala Project

4056. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

petrol pumps are being carried out illegally and involvement of relatives of OMCs officials/CMD has been found and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued guidelines and framed statutory rules to control/stop such illegal operation and monitor these outlets accordingly and action taken against the officials involved therein, OMC-wise; and

(e) if so, the details and the compliance status thereof; and along with the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Hostels for Girls

†4058. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is provision of opening of hostels in educationally backward blocks under girls hostel scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for setting up girls hostels in the said areas;

(c) whether cases of dropout of girls have been reported due to non-availability of extension of hostels;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to establish extension of hostels; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be made available?

Inclusive Recruitment at IIMS

4059. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an inclusive approach while recruiting faculty at Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) because there is concern over poor Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) presence;

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

(c) whether IIMs are working towards nurturing a candidate pool that would enhance the diversity quotient, if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far?

Promotion of e-Commerce

4060. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop infrastructure facilities of e-commerce in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the existing cyber law is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the e-commerce;

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

(d) the initiatives taken by the Government to provide privacy and security in e-commerce; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote digital privacy and cyber security in the e-commerce sector?

Irregularities in Export and Import of Foodgrains

†4061. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of irregularities in export and import of various foodgrains including pulses that have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the nature of such irregularities and the loss incurred to the exchequer as a result thereof during each of the last three years along with the action taken by the Government in these cases;

(c) whether some importers have made delays in lifting the imported pulses from the ports in view of possibilities in increase of prices of pulses in domestic markets;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against them; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any positive steps to ensure better system to monitor such irregularities and complaints and if so, the details thereof?

Issues at WTO Meet

4062. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASAREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is poised to push many topics in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial conference at Argentina this year including a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding of foodgrains and discussions on TFA on services aimed to ease movement of skilled professionals across the borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the diplomats from developed nations who have opposed the Indian move have said that the negotiations on the lines proposed by India are likely to be hampered by another proposal tabled by China and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has sent or proposes to send an expert to the WTO headquarters to ensure that negotiations on food security issues and the proposed Global Services Pact are expedited and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Fake Foreign Universities

4063. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of foreign universities have lured Indian students and later on these universities have been found to be fake;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of students who have been duped and the manner in which these students have been assisted by the Government;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to verify the credentials of such foreign universities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government during the last three years to protect Indian students from seeking admission in fake foreign universities?

Insurance to LPG Consumers

4064. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the LPG consumers in the country are getting insurance coverage, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of LPG consumers and number of consumers covered with insurance in the country, Oil Marketing Companies/State/UT-wise; and

(c) the number of consumers provided insurance benefits during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Extension of ESIC and EPFO Benefits

4065. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anganwadi, Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and mid-day meal scheme workers are demanding for long to provide the benefit of ESIC and EPFO schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formed a Committee in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend benefits under ESIC and EPFO to the Anganwadi, ASHA and mid-day meal scheme workers in the country;

(d) if so, the number of persons likely to be benefited and the time by which it is likely to be implemented, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to include the unorganized sector in ESIC and EPFO schemes?

Exploration and Production of Oil and Gas Reserves

4066. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of crude oil and gas reserves available/discovery made in the Indian Ocean with United States of America along with the percentage of crude oil and gas produced by public and private sector

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) that do not have a permanent buildings in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the time by when permanent buildings will be built for such KVs in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu, State-wise and KV-wise; and

(c) the details of KVs without permanent principals in the country and the time by when the principals would be appointed, State/UT/KV-wise?

Spending of Government on R&D

4068. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the percentage of spending of Government on research and development in comparison to other developed and developing countries;

(b) whether the Government plans to increase the spending on research and development;

(c) if so, the details regarding schemes initiated for the same; and

(d) whether the Government has set any targets for research and development spending in a long run and if so, the details thereof?

companies and achievements made by them during the last three years and the current year, company/oil field/State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there are any technical challenges involved in the production of natural gas from the said reserve and if so, the concrete steps taken in this regard;

(c) the details of survey conducted/proposed to be conducted by public/private sector companies and number of exploratory oil and gas wells discovered/awarded in the country including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat along with quantum and average cost of crude oil/gas produced by the said companies, State/UT/company/oil field-wise;

(d) the steps taken to cover the pending oil royalty with oil producing companies in the country including Assam and curtail the State deficit, company-wise;

(e) the efforts made by the Government to conduct new research and technology in the area of oil and natural gas exploration including use of fracking technology to prevent damage to forest cover and possible contamination of ground water; and

(f) whether seismic survey of 26 basins are proposed to be conducted by the Government to collect accurate data for hydrocarbon fields with a view to address the concerns of the investors and first survey is proposed to be conducted in Mahanadi basin under National Seismic Programme, if so, the details thereof?

KVs without Buildings

4067. SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Wage Board for Journalists

†4069. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State Governments which have not implemented the recommendations of the Bachawat and Manisana wage boards after acceptance and notification of these recommendations by the Government;

(b) the date on which central level monitoring committee was constituted along with the achievements made by this Committee till date; and

(c) the various dates specified by the Government for setting up of special cells by the State Governments to constitute a committee for monitoring the progress of implementation, to activate the State labour enforcement system and to submit quarterly progress report to the Government?

Legal Opinion on Institutions of Eminence

†4070. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sought the opinion of the Solicitor General of India regarding formulating regulations for institutions of eminence in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also set up an expert committee in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the said institutions of eminence are likely to be set up?

Excavation Work in Nalanda

†4071. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the survey of mythological places conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India in Nalanda;

(b) whether excavation work is being carried out by ASI at identified mythological places in Nalanda;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of places where excavation is taking place; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey at Mumbai High

4072. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has started seismic survey at Mumbai High at B-157 where thousands of fishermen do fishing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the ONGC and the contracted company have prohibited fishing for 3 to 4 months at B-157 at Mumbai High and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that fisherfolk are not allowed to pass through to do fishing at neighbouring open sea;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the likely impacts on fish transporters, ice supplier and the resultant losses likely to be suffered by them; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to solve the grievance of the fishing community?

Impact of MNCs on MSMEs

†4073. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are lagging behind due to the availability of products of Multi National Companies (MNCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for decline in quality and prices of the indigenous products in comparison to the Chinese products;

(c) whether the Government has provided any assistance or taken some preventive measures to encourage and give protection to the indigenous MSMEs Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Overhaul of Higher Education

4074. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to overhaul the higher education system in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is taking any action to raise the quality of higher education including addressing the deficiencies of books and faculty members, if so, the details thereof?

Boosting Exports

†4075. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:
DR. A. SAMPATH:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of Indian exports including the merchandise exports from Labour Intensive Sectors of the country during the last three years and the current year, commodity/ sector-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of growth/decline registered in country's exports during the

said period, commodity and sector-wise along with the factors affecting the exports from the country;

(c) the details of various impediments affecting exports from the country including those raised by the Federation of Indian Export Organizations along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the impact of previous stimulus package for the sectors which are lagging behind in exports particularly Labour Intensive Sectors and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the measures taken or being taken by the Government to boost the said exports from the country including the Schemes launched for the same along with their monitoring mechanism?

EPFO Claims

†4076. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims received and lying pending in the various Employee Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) offices during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) the concrete steps taken/being taken by the Government for expeditious settlement of these pending cases in a time bound manner; and

(c) the time by which the said cases are likely to be disposed of?

Zero Tariff Bidding for CGD Network

4077. DR SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there has been instances of almost near zero tariff bidding during bidding rounds for City Gas Distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to reintroduce cross subsidies between the marketing margin and network tariff in this regard; and

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

Welfare of Tribal Students

†4078. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the facilities being provided to the students residing in residential schools located in tribal areas like safe drinking water, proper toilets, regular health checkup and nutritious food and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(b) whether cases of death of students have come to the notice/been reported for want of such facilities from the schools during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct/has conducted any enquiry and investigation in this regard;

(d) if so, the details along with the findings of such investigation/enquiry and the followup action taken by the Government; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred on computer education including qualitative education of science during the last three years in residential schools and whether the Government proposes to take help from private sector in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise?

Development of Tourism on Islands

4079. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to develop Islands and other offshore islands of the country in terms of building infrastructure, power, resorts and hotels to promote tourism in these islands;

(b) if so, the details of identified islands and geological positions of such islands along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the estimated cost involved in the development of such islands along with the time by which the said development will take place;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the status of such proposals?

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

†4080. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide education upto graduation level to the girl students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya so that the girl students of the tribal communities can get education upto graduation level after 12th;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the girl students studying in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya have to drop the education of graduation after 12th standard due to the distance of higher educational institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Inter University Collaboration

†4081. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to improve the international rankings of Indian Educational Institutions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also formulated any scheme to encourage signing agreement by Indian universities with foreign education institutions, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the collaboration of private and Government universities in research activities;

(d) whether the teachers/scholars engaged in research works are being provided incentives and the measures being taken to include the private sector in research projects;

(e) the position of the country with regards to the publication of research work done by the Universities during the last three years; and

(f) whether any proposal to set up effective monitoring mechanism in this regard is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

Crude Oil Production by ONGC

4082. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has reportedly overstated crude oil output and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether some Government agency has objected to the components which were included in the calculation of production performance and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard;

(c) the likely impact on subsidy bill for ONGC during the last three years and

the current year; and

(d) the likely implications of these over reporting of performance during the said period and the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Madrasa Buildings

4083. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grant for construction of Madrasa buildings under Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutes (IDMI) Scheme provided by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the allocation under the said scheme during the current financial year; and

(c) whether the Government schemes likely to continue to upgrade the infrastructure of Madrasas to facilitate quality improvement in education and if so, the details thereof?

Action Against People Employing Child Labour

†4084. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people employing Child labour are let off in absence of provision to punish the guilty in the existing laws to prevent child labour in the country;

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

(c) the details of the existing provisions to punish the people found employing child labour; and

(d) the details of action taken against those found involved in employing child labour during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Construction of NIT

4085. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for construction of National Institute of Technology (NITs) at Narela sub city in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Education Loan Scheme

4086. DR. K. KAMARAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any concessional education loan schemes for the students of Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and other students belonging to poor families with disabilities for study within the country and abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether interest subsidy is also available for the above loan facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities for Differently Abled Students

†4087. SHRI KANTI LAL

BHURIA:

SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fully or partially Government financed schools across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the total number of differently abled students enrolled in these schools, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether ramps have been constructed in these schools for making them easily accessible for such students and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the education for students with special needs living in villages/ rural areas deprived of high schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up hostels for such students and if so, the details thereof?

Agreement of ONGC with Petroleum Companies

4088. SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) Board has recently approved execution of farm in/farm out agreement with some of the State-owned petroleum companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC has signed Production Sharing Contract with State-owned petroleum companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue to ONGC from the said agreements?

Fake Caste Certificates

4089. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to weed out those who might have secured admission in engineering institutes on reserved seats by securing and producing fake caste certificate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which engineering colleges affiliated to the AICTE would submit the data on this subject and action proposed to be taken against students who have violated the reservation rules?

Agricultural Exports

4090. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export targets are not fixed for quantity or value of Agricultural Products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the country has the challenge to align domestic markets with international markets as exports of agricultural products can bring prosperity to the countryside and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether one per cent increase in agro exports results in inflow of a large amount in the sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the growth in agriculture is not dictated by demand of economy in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Secondary School in Sri Lanka

4091. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) to construct a new multi-ethnic tri-lingual secondary school in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said school is likely to provide opportunities to Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim students to earn in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restriction on Girls in AMU

4092. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has recently ordered that women undergraduate students would not be given access to the Maulana Azad Library, the main library in the campus;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has sought an explanation from the AMU on the issue; and

(c) if so, the response of the AMU in this regard?

Tribal Research Institutes

4093. PROF. RICHARD HAY:
SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) set up in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the aims and objectives of the said Institutes and the extent to which these Institutes have been able to meet them;

(c) the funds allocated/sanctioned by the Government and the utilisation reported therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open more such Institutes in the country and has received proposals from various States in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such proposals so far, State/UT-wise?

GAIL CSR Activities

4094. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL and Oil India Limited conducts/proposes to conduct Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in the East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh for the welfare of the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with major activities conducted as CSR and their impact on the lives of people living there; and

(c) the other projects and campaigns proposed to be undertaken under CSR along with the steps taken/being taken to step up/increase expenditure on CSR activities?

Project of Sant Nagri

4095. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:
SHRI KUNDARIYA
MOHAN BHAI
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat to develop Sant Nagari of Sabarkantha district in the State for the purpose of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the proposal;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned the project as a special case and has been requested for funds under PRASAD scheme in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the funds allocated for the proposal; and

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

Students of Kashmir

4096. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains data of the students who are residents of Kashmir and pursuing Higher Education in Kashmir or outside Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Burden on Officers

4097. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the burden on the officers working under Ministry of Labour and Employment; and

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

**Selection Process by
EDCIL**

†4098. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Educational Consultants of India Limited (EDCIL) is an undertaking of Ministry responsible for conducting selection process for the institutes of Government department;

(b) if so, the names of the institutes for which selection process was conducted by the company for appointments during the last three years and the current year and the details of the amount received by the institutes for the purpose;

(c) whether EDCIL allots work through tender process for appointment in institutes; and

(d) if so, the names of the agencies that gave tenders for every appointment during the last three years and the agencies allocated work along with the details of the amounts given to the agencies against the same?

Tenth Class Exams

4099. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that many State Governments have sought a breather of two years from Central Board of Secondary Education for making class X examination mandatory;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the request of the State Governments in this regard has been in active consideration with the CBSE; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

National Policy on Domestic Workers

4100. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame a national policy to ensure security for domestic workers or household helpers and to improve their working conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring all the unorganized sector workers under the social security schemes?

Promotion of Service Sector

4101. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Service Sector to GDP is far greater than manufacturing even though the contribution of the Government to Service Sector is almost nominal;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the role the Government has identified for itself to give a further boost to the Service Sector in future;

(c) whether the Government has any concrete plan to bring convergence between the Service Sector and the industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fake Degree Racket

4102. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that fake degree racket has been busted in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of fake degree rackets that have been busted during the last three years and the current year in the country, State-wise including Delhi; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any action to eliminate the problem of fake degrees and if so, the details thereof?

Pending RO of OMCs

4103. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:
SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol pumps functioning/allotted and proposed to be allotted to different categories of people including run by the oil companies in rural/urban/tribal areas of the country by various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three years and the current year, category/OMC/State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of petrol pumps allotted to family members of martyrs of Kargil war and 26/11 bomb blast victims under Company Owned and Company operated (COCO), State/OMC-wise;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a tribunal for the redressal of complaints related to petrol pumps and if

so, the details thereof along with the number of complaints lying pending for the said period, State/OMC-wise;

(d) the number of petrol pumps allocated by OMCs on various Highways in the country including Uttar Pradesh pending for clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change along with the efforts made by the Government to get NOC in this regard, State/OMC-wise;

(e) the number of proposals received by the Government with regard to allocation of LPG agencies and petrol pumps from various States including Uttar Pradesh during the said period and number of people allotted along with number of proposals pending and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved, State/OMC-wise;and

(f) the number of LPG agencies under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana allotted to defence personnel along with other benefits provided by the Government to defence personnel under said scheme, State/OMC-wise?

Trade with Gulf and SAARC Countries

†4104. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's trade with Gulf and SAARC countries during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether India's trade with Gulf and SAARC countries has increased

during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for boosting trade with neighbouring countries including Gulf and SAARC countries?

ASHA Project at NIOS

4105. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) project started at National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any data of the staff employed in ASHA project at NIOS in the country;

(c) whether the NIOS have finalised the ASHA staff in all the States for the ASHA project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

UGC Panel on Pay Hike

4106. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any University Grants Commission (UGC) panel has given report

on pay hike for teachers of the universities and colleges;

(b) if so, details of the report; and

(c) the time by when will the UGC proposes to release special grants to State Universities across the country to implement the revised UGC pay scales?

Closure of Technical and Management Institutes

†4107. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ
SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to shortage of students a large number of technical and management institutions are closing down in the country;

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

(c) whether prior approval of All India Council for Technical Education is mandatory for the closure of said institutions?

Conservation and Efficiency Measures

4108. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given high priority to conservation and efficiency measures in order to reduce the increasing gap between demand and indigenous supply of crude oil;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Petroleum Conservation Research Association on conservation activities particularly in rural areas?

Tourism Projects

†4109. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from various State Governments for tourism projects during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, project-wise, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional funds to the State Governments for various tourism projects for the developments of tourism and if so, the project-wise details thereof along with the status of their Detailed Project Reports, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has sanctioned certain sanctioned projects/being considered for cancellation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of Food Craft Institute

†4110. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued/proposes to issue administrative and financial sanctions for upgrading the existing food craft Institute, Udaipur (Rajasthan) into the State Institute of Hotel Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Institutes of National Importance

4111. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines and norms framed by the Government to declare any institute as an institute of national importance;

(b) the number of institutes in fields of arts and music having the said status or are being considered by Government to grant status of national importance;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal by Chhattisgarh Government to grant status of national importance to Indira Kala and Sangeet Vishvavidyalay Khairagarh; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon and the rationale behind the decision?

Gender Champion

4112. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme and Credit Guarantee Fund Trust Scheme meant for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the aims and objectives of the said schemes;

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

(d) the credit flow to the MSME sector and the growth registered by this sector during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) whether the Government has received complaints of denial/reluctance by Financial Institutions in extending credit to MSME Sector during the said period;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, Financial Institution-wise; and

(g) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate credit flow and to improve growth rate of the MSME sector?

Development of Rural Tourism

†4115. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge potential of developing rural tourism in the country;

(b) the number of districts/villages in the country which have been identified and developed as rural tourists places during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(a) whether the Government is aware that many colleges in Delhi University have not appointed 'Gender Champion' in their respective colleges even after the direction of the Government in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the appointment of Gender Champions in various colleges under Delhi University?

Assessment of School Education

†4113. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the annual status of the education related report/study undertaken by the Government on the schools situated in the rural areas of the country reveals decline in the performance of students in the important areas of reading, comprehension and mathematics inspite of the increased enrolment of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and other important aspects of this study and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for the resolution of this issue?

CLCSS and CGFT Schemes

4114. SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

(c) whether the Government has received proposals/suggestions from various States and UTs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for this purpose?

Setting up of MSME Units

†4116. SHRI PARBHUBHAI
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI BHAIKON PRASAD
MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWANTH
KHUBA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) units set up in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more MSME units in the country including rural and tribal areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose and number of persons likely to be benefited therefrom during the next three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement the Draft National Entrepreneurship Policy; and

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

Exam Paper Evaluation in NIOS

4117. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any information about the spot evaluation centers given to the black listed schools last year in the country including in Gujarat for checking exam papers by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); and

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

Increased Intake by IIMs

4118. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) plan to augment their student intake capacity and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government would be providing budgetary support in order to build up their additional infrastructural requirements and if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocations;

(c) whether students from the economically weaker backgrounds be given any advantage to be a part of such institutions; and

(d) whether the IIMs would partner with the Government on a project wherein faculty members of top institutions would offer free online courses to citizens and if so, the details thereof?

Black-Marketing of Petroleum Products

†4119. SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) conduct surprise inspection in order to check the black-marketing of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases of black-marketing found during the last three years and the current year and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any nexus between the officials of OMC and black-marketers has been reported/noticed by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the provisions made by the Government to resolve the said problem along with the implementation status of the said provisions?

Price of Natural Gas

4120. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI Y.V. SUBBARREDDY:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the existing formula to determine the price of natural gas produced by public/private sector companies in the country;

(b) whether the cases of disputes between the natural gas producing companies and the Government on determining the prices of gas have come to the notice of the Government after implementation of the said revised formula and if so, the details thereof, company-wise along with the present status of such disputes;

(c) whether the Government has maintained a balance between the profitability of the companies producing natural gas and insulate common man from undue burden of rise in prices of natural gas after revision of the said formula and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the selling prices of natural gas is less than the production cost and Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited are incurring losses and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has found some anomaly in pricing of gas produced from Coal Bed Methane block and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the 17 CBM blocks have been relinquished out of 33 offered by the Government and if so, the reasons therefor along with the pre approved price of gas produced from such blocks?

Kitchens in MDMS

4121. DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government for

construction of Kitchen-cum-Store for cooking and safe storage of foodgrains in Schools under Mid-Day Meal Scheme across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Kitchen-cum-Store constructed in Schools across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the cases of irregularities/corruption/under-utilisation of funds meant for construction of Kitchen-cum-Store have come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate funds for construction of Kitchen-cum-Store in Schools and to strengthen the monitoring mechanism to keep an eye on utilization of such funds?

Employment on Contractual Basis

4122. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether organised sector enterprises/employers are increasingly hiring workers on contractual terms and if so, the details thereof along with the Government's viewpoint on engaging workers on contractual basis;

(b) the details of minimum wages paid to the contractual workers including the steps taken by the Government to provide "equal pay for equal work" to such contract

and casual workers on the pattern of regular ones;

(c) the mechanism put in place to ensure payment of minimum wages to the contract and casual workers engaged through the labour contractors; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any policy for safeguarding the interest of contractual/casual workers in terms of wages and other service conditions and also with regard to social security schemes including regularisation and improvement of working conditions and if so, the details thereof?

Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram

4123. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the workers provided with the facility of 'PF Account' under 'Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram' in the country so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether several thousand crore of rupees are lying dormant in lakhs of PF accounts, if so, the details thereof along with the action plan formulated by Government to provide this amount to the genuine persons; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to divert this unclaimed amount for other purposes, if so, the details thereof?

Vocational Studies

4124. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of courses offered under vocational studies for students affiliated to Central Board of Secondary education (CBSE) schools;

(b) whether only few students have opted for vocational subjects in schools affiliated to CBSE and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this issue was raised at the Governing body of the CBSE held last year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CBSE has constituted a committee to review vocational courses and do away with those that are not finding enough takers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government?

Minimum Wages of Agricultural Labourers

4125. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:
DR. K. KAMARAJ:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether minimum wages of agricultural labourers is far less than non-agricultural workers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is demand for hike in minimum wages of agricultural labourers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has now substantially hiked the minimum wages for agricultural labourers including those hired on contract basis and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the minimum wages to be paid to unskilled agricultural workers, semi-skilled agricultural workers and skilled agricultural workers in A,B,C category towns; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government in the interest of agricultural labourers of the country?

Mandatory Aadhaar Card for availing School Facilities

4126. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO(AVANTHI):
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children who are availing mid-day meal from schools across the country;

(b) whether the Government is planning to link the Aadhaar number with subsidy schemes related to school education, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also going to make it mandatory for students availing benefits under the mid day meal scheme to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo the authentication;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(e) whether the Government has set any time frame for this purpose; and

(f) whether the Government has received any reports from States/UTs taking strong exception to the decision as it will adversely affect the said schemes?

Survey to Improve LPG Infrastructure

4127. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/State-run Oil Companies have carried out/proposes to carry out nationwide survey to gauge energy infrastructure, availability of cashless facilities and issues of cooking gas supplies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of districts proposed to be covered thereunder;

(c) the aims and objectives including main points of the said survey and the time by which the said survey is likely to be completed; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for ensuring better gas supply and provide efficient customer services throughout the country?

Open Acreage Licencing Policy

4128. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:
SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved new Hydrocarbon Exploration Licencing Policy and Open Acreage Licencing Policy to undertake and streamline the exploration and production of oil and gas from deep/ultra deep water blocks and if so, the salient features of the same and the time by which the said policy is likely to be implemented;

(b) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited and Oil India Limited propose to auction certain unviable small and marginal fields, if so, the details thereof along with the Oil and Gas fields proposed to be auctioned;

(c) whether the Government has recently organised any promotion event in Houston with regard to the country's

new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licencing Policy(HELP) and if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the key features of HELP;

(d) whether some State Governments have raised concerns against the auctioning of said contracts for small fields and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to reduce the use/consumption of oil and natural gas in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to attract more foreign investment and boost output of oil and gas in the country?

Trade Mark Applications

4129. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge backlog of trade mark applications in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Government has notified the new Trade Mark Rules, 2017 to streamline and simplify the processing of trade mark applications in the country;

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

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to clear the huge backlog of the said applications?

Travel Advisory by US

4130. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA has issued a new travel advisory for its citizens visiting India.

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

(c) the details of Impact is likely to be on tourism industry as well as foreign exchange;

(d) whether the Government has taken up the matter with USA Government in this regard and if so, the outcome thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make India a safer destination for foreign tourists?

Inter-Ministerial Committee on Labour Codes

4131. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set up an inter-ministerial Committee to consider on two labour codes on wages and industrial relations;

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

(c) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has consulted with various stakeholders, including trade unions and employees before finalizing the draft codes and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote country's performance in "Ease of Doing Business"?

Performance of Steel PSUs

4132. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

ADV. NARENDRAKESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed all the Steel Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including Steel Authorities of India Limited (SAIL) to improve their performance *vis-à-vis* private players on various parameters and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the PSUs are not only lagging behind on international benchmarks, but are also reportedly behind their private counterparts and complacent in ramping up capacities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government and the achievement therefrom so far in this regard?

Growth of MSME Sector

4133. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registered and unregistered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) including the MSMEs owned by Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) entrepreneurs in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the loans sanctioned to MSMEs under the MUDRA Yojana since the inception of the scheme and the number of SC/ST enterprises that received these loans, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the MSME sector has recorded any growth in contribution to the GDP and employment generation after implementation of 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the list of items which are to be compulsorily purchased from MSME sector by the Government Departments; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the growth of the MSME sector in the country?

School Libraries

†4134. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plans for running libraries in the Government schools and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise especially in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes any scheme to make available informative books for providing social and cultural education to the children?

Irregularities in PMUY

4135. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding irregularities and misappropriation of funds in providing free gas connections under Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and if so, the details thereof along with any monitoring committee constituted for redressal of the said complaints, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints of problems relating to the designated portal for free gas connections under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address/rectify the said errors on this portal;

(c) whether the Aadhaar card is mandatory to avail benefits of free gas connection for BPL households under the PMUY and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware of organised rackets reportedly supplying gas cylinders to fake beneficiaries which were originally pooled in the PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(e) whether any assessment/study conducted/proposed to be conducted by the Government to ascertain the impact of the PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to ensure strict adherence to the eligibility criteria?

Disinvestment of SAIL Plants

4136. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given in principle approval for strategic disinvestment of certain plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the modalities being worked out in this regard, plant-wise;

(c) whether the Government will hold auction to identify strategic buyers for SAIL subsidiaries - Bhadravati, Durgapur and Salem in the coming months, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has examined the viability of ailing steel PSUs in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Start up India Programme

4137. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:
SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change definition of a start up under the Start up India Programme following criticism that the current definition/rules are too restrictive;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to specifically support start ups in specific sectors particularly agro-based and social entrepreneurship start ups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the agro-based start ups approved and funds released by the Government so far in the country, sector-wise, State/UT-wise?

Tribal Tourism

4138. SHRI NINONG ERING:
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to focus on tribal tourism in order to improve the economy of backward areas;

(b) whether the Government is aware that there is a great potential for tribal tourism in the country including Maharashtra, North East and Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for development of tourism in tribal areas in a non-exploitative manner and the funds provided under the Tribal Area Tourism Circuit Scheme;

(d) whether the Government proposes to impart training to tribal people in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Post-Metric Scholarship

4139. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scholarship schemes including Post-Matric Scholarship being implemented by the Government for facilitating education of tribal students in the country;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned/ released and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the scholarship amount being provided under these schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for release of funds under the pre/post-matric scholarship; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the steps being taken by the Government to ensure timely release of funds to the States under these schemes?

Scrapping *ad-hoc* Appointments

4140. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

NEW DELHI;
March 21, 2017
Phalgun 30, 1938 (*Saka*)

DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
KUNWAR
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel set by the University Grants Commission has recommended scrapping *ad-hoc* and temporary appointment of teachers across the universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the other major recommendations made by the panel;

(c) whether the Government has studied the report; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government on the recommendations submitted by the panel?

ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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