

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, July 18, 2018/Ashadha 27, 1940 (Saka)

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

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; संचार; रक्षा; उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; विदेश; विधि और न्याय; अल्पसंख्यक कार्य; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)

### Total Number of Questions — 20

#### Monsoon Prediction

\*1. SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department(IMD) has predicted normal monsoon during the current season and if so, the details thereof, region-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that several foreign agencies including the Japanese Meteorological Department have predicted below normal monsoon during the current season;

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

(d) whether average error in IMD's monsoon forecasts has come down during

each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to update the IMD system as well as to avoid inaccurate predictions by IMD?

#### Nuclear Power Plants

\*2. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear power plants proposed to be set up in the country during the next twenty years, State-wise;

(b) the total estimated cost of each project along with the production capacity of these plants, State-wise;

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the installation and commissioning/ operationalisation of these projects;

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(d) whether the Government is considering to increase the capacity of the existing nuclear power plants in the country; and

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

#### Revenue Earnings by India Post

\*3. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Post is increasingly earning revenues from non-traditional sectors like e-commerce and Payments Bank and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the revenues earned by the Department of Posts in terms of percentage from various value added services/non-traditional sectors during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the future expansion plans proposed by the Government in the aforementioned sectors/services in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the number of postal payments bank accounts in the said State, post office-wise?

#### Thunderstorm Studies

\*4. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thunderstorms are a regular feature during the pre-monsoon season in India but thunderstorm studies in the country are very rare and the people working on thunderstorms are very few and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether in the wake of deadly thunderstorms that struck frequently in the north-west and eastern parts of the country, the Government has decided to set up an expert group on thunderstorms;

(c) if so, the details and the modalities to be examined by the expert group and the timeline set for the same;

(d) whether the Government has also plans to engage scholars from Universities and outside experts by funding thunderstorm prediction research and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote thunderstorm studies in India, improve IMD thunderstorm predictions and upgrade IMD to provide timely information in the affected areas?

#### Interconnection Usage Charge

\*5. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) proposes to amend the norms on Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether TRAI has sought views and comments from the telecom industry on the said proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by TRAI in this regard?

#### **Rail Eco-tourism**

†\*6. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing any scheme for rail eco-tourism;

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

(c) the amount spent for Nilgiri Mountain Rail Service and the amount of income earned during the last three years along with the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to compensate the loss being caused to this heritage service; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scholarship for Education**

\*7. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls benefited by the Government's scholarship for education in the country during the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on the scholarship for education programme for minorities in the country; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate education to the girls of the minority communities in the country?

#### **Mobile Services in Naxal Affected States**

†\*8. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Government in providing mobile telephone services in naxal affected States during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide mobile services at 4072 tower locations identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(c) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the funds sanctioned and utilised under this scheme so far, State-wise?

#### **Installation of Anti-Collision Device**

†\*9. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of installation of anti-collision device to check railway accidents;

(b) whether this device has been successfully checked and installed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the action plan formulated to improve this device to make it more effective in preventing railway accidents;

(d) whether any machine/device is also being used to identify the railway track flaws apart from taking help from the railway employees and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the arrangements made in other countries in this regard?

#### **Military Expenses**

†\*10. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the military expenses have gone up five times in the country in the last four years due to procurement of arms and ammunition, rifles, tanks etc. from foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount spent on purchase of arms/weapons/fighters/ammunition from foreign countries during the above period;

(c) whether the details of purchase made for the Army in the last four years have been released in a recent report of the Ministry of Defence and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government maintains transparency in defence dealings and if so, the details thereof along with the most favoured country of India for purchase of arms; and

(e) the effective steps taken by the Ministry of Defence and the Government

for not purchasing defence equipment from foreign countries so far?

#### **Guidelines for Stoppage of Trains**

†\*11. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received complaints from public representatives and people during the last six-seven years regarding providing stoppage of both Rani Menamma and Haripriya Express going towards Tirupati from Kolhapur (Maharashtra) at Jaysingpur railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the stoppage of both these trains at other stations has been provided as per the guidelines; and

(d) if so, the list of those stations as well as the guidelines prescribed by the Railways for provision of stoppage of trains?

#### **Purchase of Spares**

\*12. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine has alleged that kickbacks have been given to Indian defence officials in purchase of spares for military transport aircraft An-32;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the name of the company through which purchase was made along with its share holders and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any defence personnel, their relatives or friends are associated with the said company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Marhowra Diesel Locomotive Factory**

\*13. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Marhowra (Saran, Bihar) diesel locomotive manufacturing factory/project including the progress made so far, the date of completion of the factory/project along with the expenditure incurred over the years and the future estimated expenditure;

(b) the number of diesel locomotives and the time frame for manufacturing these diesel locomotives at the Marhowra factory;

(c) the number of diesel locomotives that have been imported over the last ten years, year-wise along with expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the details of production units for diesel locomotives in the country along with their output/capacity utilisation during the last five years, year-wise?

#### **Capacity of Trains**

\*14. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken steps to increase the capacity of trains and services on the busiest routes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified such busiest rail routes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the rail route involving Madurai is also one among them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for increasing the capacity on the Madurai rail route?

#### **Deficiencies in Railway Services**

\*15. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways used to be known for being tardy and dirty and had numerous deficiencies in their services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken to improve the customer-oriented services;

(c) whether the Railways have examined the issue of providing emergency care to passengers and equipment onboard trains;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram**

\*16. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR: DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the proposal for renaming and restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) recently and if so, the details thereof along with the objective behind the move;

(b) whether the Government has approved its continuation during the remaining period of the 14th Finance Commission and if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds required and sanctioned for the continuation of the restructured programme;

(c) whether the criteria for identification of Minority Concentration Towns and Clusters of Villages have been rationalized and if so, the details thereof along with the name and the number of districts being covered under the renamed programme, State-wise;

(d) whether MsDP has made substantial progress in achieving its target for the identified areas and has created useful infrastructures/assets for the people in the areas with substantial minority population and if so, the details thereof along with the construction undertaken during the last four years and the total beneficiaries under PMJVK; and

(e) the steps being taken to bring transparency, ensure monitoring and

publicity of information under the said programme?

#### **Companies Violating Employment Laws/Norms**

\*17. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing laws/norms/guidelines/rules in vogue are being followed by all the companies/firms/industries including the private and foreign companies situated/setup in India for providing employment across various fields including education/social security/women development etc.;

(b) whether the Government is aware that recently many companies especially Andheri East, Mumbai situated companies have violated such norms by withdrawing the offer(s) of employment made to the brilliant students of various colleges in the country including St. Stephens College of Delhi just four/five days before the date of their joining, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that the educational as well as career opportunities of such students have come to a halt and are at stake as a result of it, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the legal action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to blacklist such companies including the aforesaid one and direct them to compensate the affected students by paying at least ten years salary and perks to them without any delay?

**Review of Foreign Policy**

\*18. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to review the foreign policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the slogan of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Pension Scam in Railway Hospital**

†\*19. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pension scam in railway hospital, New Delhi has come to the notice of the Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of pensioners reported to be affected due to this scam; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government against the persons involved in the scam as well as the assistance provided to these pension holders?

NEW DELHI;

July 12, 2018

Ashadha 21, 1940 (Saka)

**Construction of Level Crossings**

†\*20. SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI  
PATIL:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of several manned/unmanned level crossings, Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) has been delayed across the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof along with the present status of these level crossings/bridges;

(c) whether the construction cost of the said level crossings/bridges has increased due to delay in their construction during the said period and if so, the zone-wise details thereof;

(d) the number and zone-wise status of such level crossings/bridges the cost of which has been shared by the concerned State or private company; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure timely construction of such level crossings/bridges in the country?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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11	Part (a); line 5: <u>for</u> "Menamma" <u>read</u> "Chennamma"
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**SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA**  
Secretary General

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### Soldiers Martyred

- †1. SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:  
SHRI B.V. NAIK:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

dependents of these martyred and if so, the amount of assistance provided in each case; and

(d) the details of surgical strikes conducted by the Indian army against Pakistan army in the last fifteen years?

### Launch of Satellites

2. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has successfully launched several satellites in the last one year and also very recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with details of success, failure and utility thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to launch more such satellites in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cross-border infiltrations, terrorist activities and attacks on army personnel have increased and more Indian army personnel and civilians are being killed/martyred than before including in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year so far including the army personnel martyred, injured, rank-wise along with the civilians injured and killed in these above activities;

(c) whether employment and other assistance is being provided to the

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(d) whether India is moving ahead in the select group of nations who have reached the advanced stage in the launching of satellites, missiles, etc.; and

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

### Indigenous Bulletproof Jacket

3. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian scientist has designed indigenous bulletproof jacket;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has approved it; and

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

### Facilitation of Research Scholars

4. SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to research funding agencies in the Ministry to revise guidelines for reduction in the file processing time of research proposals to facilitate research scholars in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also set up research grievance cell in the Ministry to listen and deal with the issues relating to research scholars in the country; and

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

### Monitoring of Natural Resources

- †5. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for use of satellite and space science for monitoring of internal security and natural resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also received proposal for the formation of space security team in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Achievement in Communication Sector

- †6. SHRI BHAIROON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major achievements of the Government in communication sector during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the target set in the said sector during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the action plan formulated by the Government for the next two years to strengthen the aforesaid sector?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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**H1-B Visa**

7. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been no major change in the H1-B visa policy by the US and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether changes made are meant to enforce existing rules strictly and to stop the programme's misuse and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been keeping a close eye on the issue and is in touch with all the stakeholders to protect the interest of Indian techies and employers in the US; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Halt at Swaroopganj in Sirohi**

†8. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide a halt at Swaroopganj in Sirohi district of small distance express train intercity Ajmer-Ahmedabad-Ajmer (19411/19412), which was started on 22 April, 2013 as there are around 100 villages having a population of 25,000 people and the means of road transport are very expensive and inconvenient; and

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

**Specialized Defence Procurement Organization**

9. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to streamline the arms purchase and production in the country, Government is going to set up a specialized defence procurement organization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has cleared the proposal to set up such organisation;

(d) if so, the time by which the organisation is likely to take shape; and

(e) the benefits likely to be derived after setting up this organisation and the extent to which armed forces are likely to get arms and ammunition in time?

**Pre-Post Matric Scholarships**

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

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government extends Pre-Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships to minority students;

(b) if so, the total number of scholarships in these categories that have been given in the current year;

(c) the details of the amount released/distributed by Government of India for Post Matric scholarship for minorities in different States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the amount per student disbursed thereon, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to revise the scholarship amounts in accordance with the rising fee in universities and increase in living cost and if so, the details thereof?

**Recruitment Procedure of Private Companies**

11. SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:  
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector companies operating in Defence sector are employing retired bureaucrats, service personnel, kith and kin of bureaucrats and armed forces to manipulate and ensure that they are looked after and to have an edge over its competitors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any ban on such recruitments to avoid situations where officers become vulnerable to outside pressures during processing of cases having huge financial implication on such companies;

(d) if so, whether any action is being taken on such companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Auctioning of 5G Spectrum**

12. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hold auction of 5G Spectrum in the current financial year and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said auction is likely to be done;

(b) whether the BSNL and MTNL will be introducing the 5G technology to its customers by directly shifting from 3G to 5G spectrum services in most of their circles and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any specialised mechanism has been formed by the Government to carry out the spectrum bidding/auctioning so that transparency and accountability in such cases can be maintained and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has prepared any special plan for the implementation of the 5G technology in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Data Protection And Privacy**

13. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations (UN) has urged India to strengthen its data protection and privacy policies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to ensure data privacy of network users and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a legislation for data privacy, strict cyber disclosure norms and curtailing security breaches and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said legislation is likely to be enacted?

#### Network Coverage

14. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide the network coverage details to the customers and has launched a Portal in this regard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Integrated Legal Division

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

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to create/set up an Integrated Legal

Division (ILD) in all the Ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the aims and objectives behind setting up of the ILD in all the departments;

(d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred yearly by setting up the proposed ILD; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government on the submitted proposal?

#### Wildlife Killed On Railway Tracks

16. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL: KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elephants and wild life killed on the railway tracks during the last three years and the current year in the country, zone-wise and State-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Railways has conducted any inquiry in the matter;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check recurrence of such incidents on the railway tracks in future?

#### Space Technology

17. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is providing space technology to Government departments in 126 areas to help them work on projects effectively and efficiently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 156 areas were identified where ISRO could provide space technology solutions to fast track projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Rural BPO Scheme

18. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is mulling to expand the scope of its rural BPO scheme, under which more than 35,000 of the total of 48,300 seats have been allotted, to encourage greater participation of women; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to explore schemes which would allow women to carry out BPO work from home; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Banking Frauds Related To Aadhaar

19. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing number of cases involving aadhaar related banking frauds;

(b) if so, the details of aadhaar related banking frauds reported during the last three years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to avoid the recurrence of such aadhaar related frauds?

#### Contracts Under Make in India

20. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR: SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contracts signed by the Indian Armed Forces under the "Make in India" programme during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the projects and the names of the companies which have been awarded the same;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the defence manufacturing sector has the potential to fulfill the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister under the above programme; and

(d) if so, the sectors under Indian Armed Forces which are working towards making PM's vision come true, along with details of the projects under implementation?

#### Rail Line Between Chatra and Gaya

†21. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री



be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rail line is proposed between Chatra and Gaya;

(b) if so, whether a team of Railways has surveyed the Chatra Rail line for construction of platform and station, land acquisition, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time when the rail line was proposed and the details of amount of budget allotted for the same till date;

(d) the details of estimated budget required for completion of Chatra-Gaya rail line and the current status of the said rail line; and

(e) the time by which Chatra-Gaya rail line is likely to be completed?

#### Houses at Concessional Prices

22. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide houses at concessional prices to serving and retired Army personnel and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has recently conducted any survey to provide houses to the serving and retired Army personnel who belong to Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

#### Acquisition of Land for Rail Projects

23. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the extent of land that Railways have sought from the Government of Karnataka for railway projects in the State, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the land and the railway projects to which they are related; and

(c) the details of the State Government's response thereto ?

#### Cyber Security Policy

24. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to review its cyber security policy in view of the latest incidents of cyber attacks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to set up an institutional mechanism dedicated for cyber safety and crime issues and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts taken by the Government to train and develop specialised manpower in this regard?

#### Benefits of Broadband Services in Gram Panchayats

†25. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States given special category status and the criteria adopted for providing such status;

(b) the details of requests received and pending with the Union Government for providing special status;

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide special status to Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said status is likely to be provided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Stoppage at Hatkanangale Station

28. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received representations from Railway users regarding stoppage of some trains at Hatkanangale railway station under Pune railway division, Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is considering to provide stoppage of trains at Hatkanangale station;

(d) if so, the time by which order will be issued in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Demand for Coal

29. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in the country connected with broadband services, State/UT-wise along with the number of Gram Panchayats that are yet to be linked with the said services, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of 2G, 3G, 4G towers, Wi-fi hot-spots installed in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the online retail sales increased through such internet facility across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

#### Auctioning Coal Mines

26. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is currently working out the modalities with other Ministries on the topic of auctioning of coal mines to private sector entities for commercial mining and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any material outcome is unlikely in the near future as CIL is likely to remain the dominant commercial coal supplier in India despite initial steps have been taken towards the creation of a competitive coal market in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Special Category Status

27. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR  
REDDY:

SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether even in the most adverse scenario, as of second quarter of 2017, it appears that the demand for coal in India, as a source of primary energy, shall expand until 2030 and perhaps beyond, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this would be at lower compound annual growth rate of 3 per cent compared to 6 per cent in the last five years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Seawoods-Urban Railway Line**

†30. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction on seawoods to urban route by the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and Central Railway has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting has been held between CIDCO and the Central Railway for the movement of trains on this route and the time by which other works are likely to be completed; and

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

#### **Cancellation of 2 Plus 2 Meeting with US**

31. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Administration has unilaterally and indefinitely postponed the proposed meeting of its Secretaries of State and Defence with the Indian Ministers of External Affairs and Defence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such abrupt announcement of postponement signifies that the US has put the diplomatic and strategic relations with India on the back-burner and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether issues have cropped up between the US and India in connection with the imposition of sanctions by the US against Russia and Iran with whom India has trade and strategic relations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India is proceeding with its intended purchase of the S-400 Triumph Missile from Russia and oil from Iran as the discontinuance would be disastrous for India and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the US President is peeved over the fact that the Harley Davidson motorcycle imported from the US is subject to import duties on par with other such items and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Amendment in RTI Act**

32. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to amend the Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said proposal;

(c) whether the proposed amendments have been proactively made public as per the pre-legislative Consultation Policy, 2014 and as per Section 4(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the amendments will be placed in the public domain as per the said policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any form of pre-legislative consultation has taken place while formulating this proposal and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rising Temperature**

33. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the average temperature in the country during the last ten years;

(b) whether the average temperature has shown an alarmingly rising trend as compared to rest of the world; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to tackle this situation?

#### **Tele-Law Scheme**

34. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Tele-Law scheme with Common

Service Centres (CSCs) to provide legal aid to the poor across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of CSCs established by the Government under this scheme; and

(c) the total number of poor who benefited through CSCs from the initiation of the Tele-Law scheme, State-wise?

#### **Vacant Posts of Judges in High Court in Kerala**

35. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned and vacant posts of Judges in High Court of Kerala; and

(b) the number of cases pending in Kerala High Court along with the details thereof?

#### **Green Card Applicants**

36. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA: SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are a large number of Indian Green Card applicants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the US Government is putting restrictions on the issue of

green cards to the foreign nationals and thereby Indian aspirants are facing much difficulty in getting green cards;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any requests for relaxation of the norms for green cards on behalf of the Indian emigrants and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the response of the US Government thereon?

#### **Improvement in Rail Connectivity to Shirdi**

37. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to improve rail connectivity in Nanded *via* Bidar to Shirdi in view of its religious and historical importance; and

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

#### **Traditional and Sustainable Farming in NER**

38. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken to encourage traditional and sustainable farming practices in the North Eastern Region;

(b) whether the steps are being taken to promote sustainable infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Solar Powered Trains**

39. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started any train which runs on Solar Power and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of trains which will run on solar power and if so, the zone-wise details thereof alongwith the time-frame, if any, prepared in this regard;

(c) the running cost of trains using Solar Power; and

(d) whether the manufacturing cost of solar powered train is cheaper than the electric train and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal Tariff Offers by TSPs**

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

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) are luring customers by resorting to predatory pricing and illegal tariffs and restricting customers from shifting from one TSP to another and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has noticed any such illegal offers being resorted to by TSPs and if so, the details thereof and the response of the TRAI thereto; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against such erring TSPs?

#### **Solar Panels at Stations**

41. SHRIMATI P. K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal of fixing solar panels at all the railway stations across Kerala including Kannur railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any solar panels at the railway stations across Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Illegal Occupation of Wakf Land**

†42. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of Wakf Board's land which are illegally occupied in the country including Haryana;

(b) whether the Government proposes to free these illegally occupied lands and if so, the details of the concrete

steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the total revenue of Wakf Board in the country including that of Haryana and the details of different schemes being run with the funds?

#### **Pending Railway Projects in Kerala**

43. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any review of the pending railway projects in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of such pending projects along with funds allocated and utilized in the last four years; and

(d) the details of measures taken by the Railways for early execution of pending projects?

#### **Postal Services**

†44. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the postal services being run by the Department of Posts presently in the country as well as the details of the revenue earned from these services;

(b) whether the manpower and infrastructural facilities including

post-masters and postmen are adequate in the Department of Posts at present;

(c) if not, whether the Government has any proposal to recruit more number of personnel as well as to set up more number of new post offices in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to further improve the services and efficiency of the Department of Posts in the country?

#### Incentives to Boost Electronic Exports

45. SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to announce special packages to boost the electronics export and remove the hindrances in electronics export as a part of facilitating the ease of doing business programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the incentives being given to the electronic industry and included in the National Electronics Policy?

#### Military and Naval Communication

46. SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN  
R.K.:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any strategic plans to utilise an exclusive spectrum bandwidth for military and naval communications;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any inbuilt protection system against the interception of communications by our Indian army and naval forces;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take any remedial measures to ensure that no secret communications are intercepted and if so, the details thereof including the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### MPLAD Fund

†47. PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:  
SHRI. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether half the amount of the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund is released every six months and next instalment is released after providing utilization certificate as a result of which the said fund is not fully utilized, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide the entire amount of the said fund on annual basis instead of semi annual;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Congested Railway Stations

48. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated survey to identify the congested railway stations across the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of railway stations which are catering more than the capacity to handle passengers every day;

(c) whether the Government has received the survey report regarding the need to establish a new railway station between Thanjavur junction and Alakudi Station in view of increasing congestion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Pending Infrastructure Project

†49. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME  
IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether slow pace of infrastructure projects is considered to be the main reason of slow down in economic development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to expedite pending major infrastructure projects;

(d) the details of projects which have not been implemented due to paucity of funds, Ministry-wise; and

(e) whether any action plan has been formulated to complete the projects on time and to increase its funding?

#### Re-engagement of Retired Employees

†50. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to handover the security of its more than 150 years old locomotive vintage coaches, steam cranes and station equipments etc., to its retired employees;

(b) if so, the age limit for such employees; and

(c) the details of salary of such employees that they will be drawing after re-engagement?

#### Disaster Management Plan in IT Sector

†51. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether disaster management plan in any disaster situation is in place in IT sector on the lines of the infrastructure sector; and

(b) if not, whether any such suggestion/proposal is under consideration of the Government?

#### **District and Block Level Forecast Facility**

52. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department is considering to expand its high tech forecast facilities down to block level and extend its direct SMS alert system by adding 21 million farmers to the network and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether at present only one lakh farmers in a district get such alert system and the IMD plans to expand the facilities to 6500 blocks across the country by the end of this year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that though India's record in predicting cyclones is among the best in the world, the High Performance Computer system would further refine it for more accuracy and lead time; and

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

#### **Indians Missing in Benin**

53. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ship with 22 crew members of India has gone missing from Benin coast in West Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to trace the missing Indian crew members of the lost ship; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Supply of Coal to Power Stations**

54. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to supply coal power stations near mines through piped conveyor belt system in the near future and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this move will check dust pollution caused during coal transportation by trucks to such plants and freeing upon railway rakes for supplies to faraway units and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Railway Projects in Uttar Pradesh**

†55. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway projects announced for Uttar Pradesh for laying new rail lines during the last three years and the current year and the details thereof;

(b) whether the work has been initiated on these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **District/Taluka Legal Services**

56. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of District legal services authorities and Taluka legal services committees established as on 1st January 2018, State-wise;

(b) the number of panel lawyers appointed by legal aid authorities as on 1st January 2018, State-wise;

(c) the number of paralegal volunteers appointed by legal aid authorities as on 1st January 2018, State-wise;

(d) the number of convict paralegal volunteers and the number of jails where convict paralegal volunteers have been appointed by legal aid authorities as on 1st January 2018, State-wise; and

(e) the number of legal aid clinics and jail legal aid clinics established by legal aid authorities as on 1st January 2018, State-wise?

#### **Israeli Prime Minister's Visit To India**

57. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently met his Israeli counterpart;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of visit of Israeli Prime Minister to India;

(c) whether the Government has signed any memoranda or has made any deal with Israel;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether this initiative would help in successfully curbing the growing terrorism in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Prevention of Corruption**

†58. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering on implementing ranking system or such similar tool to check the various methods of corruption in the Government departments;

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

(c) the other improvements likely to be made through such system?

#### **New Trains through Bhopal Station**

†59. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new passenger trains passing through Bhopal railway station during the last four years;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the passengers of Bhopal and its surroundings have to perform journey through Itarsi junction to reach Gaya, Patna and Allahabad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this problem will be resolved?

#### Upgradation of Rajdhani Express

60. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to upgrade existing Rajdhani Express between Delhi and Mumbai which will take lesser time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether trial run conducted by the Government has been found to be safe and successful; and

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

#### Appointment of New Senior Counsels and Special Advocates

61. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed new senior counsels and special advocates for various Ministerial

departments, their allied offices, autonomous bodies, Public Sector Undertakings and Public Sector Bodies;

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

(c) whether the Government is following any transparent system in the appointment of Associate Solicitor Generals, Assistant Solicitor Generals and Panel Advocates to the various High Courts in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Cloning of SIM Cards

62. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the instances of Chinese companies manufactured mobile chips cloning mobile SIM cards and stealing customers data and information in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such incidents pose a serious threat to the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken by Government to check this threat and ban the use of Chinese mobile chips?

#### Launch of Satellites

63. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of satellites launched in the country till date;

(b) whether the Government has set any target to improve the living standards of the people by launching the satellites particularly for agriculture, education, fishing, healthcare, etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all the targeted objectives have been achieved successfully till now;

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

(f) whether the Government is taking any effective measures to ensure still better performance of the satellite programs in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Redetermination of Research Work

†64. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has requested the scientists for redetermination of research work in the interest of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the action plan prepared by the Government in this regard;

(c) the extant status of the proposal to increase the retirement age of scientists;

(d) the number of scientists likely to be benefited as a result thereof; and

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

#### Coal for Thermal Plants

†65. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power plants in the country including Chhattisgarh and the quantity of coal required annually to run these plants;

(b) the goal set and achieved for coal production company-wise during the current year and the last three years;

(c) the reasons for not achieving the goal during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has launched any scheme to increase the production of coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Establishment of Regional Bench of High Court At Rajkot

66. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish regional bench of the High Court at Rajkot in Saurashtra to reduce the cost of litigation;

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

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to modify the present system to reduce the financial burden on litigants?

**Mobile Towers in Giridih District**

†67. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether installation of mobile towers in Margoda and Sariya villages in Giridih district of Jharkhand State has been approved; and

(b) if so, the time by which the mobile towers on the said locations are likely to be installed and the reasons for delay if any, in installing such mobile towers?

**Poor Condition of Coaches**

68. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received complaints regarding the extremely poor condition of coaches of Karnataka-bound trains, especially long distance trains *i.e.* Karnataka Express, Goa Express, Sampark Kranti Express, etc.;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Railways for improvement in the condition of Karnataka-bound trains;

(c) the number of LHB coaches inducted in Karnataka-bound trains; and

(d) the measures taken to ensure good condition of sleeper coaches for long distance trains, considering the fact that the passengers have to spend several hours/days in trains?

**Brick Making Project**

†69. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways is seriously considering to launch brick making project by clay/waste soil;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any step in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Chandrayaan-II Mission**

70. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation, through Chandrayaan-II Mission, will deploy a rover on the lunar surface of the moon to mine and extract Helium-3 deposits;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of funds earmarked for the Mission;

(c) whether the Government recognises the potential of using Helium-3 fuel mined from the Moon in the nuclear fusion reactor for the purpose of power generation; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the technological feasibility of the Helium-3 fusion?

**NavIC Receivers**

71. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO currently has 42 satellites of different types in space and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ISRO is trying to synergize the data obtained from communication, navigation and remote sensing satellites, so that it can be used in innovative ways for the social good and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ISRO is considering to provide NavIC receivers to fishermen so that they can access ISRO's navigation system for boat navigation and locating fishing areas on high seas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether ISRO has asked industry to mass produce NavIC receivers for desi GPS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response thereon?

**Monitor the Rail Line through Drone**

†72. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to monitor the railway lines throughout the country through the drone developed by IIT Roorkee;

(b) if so, the time by which this plan is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Disaster Management**

†73. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the existing mechanism in the Railways for safety and relief works;

(b) the average time taken to provide relief after an accident;

(c) whether there is lack of coordination in the disaster management mechanism of the Railways and it is not fully geared up to tackle the disasters; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

**Wadsa-Gadchiroli Rail Network**

†74. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions were made in the Rail Budget 2011-12 to connect the district headquarters of Gadchiroli and Chimur with Wadsa-Gadchiroli rail network in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction of Wadsa-Gadchiroli rail network has started and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?



### Charge/Fee for Issuance of Aadhaar Card

†75. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any charge/fee is levied by the Government for issuing Aadhaar Card and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has increased the charges for issuing Aadhaar Card and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the said charges?

### Indians Stranded Abroad

76. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians stranded in foreign countries who have been rescued and brought back by the Indian Government;

(b) the different measures taken in achieving the above-mentioned goal;

(c) the details of the countries from which these Indians were brought back; and

(d) the State-wise details of the rescued Indians?

### Complaints of Tampering of EVMs

77. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Election Commission has received any complaints of tampering of EVMs by political parties and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Election Commission plans to conduct all future polls with VVPAT equipped EVMs or will go back to the old system of using ballot papers for conduct of election;

(c) whether the Commission is working on a code of conduct for social media platforms to prevent harvesting of data like in the case of Cambridge Analytica;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Cyber Attack

†78. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has paid attention towards rise in cyber attacks in defence sector during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to protect confidential information pertaining to the defence sector from cyber attack; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Welfare Scheme for Minorities

79. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come up with any new welfare schemes for the minority section of the society;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes that have been exclusively initiated in the last four years; and

(c) the quantum of fund allocated for each of the schemes and the percentage of funds utilized in the past three years till 30th June, 2018?

### Competition among Telecom Service Providers

†80. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the call rates of private mobile companies have dropped in the country during the recent years due to competition among them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the role of public sector telecom companies has declined in view of the said competition and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the market share of public sector telecom companies in the competitive telecom market?

### Coal Production

81. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal produced by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) from various operational mines during the last three years and its value in rupee;

(b) the income earned by NLC during the corresponding period and the funds allocated by the Government for welfare/development of their employees and people/area around it;

(c) whether the Government has designed any mechanism to provide adequate machinery and manpower support for exploitation of all the coal mines of NLC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the quantity and value of coal expected to be produced during the next three years?

### Bharat Net Project

†82. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Bharat Net Project in the country in a phased manner to connect all Gram Panchayats (GPs) by broadband in the country and if so, the details and the present status thereof, State/UT-wise including the details of optical fibre cable laid so far under the said scheme, State/UT-wise;

(b) the target fixed by the Government to link all GPs and rural post offices in the country with optical fibre along with the reasons for delay, if any, in the implementation of the project;

(c) the number of GPs linked with optical fibre network, State/UT-wise and the number of GPs that are yet to be connected with broadband under the said project, State/UT-wise and district-wise;

(d) the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred so far under the said project, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has accorded approval to any modified strategy to implement Bharat Net Project to complete the project by March, 2019 and if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Train between Mumbai and Delhi**

83. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has plan to start new train between Mumbai and Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Internal Resources of Railways**

†84. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internal resources of the Railways are decreasing;

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

(c) the efforts made/proposed to be made by the Government to arrest the decreasing trend in internal resources and the outcome of the efforts made so far?

#### **Wi-Fi at Stations**

85. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken a decision to provide free wi-fi at all railway stations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of stations, where free wi-fi has been provided as on date and the target fixed for the same;

(c) whether the Union Government has collaborated with Google and Department of Telecommunication in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of source of funding for the world's largest wi-fi project?

#### **Electoral Malpractices**

86. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Election Commission has launched any mobile app for exposing electoral malpractices in Karnataka Assembly elections recently;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received on such malpractices;

(c) whether the Election Commission has plans to introduce this app in the coming Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **PM's Visit**

87. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister (PM) has visited three South East Asian countries recently;

(b) if so, the details of agreements signed during the said visits, country-wise, and the benefits accrued/likely to accrue from above agreements;

(c) whether defence was a priority issue in the aforementioned visits with regard to Indian Navy, coordination, logistics and services support;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent of success likely to be achieved in establishing solidarity with these countries especially keeping a view of China strategically?

#### **Iran Nuclear Deal**

88. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has withdrawn from the Iran nuclear deal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its implications on India?

#### **Kohinoor Diamond**

89. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken efforts to bring back the priceless Indian antiquities including Kohinoor diamond which were taken by colonial masters and invaders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any antiquities have been retrieved from other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof till 2017?

#### **Laying of Railway Tracks**

†90. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of rail track laid down daily during the last three years;

(b) the length of rail track being laid down daily at present; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to complete laying of rail tracks on time and the outcome thereof?

#### Separate Railway Zone

91. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):  
SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:  
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:  
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the formation of a separate Visakhapatnam railway zone is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the proposal and the reasons for the inordinate delay; and

(d) the time by which it would be created in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act?

#### India based Neutrino Observatory

92. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the India based Neutrino Observatory (INO) project;

(b) whether any progress has been made in the setting up of the said project and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has noticed that blasting under the said project will last for years to remove a big quantity of rock and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the impact of INO construction to nearby dams and hydel power projects and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether there is any possibility of seismic incidents due to INO project in the region and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Allocation of Coal

- †93. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal is being allocated to such industries in the name of small scale industries, that are not actually functioning as small scale industries;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases reported during the last three years, CCL, BCCL and ECCL companies-wise;

(c) the details of the action taken against such industries as well as the outcome thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to these outcomes?

#### Kollam Railway Station

94. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government conducts study regarding the delay in execution of works in Railways, if so, the details thereof and the mechanism in place to ensure timely completion of projects;

(b) the present stage and progress of construction work of second entry and modernisation work at Kollam railway station;

(c) the proposed date of completion of second entry work and modernisation work in Kollam and the reasons for delay, if any, in this regard;

(d) the details of action taken for implementation of MPLAD works in second entry; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to develop the Kollam railway station in light of its high income generation and if so, the details thereof?

#### Committee on RGSA

95. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chairman-NITI Aayog has been constituted to restructure the existing centrally sponsored schemes of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made in this regard, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh as on date;

(c) whether the committee has held several meetings, consultations, etc. with

various stakeholders and submitted its report with a set of recommendations which were accepted by the Government and formed the basis for the formulation of this scheme;

(d) if so, the detail of dissent note, if any; and

(e) whether NITI Aayog has identified the areas for implementation and monitoring of the activities of the said schemes and if so, the details thereof district-wise along with the representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and women?

#### Military Uniform Units

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to close down the production of Military Uniform Cloth Unit at Avadi Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for shut down of the cloth manufacturing unit in Avadi;

(d) the total number of employees presently working in this unit; and

(e) the total number of units presently providing military uniforms across the country, State-wise?

#### Vacant Land

- †97. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge defence land is lying vacant in Mumbai, particularly in Malad Complex in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether multistorey residential buildings have been constructed nearby the above vacant land;

(c) if so, whether any circular restricting the reconstruction of the decades-old buildings built there has been issued;

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

(e) whether the Government has received any memoranda/requests opposing the above circular; and

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

#### Urging NRIs to Serve the Nation

98. SHRI PONGULETI  
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has urged the NRIs to come back to the country and serve the nation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far in this regard?

#### Relations with Myanmar

99. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has strengthened its bilateral relations with Myanmar during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the various treaties and agreements signed by both the countries during this period to strengthen their ties in various fields?

#### Implementation of Government Schemes

100. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:  
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI  
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated programmes/schemes under implementation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the allocation of funds made for various major programmes during the last three years;

(c) whether the allocated funds have not been spent and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any committee has been constituted/to be constituted to monitor, supervise and give advice for proper spending and implementation of these programmes/schemes by the Ministries and Departments of Government of India/ State Governments/UTs-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Railway Projects in Karnataka

101. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the railway network in Karnataka is very little in comparison to neighbouring States;

(b) if so, the details of the railway lines/network laid/introduced in the State of Karnataka; and

(c) whether the works of all the newly introduced railway projects/ lines are being completed as per the schedule of the Railways and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Coal Cess

102. SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of coal cess to financially support clean energy initiatives, collected during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the total amount of the collected fund spent so far in supporting clean energy initiatives, State-wise; and

(c) the details of such clean energy initiatives supported by the Government, so far?

#### Uniform Civil Code

103. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has requested the Law Commission to examine various issues relating to Uniform Civil Code and to make recommendations thereon;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Law Commission on such request so far;

(c) whether the Law Commission has submitted its recommendations on Uniform Civil Code to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which Law Commission is likely to submit its recommendations to the Government; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to introduce Uniform Civil Code across the country?

#### Ahmednagar-Beed Rail Line

†104. SHRI SADASHIV  
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Ahmednagar-Beed railway line in Maharashtra has begun;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(d) the time by which it is proposed to be completed; and

(e) whether a railway station has been set up for Jamkhed on the said railway line and if so, the details thereof?

### Revamping of Catering System

105. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revamp the entire of existing railway catering system to boost up revenue earnings;

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

(c) the details of the plan outlay of the proposals, if any, zone-wise?

### Joint Military Exercises

†106. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has started joint military operation/exercise with some of the foreign countries in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof and the number of such operations undertaken during the last three years and the current year with various countries, year/country-wise;

(c) the names of the Indian battalion and the number of soldiers who participated in the exercise and the amount incurred on the exercise along with the benefits likely to accrue to India out of this exercise;

(d) whether it is proposed to undertake such exercise in the near future also and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether agreements have been signed with USA and other countries during such exercises in the last five years and if so, the details thereof?

### Police Verification for Passport

107. SHRIMATI KIRRON  
KHER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to do away with police verification for passports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to connect the procedure with Crime & Criminal Tracking Network and Systems Project (CCTNS);

(c) if so, the details thereof and the tentative time period by which the same shall be implemented; and

(d) the problems acquired with the police verification system that led to adoption of this alternative procedure?

### Aircraft Crashed

108. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft crashed during the last three years and the current year and the total loss of life and aircraft; and

(b) whether any enquiries were held and if so, the outcome of each enquiry and the manner in which the suggestion of the enquiry committees were implemented for non-recurrence of the incidents?

(c) whether it is true that the Government has received three crore applications for 90000 vacancies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### SMS Based Alert System

†111. SHRI MANSHANKAR  
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH  
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an SMS based weather alert system has been started by the Department of Meteorology;

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

(c) whether any arrangement has been made for proper functioning of the said system during any calamity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which ordinary people are able to use these facilities?

### Vacant Posts

110. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued notices for filling up of various vacancies existing in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of posts, number of applications received and the present status of the applications;

### Problems faced by Minority Communities

112. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the problems being faced by minority communities in the country;

(b) the schemes aimed to empower the students belonging to minority communities in the country;

(c) whether the Government has recently reviewed the centrally sponsored Scholarship Scheme & Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for Minority Communities Students;

(d) the details of the coaching institutions providing free coaching to minority students in the country, State-wise;

(e) the details of the students benefited under Scholarship Scheme & Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(f) whether the Government has received proposals to increase the financial support for Scholarship Scheme & Free Coaching and Allied Scheme from the State Governments; and

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

#### **Development of Surat Railway Station**

113. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to develop the Surat Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Railway Projects in Rajasthan**

†114. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail projects pending in various States including Rajasthan and the current status of these projects and the reasons for their pendency;

(b) the time scheduled for the above said projects;

(c) whether paucity of funds is one of the reasons which is impeding the progress of these projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problems and start work on the projects?

#### **Common Service Centres**

115. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to get all the Common Service Centres (CSCs) to act as Business Correspondents (BCs) for delivering various services like banking, insurance, railway bookings etc. to create last mile access points for delivery of financial services across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Grading of Railway Stations**

†116. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of grades in which the railway stations have been divided at present;

(b) the criterion adopted for determining the above said grades; and

(c) the facilities being extended at the stations of the above grades, grade-wise?

#### **Indo-US Nuclear Deal**

117. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-US nuclear deal has been operationalised and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said deal has added to the nuclear power generation capacity in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the details of the nuclear power stations which has been installed and/or proposed to be installed under the said deal;

(d) the number of new nuclear reactors ready to be installed in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the funds sanctioned for the aforesaid reactors along with the expected cost of power generated per megawatt from the imported reactors?

#### **Railway Projects in Maharashtra**

†118. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of approved/sanctioned railway projects in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of ongoing/running behind time schedule/pending railway projects during the said period, division-wise and project-wise;

(c) the extent of cost escalation in these projects including the projected cost thereof, project-wise and division-wise;

(d) the reasons for inordinate delay in completing these projects; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete these projects expeditiously within a fixed time limit?

#### **Demand for Coal**

†119. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rise in the demand for coal has been registered during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to meet this demand;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any study group on demand for coal in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives thereof?

#### **Introduction of New Express Trains**

120. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new express trains on Kollam-Chennai (*via*) Sengottai new broad gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to introduce Kollam-Thamparam train on daily basis; and

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

#### **Pension to Physically Handicapped Wards**

121. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant family pension to mentally retarded or physically handicapped children of retired Government employees even after completion of twenty five years of age;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Indian Scientists Returning to India**

122. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO: DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a significant increase in number of Indian scientists returning to work in India during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of scientists returning to India during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has formulated schemes to provide attractive avenues and opportunities to Indian researchers who are residing in foreign countries to work in Indian Institutes and universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government of India keeps track or estimates the number of Indian scientists who leave India to work in other countries; and

(f) if so, the details of such tracking or estimation?

#### **Corruption in Defence Deals**

123. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA: SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reported cases of corruption in defence deals in the country;

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

(c) the details of agreements signed for the purchase of arms and ammunitions during the above period;

(d) the details of the companies which are blacklisted so far by the Government for misconduct/bribery in defence deals; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check instances of bribery in defence procurement?

#### **Agreement in Science and Technology Sector**

124. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK: DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has signed Inter-Government Science and Technology (S&T) Cooperation Agreements with countries;

(b) if so, the country-wise details thereof during the last three years along with the conditions of those agreements;

(c) the details of the current agreement with each country along with the aim of the said agreements; and

(d) the benefit that India get out of these agreements?

#### **General Financial Rules**

125. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules and orders of the Government of India dealing with matters involving public finances, as laid down in the general financial rules of the Ministry of Finance are applicable to the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, whether these rules and orders are being followed by the Ministry of Defence;

(c) if so, whether the general financial rules regarding procurement of goods and services have been considered while framing the latest Defence Procurement Policy 2016; and

(d) if so, whether the fundamental principles of public buying are adhered to in the procurement process in the Ministry of Defence and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Progress of Railway Projects**

126. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE: SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE: SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment to ascertain the progress of the projects of new railway lines, doubling, gauge conversion, electrification and signing in various States of the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;



(b) whether the Government has allocated and released adequate funds for timely completion of the said projects during the above period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) formed by the Government for timely completion of the said projects in the country along with achievements thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government for timely completion of the said projects across the country?

#### **Cancellation of Orders with MSMEs**

127. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has recently abruptly cancelled several orders with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

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

(c) whether the Federation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have urged the Government/Ministry of Defence to intervene in the matter and save the sector; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

#### **Medical Assistance in Trains**

128. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:

SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed railways to make available oxygen cylinders and other medical assistance to needy passengers in trains;

(b) if so, the present status of providing medical assistance in trains to needy passengers;

(c) the number of onboard passengers fatalities reported in trains in the past three years and the details of help provided to them; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to strengthen its emergency healthcare services in all the trains?

#### **Redevelopment of Railway Stations**

129. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has offered redevelopment of several railway stations with the help of foreign countries/firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with terms and conditions and the criteria for their selection;

(c) whether the Railways has ignored to provide redevelopment of railway

stations task to indigenous companies/firms;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the funds involved in the development of each railway station?

#### **Coal Bed Methane**

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved expansion of exploration and production of India's Coal Bed Methane (CBM) from areas allotted to State-run Coal India Limited (CIL) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said decision is in line with the Government's initiatives of 'Ease of Doing Business' and will expedite the exploration and exploitation of CBM, enhance the availability of natural gas and reduce the gap in demand and supply of natural gas, if so, the details of the increased development activities for exploration and exploitation of CBM gas reserves in-and-around the block along with details of

creation of employment opportunities in CBM operations and in the industries;

(c) the guidelines in place for production of Coal Bed Methane;

(d) the estimated reserved of coal bed methane in different parts of the country, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has conducted any survey for identification of production of coal bed methane in the country and if so, the number of areas proposed to be identified for the production of coal bed methane in the near future; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the production of coal bed methane and reduce the demand supply gap in the country?

#### **Punctuality of Trains**

†131. SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI KAUSHAL  
KISHORE:  
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA  
KUMAR:  
SHRI ANANDRAO  
ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the fact that 40% of the trains have been delayed during the last few months, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether punctuality of trains has never been the best bet for most of people and if so, whether the Railways has been facing severe criticism for train delays;

(c) whether some railway zones have extended the run time from 30 minutes to 1 hour;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government has decided to include the delayed time in the time table and if so, the facts in this regard; and

(e) whether the average speed of superfast trains will be affected by including the delayed time in the time table and if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

#### Defining Poverty Line

†132. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING  
योजना मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to redefine the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date on which poverty line was last defined/revised;

(d) the reasons for not defining/ revising the poverty line in the present changing scenario; and

(e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

#### Elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings

133. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

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

(a) whether the elimination of unmanned level crossings is the need of the hour at present;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken a decision to eliminate all unmanned level crossings at broad gauge lines by 2020;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the plan chalked out in this regard;

(d) whether some Railway zones have fully removed unmanned level crossings from their broad gauge lines and if so, the name of such railways zones; and

(e) the extent to which elimination work of unmanned level crossings has been done, zone-wise?

#### Accident in Coal Mines

134. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that took place in various coal mines in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the nature thereof and the number of persons injured/killed in the said accidents during the aforesaid period;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted to ascertain the reasons behind these accidents and any action has been taken against the offices found responsible for the said accidents;

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

(d) the details of the coal mines closed/ proposed to be closed due to such accidents, State-wise;

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such accidents and to rehabilitate and compensate the families of injured/deceased workers; and

(f) the other corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve the safety of coal mine workers working in various coal fields?

#### Delay in According Approval

135. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN  
R.K.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
रक्षा मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken any decision on the complaints raised by the Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) for the prolonged delay in according the approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Grand Power Slovakia S.R.O. under the Public Private Partnership project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction on this issue and the stringent measures taken/being taken by the Government to take action against the officials who have deliberately taken a very long time of three years and are yet to decide on this issue?

#### Visit by Dignitaries

136. KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign dignitaries who visited India during each of the last four months and the current month, country-wise;

(b) the details of the foreign trips undertaken by the Prime Minister of India, External Affairs Minister and other dignitaries during the said period;

(c) the areas identified for co-operation, discussions held and agreement/MoUs signed during the said visits; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the bilateral relations with foreign countries?

#### Indo-Iran Relationship

137. SHRI RAM MOHAN  
NAIDU KINJARAPU:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:  
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO  
RAUT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has warned countries including India to stop buying crude oil and other products from Iran;

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

(c) whether the Government is considering to take up the issue with the US administration at appropriate fora;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for cancellation of bilateral talks between India and United States;

(e) whether India is continuing its economic relations with Iran in terms of both oil imports and the investment in Chabahar Port so that both sides can actually have satisfaction as strategic partners that they are able to address each other's sensitivities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to make further progress in this direction?

#### Kanjikode Rail Coach Factory

138. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Kanjikode Rail Coach Factory in Palghat, Kerala;

(b) whether the Government is planning to withdraw the implementation of the said coach factory and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Furnishing of Property Details

†139. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action against those IAS officers who have not furnished the details of their properties;

(b) if so, the details of such actions;

(c) whether it has been observed that some officers have disproportionate assets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken against them?

#### Multipurpose Coal Distribution System

140. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up "Multipurpose Coal Distribution System" in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the details of the plan outlay for the aforesaid proposal and the time by which it will be implemented?

#### Lighthouse Projects

141. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the lighthouse projects across various sectors in digital economy that have been approved so far, following the Government's discussion with corporate experts;

(b) whether the projects approved would be carried out on a contractual or PPP basis; and

(c) the proposed deadline for the major projects?

#### Suspension of Passport Officer

142. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has suspended a passport officer in Lucknow for hurting religious sentiments of an applicant and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the MEA has directed Regional Passport Office in Lucknow to issue passport to the applicants without verification of their credentials and if so, details thereof;

(c) the number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) at present functional in Uttar Pradesh and the number of PSKs proposed to be opened during the year 2018 in Uttar Pradesh including Mainpuri;

(d) the number of Passport applications received in Uttar Pradesh with special reference to Hardoi and Sitapur districts along with the number of passports issued during the last two years; and

(e) the details of initiatives/steps being taken by the Government to expedite and to ensure safe process of passport application and verification in India during the last three years?

#### Tension with Pakistan

143. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised the Air Force to remain ready to carry out any operation in view of tension with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to take any special steps in this regard; and

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

#### ISO Certification

144. SHRI K.R.P.

PRABAKARAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is advising its various departments and private companies for obtaining the ISO certification, with a view to achieve benchmark performance in international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure good standards through this ISO Certification?

#### Minority Status to Hindus

†145. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY  
AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals to provide minority status to Hindus in Kashmir valley; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the action taken in this regard?

#### Tactical Operations

146. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistan Army personnel killed by Indian Army in 2017 in tactical operations and retaliatory cross border firings along the Line of Control (LoC) in J&K;

(b) the number of Indian Army soldiers martyred/killed and injured during the same period along the LoC in the cross border firings and other incidents during the same period; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the casualties on the Indian side of LoC?

#### Concerns Raised by Telecom Operators

147. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecom operators have urged the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to look into the rationalisation of levies like spectrum usage charges and licence fee, pin points in infrastructure expansion, regulation of OTT players among others;

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

(c) whether the TRAI has agreed to some of the issues raised by telecom operators in the meeting held in the month of January, 2018 with them; and

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

#### Benefits of Communication Towers in Rural Areas

†148. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the installation of communication towers in villages has increased social activities and e-governance employments based on the nearby areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of communications towers installed so far in the rural areas of country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and the number of such towers proposed to be installed in the current financial years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering to install towers in tribal panchayat Uplagarh and Nichlagarh of Pindwara town in the State of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of schemes formulated by the Government for opening joint service centres by including rural entrepreneurs of villages in the country State/UT-wise including Rajasthan?

#### Rafael Deal

149. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has conducted the audit of Rafael deal;

(b) if so, whether the report has been tabled in the Parliament;

(c) if so, the main findings of the CAG;

(d) whether any irregularities have been found in CAG report with regard to the said deal; and

(e) if so, the details and the present position of the action on Government part basis on the points raised by CAG?

#### **National Importance Status to Various Law Universities**

150. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to accord the status of 'institutes of national importance' to various National Law Universities across the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has provided any assistance to any of the National Law Universities across the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce reforms in the administration of the aforesaid universities and in the conduction of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Meeting of SCO**

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has participated in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Minister's meeting held recently in April, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the agenda discussed in the meeting along with the decisions taken therein?

#### **Railway Electrification Projects**

152. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to fast track electrification projects in the country in view of the ever rising expenditure on fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the ongoing railway electrification projects, State/zone-wise;

(c) the details of the targets set and achieved for electrification of railway lines in the country during the 12th Five Year Plan, zone-wise;

(d) the details of the funds allocated and spent thereon for the purpose, zone-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of the projects?

#### **Status of Redevelopment Programme**

153. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Railway Station Redevelopment Programme;

(b) the number of stations that have so far been redeveloped out of 600 identified stations, zone-wise;

(c) whether it is true that the Ministry is finding it difficult to go ahead in view of the existing PPP norms for Station Redevelopment Programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Government will ensure potential return on investment so made by private sector under the above programme?

#### **BSNL Services in Jharkhand**

154. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme and sanctioned funds to make the services of BSNL better in rural areas of Jharkhand especially in Santhal Pargana;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to install mobile towers especially in the villages and remote areas of Jharkhand having less population; and

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

#### **Officers on Deputation**

†155. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of class one officers working in the Indian Railways including the headquarters;

(b) whether certain class one officers are working on deputation from other departments in the Railways;

(c) if so, the number of officers out of the class one officers working in the Railways on deputation from other departments and since when they are on deputation, designation-wise; and

(d) whether the officers of the Railways have been sent on deputation to any other department and if so, the details of such officers?

#### **Irradiation Facilities for Agriculture Products**

156. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has asked the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to set up irradiation facilities in the country to deal with bumper production of onions, potatoes and other perishable produces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said irradiation facilities are likely to be set up in all major producing States along with the cost that is likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the department which will bear the said cost?

**Budget Enhancement for Implementation of NFs**

157. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved enhancement of Budget for implementation of Network For Spectrum (NFS) for Defence Services recently;

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

(c) the details of the implementing Agency for the said project and the time by which the project is likely to be completed ?

**Raising of Platforms Height in Mumbai**

158. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of raising platforms height is going on in Mumbai division;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years and the current year, station-wise and platform-wise;

(c) the number of platforms selected for raising their heights;

(d) the heights of platforms yet to be raised; and

(e) the time by when the work of raising platform heights in Mumbai division will be completed?

**Railway Board Office in Zonal Headquarters**

159. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to open railway board offices in all zonal headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the officers will be posted there with the objective of ensuring efficient services to customers and enhanced safety;

(d) if so, whether the railways is considering to further delegate a wide range of work; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Tampering with Embassy Phone Lines**

†160. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident regarding tampering with telephone lines of the Indian Embassy in America as well as duping has come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such type of incident has been reported for the first time and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

**Functioning of the Under-Trial Monitoring Committees**

161. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the meetings of Under-Trial Monitoring Committees, as directed by the Supreme Court at the district level presided over by the District Legal Services Authority are being conducted regularly to suggest the ways and means of reducing the un-warranted detention of under-trials in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the High Court-wise statistics of the conduct by and participation of the judicial and non-judicial members of the Under-Trial Monitoring Committee meetings held at the district level across the country;

(c) whether the proceedings of the Under-Trial Monitoring Committee meetings held at the district level are forwarded to the respective High Courts to take follow-up measures and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the recommendations of Under-Trial Monitoring Committee at the district level are implemented by the subordinate judiciary punctiliously and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the review by the Under-Trial Monitoring Committee have reduced the unlawful under trial detentions in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Sports Quota in Railways**

162. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern Railways has not recruited a single sportsperson through its sports quota since 2014, despite having conducted tests and interviews;

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

(c) whether the Minister is aware of the allegations that outsiders, unrelated to the Southern Railways Sports Association, were brought in to do paperwork during the recruitment process;

(d) if so, whether the Railways has ordered any inquiry in this regard; and

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

**Nai Roshni**

163. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS

अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done any evaluation for assessing the efficacy of the 'Nai Roshni' scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this connection in order to ensure proper implementation of this scheme?

**Internet Shut  
Down**

†164. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report by UNESCO, 97 incidents of internet shut down between May 2017 to April 2018 in South Asian countries have come to light and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(b) the effective steps taken by the Government to make internet services effective?

**Patent received  
by CSIR**

165. SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the number of patents received by Centre for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR) for the last three years within the country and abroad;

(b) whether the Government has been allocating limited fund for Intellectual Property and Technology Management of CSIR; and

(c) if so, the details of fund allocated by the Government for the last three years and action that have been taken by the Government to achieve the targeted patents for CSIR's new innovations?

**Privatisation of Defence Production**

166. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to privatise defence production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has withdrawn the public investments and is contemplating to allow foreign companies in defence production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on the national security?

**Low Occupancy  
Routes**

167. SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any list of those routes whose occupancy in trains is 50 percent or below;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to increase the occupancy on low occupancy routes and the outcome thereof?

**My-Speed  
Application**

168. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TRAI has come up with My-Speed application, which allows the consumers to explore the mobile data experience across the country and report the same on TRAI My-Speed Portal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of complaints received against the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**AcSIR**

†169. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by when the academy will be operational by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); and

(c) the manner in which AcSIR is likely to be beneficial?

**Prediction of Cyclone, Earthquake  
and Tsunami**

170. SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH  
SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any specific project to predict well in advance the cyclones, earthquakes and tsunami occurring in the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to facilitate the search operations to find missing persons during the cyclones; and

(d) the total amount allocated during the last three years for the same?

**KNPP**

171. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to convert Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) into Nuclear Power Park; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial implication of the said project along with the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

**List of Purchase  
Items**

†172. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:



(a) whether the Government has approved any list of items for soldiers to be purchased by the yearly allowance of Rs. 10,000/-;

(b) if so, the details of goods included or likely to be included in the list; and

(c) the time by which this action plan is likely to be completed?

#### **Atomic Energy Factory Rules**

173. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Atomic Energy Factories Rules, 1996 is amended to permit women workers to be engaged in night shift duties;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government intends to amend it in future;

(c) whether Indian Courts have stipulated any guidelines to be adopted while deploying women workers for night shift duties till the amendment of rules or bringing out rules and if so, the essentials, substances of the guidelines, implementation mechanisms, etc.; and

(d) whether Department of Atomic Energy/Bhabha Atomic Research Centre engaged women workers in night shift duties for reactor operation and maintenance and if so, the details thereof and whether the guidelines adopted by the courts are in force and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Spectrum Auction and Telecom Policy**

174. SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the next spectrum auction will be the biggest so far with 3,000 MHz of radio waves;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the spectrum supporting 5G services and fiberisation of networks will be part of the National Telecom Policy, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the said new policy is likely to be announced by the Government?

#### **Contamination of Sian River**

175. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has taken up with China the issue of contamination of water of Sian river in Arunachal Pradesh, a tributary of the mighty Brahmaputra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether her Ministry was coordinating with the water resources ministry while referring to existing mechanisms between India and China to deal with issues pertaining to water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Millennium Science and Technology Policy**

176. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft Millennium Science and Technology Policy reportedly finalised recently, highlights the loss of an entire generation of talent, an ageing pool of scientists, obsolete labs, declining quality of research, poor technology transfer and other inadequacies;

(b) if so, the details of deficiencies observed and the main features of the new policy outline; and

(c) the broad framework of corrective steps proposed to attract the best available creative talent and to create the required infrastructure for the purpose?

#### **Infrastructural Projects in NER**

†177. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure related major projects started by the Government in various States of North-Eastern Region during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds allocated/spent and the present status of these projects State/project-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor implementation of these projects and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these projects have been delayed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Draft Telecom Policy**

178. SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of  
COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released a new draft telecom policy;

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

(c) the details of regulatory reform measures incorporated under the said new policy; and

(d) the extent to which the said new policy will be helpful in reviving the telecom sector of the country?

#### **Cargo Container Business**

179. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is apprehending a sharp decline in the cargo container business post Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance to impress upon the need to reduce the GST on container cargo; and

(c) if so, the details of the outcome?

**Hike Railway Fare**

180. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of GST on railway fare;

(b) whether it has hiked railway AC fare too much and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to impact of GST, the present fare of every class has almost doubled in comparison to last few years; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to reduce its impact on common man?

**Poor Mobile Services by BSNL and MTNL**

†181. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of poor mobile and other services provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has set up any institutional mechanism and procedure to resolve the complaints of deficiency in services against BSNL and MTNL in the time bound manner;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time limit fixed for resolution of different complaints?

**Promotion Policy For Bureaucrats**

†182. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a new comprehensive policy regarding promotion of bureaucrats;

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

(c) the manner in which new system is better than old system and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent discrimination;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the work performance of Government servants and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of officials given compulsory retirement due to poor work performance during each of the last two years and the current year?

**Stree Swabhiman Initiative**

183. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Stree Swabhiman initiative;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof and the benefits likely to accrue from the initiative; and

(c) the details of the agencies identified for the implementation of the said initiative?

**Prediction of Monsoon**

184. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any important initiatives for considerable progress in prediction of monsoon and its variability in different time scales;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva (GKMS) of IMD has been successful in providing the crop specific advisories to the farmers and the number of farmers in the country receiving the Agromet Advisories through SMS;

(c) whether IMD is planning to establish District Agromet Units (DAMUs) at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at Coastal Districts in the country to generate granular Agromet Advisories and reach out to all the farmers to save the crops from weather aberration and ultimately increase the productivity of the crops; and

(d) if so, the number of Districts covered in the country for providing Agromet Advisories at present, State-wise?

**Salary Scam in Central Hospital**

†185. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS  
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering to conduct a probe into the salary scam reported in Delhi rail division and central hospital, northern railways;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard; and

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

**COMCASA**

186. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to finalise the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) with the United States of America;

(b) if so, the salient features of the pact and the current status of the same; and

(c) whether the pact will be formally concluded during the upcoming India-US 2+2 Dialogue and if so, the details thereof?

**Employment against Voluntary Retirement**

187. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has stopped an employment initiative launched in 2004, when it started giving jobs to children of employees in the lower tier in return for voluntary retirement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is true that an order has been issued to all zonal railways asking them to keep Liberalised Active Retirement Scheme for Guaranteed Employment for Safety Staff (LARSGESS) on hold till further orders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Manufacturing of Electronic Items**

†188. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

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

(a) the details of the branded electronic items being manufactured indigenously in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the indigenous manufacturing of the electronic items is adequate to meet the demand within the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote the domestic research and development for manufacturing of electronic items in the country?

#### **Status of Bharat Net Project in Krishna District**

189. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether not a single gram panchayat has been made operational under Bharat Net Project in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reasons for the delay in implementation of the phase II of the said project;

(c) the expected timeline for completion of the said project; and

(d) whether the aforesaid project will be completely made operational within the time frame fixed by the Government and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Observatory for Gravitational Waves Study**

190. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop any observatory to study the phenomenon of gravitational waves and if so, the details thereof including the time by which the said observatory is likely to be operationalised; and

(b) the progress made by the Government in this regard?

#### **Efficiency of Coal Mines**

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

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase efficiency of coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any exchange of mines have been carried out to ensure supply of coal from mines located near power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the savings made in this regard;

(e) whether Coal India Limited proposes to increase this saving by carrying out more such exchanges; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fast Track Courts**

192. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) set up in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds allocated to set up these FTCs during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the amount utilised in the establishment of these courts State/UT-wise along with the amount unspent during the said period, State/UT-wise?

#### **EMS Services between India and Japan**

†193. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started 'cool EMS service' between India and Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the benefits of this scheme and the manner in which the said system is likely to be operated; and

(c) the efforts made so far by the Government to ensure that the common citizens get the benefit of the said facility?

#### **Research Project of CSIR**

†194. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has started several research projects for new inventions in various States of the country for the benefit of common people during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects started in Jharkhand?

### Income Disparity

†195. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between the percentage increase in the incomes of poor and the rich has grown during the past few years;

(b) if so, the details of the percentage of increase registered in the income of 10% of the poorest and 10% of the richest people during the last three years;

(c) whether the economic policy of the country is responsible for the said disparity in the income; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

### Estimate on Mobile Subscribers

196. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any estimate on mobile numbers in the country that have been subscribed but not in use and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any estimate on the number of people having more than two mobile connections and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the trend of mobile phone coverage in the country aggregated by States during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the villages in the country that do not have mobile coverage, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government for expansion of mobile coverage in those villages along with the financial allocation made in this regard during each of the last three years?

### New Coach Factories

197. DR. A. SAMPATH:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has done any assessment of coaches required in the near future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether on the basis of this assessment the railways has decided to set up new coach factories in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the locations, identified for the purpose;

(d) whether the Railways has any proposal to start the pending projects in this regard; and

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

### Renovation of Railway Colonies and Quarters

†198. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renovation works like tile flooring, washbasin repairing, P.O.P., kitchen upgradation are not being carried out in the quarters in several railway colonies including the ones in Sarojini Nagar and Shakurbasti after their allotment;

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

(c) whether a forest like stretch has developed in Shakurbasti railway colony due to lack of maintenance and cleanliness and also due to non-development of a park causing great inconvenience to the residents living there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of guidelines given for development of park there?

### Mobile Services in Backward Areas

†199. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have taken any steps to provide mobile services in backward blocks of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of blocks in the country where mobile service is available, State/UT-wise along with the number of blocks which are yet to be provided with mobile service, State/UT-wise;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to link each block and village of the country with mobile services;

(d) the time by which each block and village is likely to be linked with mobile service; and

(e) the number of complaint redressal mechanism and various other facilities set up by the Government to provide regular mobile/telephone service in rural areas?

### Accidents and Casualties on Rail Tracks

†200. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people are killed on rail tracks after being hit by trains;

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

(c) the year-wise and zone-wise number of such accidents that took place during the last three years; and

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

### Expansion of Rail Network

201. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is considering expanding its reach to the remote regions of the country;

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

(c) the estimated/tentative time of completion of these projects?

**Lateral Entry in  
Bureaucracy**

202. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASA  
RAO (AVANTHI):  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRIMATI K.  
MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced or proposed to introduce the policy of lateral entry in the bureaucracy at Joint Secretary level for a fixed tenure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether concerns from various quarter has been raised to this effect;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to address these concerns including that of civil servants;

(d) whether the Government has a proposal to allow deputation of its officers to private sector as well and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has consulted UPSC on constitutional and legal requirements for such appointments and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Satellite Navigation System  
Like GPS**

203. SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS  
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to have its own GPS like satellite navigation system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a joint working group was constituted to identify the funding mechanism and institutions for developing NavIC chips and their use in various devices;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government will promote start-ups and MSMEs to enter this area which will help in enhancing competence of the domestic market; and

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

**Coal Production**

†204. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the target fixed for Northern Coalfields Limited and Bharat Coking Coal Limited including their ancillary companies and the total production of coal carried out by these during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(b) whether the quantum of coal produced by the said ancillary coal companies has been less than the target fixed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether alleged inefficiency of the management is one of the reasons for the said shortage;

(e) if so, the remedial measures be taken in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken to increase coal production from the said coal fields?

**Harassment of Diplomats**

205. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the harassment faced by the diplomats of India and Pakistan as a retaliatory action and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the arrangement to follow 1992 Code of Conduct (CoC) to end the harassment and intimidation of diplomats also seems to be on the brink of collapse and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to resolve such issues in order to protect the diplomats from harassment and intimidation?

**Review of Pending Cases**

†206. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ  
SAHU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ordered any State-wise review of the pending files of cases in the courts during the last three years;

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

(c) whether the Government is willing to accept that the pendency of cases is more in India compared to other countries;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the shortage of judges exist in all the courts and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Allocation of Funds for NER  
Development**

207. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD  
DATTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT  
of NORTH EASTERN REGION

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the development of Northern Eastern Region (NER) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds actually spent during these years;

(c) the major items of works for which expenditure has been incurred; and

(d) the outcome of this expenditure?

**Supplier Association in Railways**

†208. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the presence of suppliers-association supplying materials in the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to

exclude these suppliers association from the Railways supply;

(c) whether the Government is likely to make policy changes in the present system of procurement by the Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Holding of Spectrum

209. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the spectrum norms to enable the Telecom Service Providers to hold Higher Spectrum; and

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

#### Women Scientists

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

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women scientists working in various research institutions, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether there is a shortage of women scientists in the country or women are lagging behind in this field;

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

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of women scientists;

(e) whether there is any provision for providing special facilities for women scientists in laboratories/institutions keeping in view their domestic difficulties;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the number of women scientists in the country?

#### Women in Defence

211. SHRI PARESH RAVAL: SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of women working in defence services?

#### Mobility Partnership Agreement

†212. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI: SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS: SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the migration and mobility partnership agreement signed between India and France has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the duration of this agreement and whether any task force has been set up to operate this; and

(c) if so, the details of its framework and the areas wherein both countries are likely to cooperate with each other?

#### Prisoners in Indian and Pakistani Jails

†213. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI: SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have exchanged the list of people who are languishing in their respective jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the number of prisoners who have been released by both the countries during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether both countries have any concrete proposal regarding release of prisoners; and

(e) if so, the time by which the modalities are likely to be made in this regard?

#### De Listing of Political Parties

214. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has started delisting political parties for being inactive over a prolonged period and not taking part in the election process and for furnishing fake details;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of political parties that have been delisted so far;

(c) whether the Commission has set up a social media team to monitor the problem of fake news, paid news and data breach through social media accounts and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Election Commission proposes to lay down a model code of conduct for social media in the electoral process and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Commission proposes to take action against firms employing dubious innovative methods to manipulate voters and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to curb such malpractices?

#### Task Force on Job Creation

215. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an expert task force to create jobs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received recommendations of the said task force and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of investment and the number of employment opportunities

generated during the last three financial years, year-wise; and

(d) the target set by the Government for job creation and the progress so far made in this regard?

### Increasing Aadhaar Enrolment

216. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aadhaar number have jumped to more than 121 crore as on June 26, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that a recent Supreme Court verdict was not in favour of universal application of Aadhaar; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is reconsidering its strategy on Aadhaar and if so, the details thereof?

### Swapping of Coal

217. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India is aware about the agreement of swapping of coal with Gujarat Government/Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd. (GSECL) with NTPC to reduce the burden of transportation cost of fuel;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India/Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) would supply the coal to GSECL at notified

rates only and not on cost plus, as the same shall not be viable to GSECL as cost will increase;

(c) if so, the time-frame to allocate more coal from WCL to GSECL to cater to its requirement at notified rates only;

(d) whether transfer/swapping will be based on heating value terms; and

(e) if so, whether the WCL will allow the third party to do the sampling and analysis at loading?

### Shortage of Wagons

218. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing shortage of wagons, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of wagons needed for the next five years;

(c) whether such a shortage is affecting railways operations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to meet the shortage?

### Setting up of Railside Warehouses

†219. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR

HANSDAK:

SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is putting emphasis on setting up railside warehouses;

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

(c) the details of the locations where cold storage is being set up on vacant land adjacent to cargo terminal with a view to achieving the said objective; and

(d) the amount of funds allocated/ utilized for the said purpose?

### Contractual and Outsourcing System

†220. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people are not getting permanent jobs due to contract/outsourcing system in vogue leading to a number of youths being unemployed and if so, the details thereof along with the number of contractual/outsourced employees working in Government, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to issue any guidelines aimed at providing permanent jobs to the aspirant persons rather than prolonged engagement of persons on contract/outsourcing basis by the Government department and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any cognizance that the middlemen exploit the employees engaged on contract/outsourcing basis by not paying them their dues; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to prevent such suppression and exploitation of contractual employees?

### Shortage of Coal

221. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether power plants both in the public and private sectors are facing shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government is taking to advise the Coal India Ltd., to meet the demand of power plants so that the industrial output like steel plants is not affected?

### PMGDISHA

222. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the current status of Pradhanmantri Grameen Digital Saksharata Abhiyan (PMGDISHA);

(b) the number of citizens registered till date under the said programme, State/ UT-wise along with the number of citizens completed their training thereunder, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether there are sufficient number of common service centres to provide digital training to the targeted citizens under the scheme and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and spent till date for the above project in the current financial year?

**Saplings Planted By CIL**

†223. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of saplings planted by the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) during the last three years;

(b) the number of saplings out of the above that are still in living condition as on date; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to properly maintain the saplings planted?

**Check on Circulation of Fake News**

†224. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:  
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the social media is being used to spread rumours, fake news and defame public personalities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are reports of the social media being used to disturb peace and spread terror propaganda and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the said problem and to have an effective monitoring of social media; and

(d) whether the Government plans to regulate social media and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Management of Defence Canteen**

225. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Defence Canteen, State-wise and the number of them managed by NCC unit in each State;

(b) whether the Government proposes to stop the Defence Canteen managed and run by the NCC units in different States;

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

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that signaturing authority of the NCC managed Defence Canteen at Kerala has been transferred to Bangalore;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to restore the previous arrangement; and

(f) whether the authorities are remitting the ESI contribution of the Civil employees in Defence Canteen regularly and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Railway Schools**

226. SHRI VENKATESH BABU  
T.G.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway schools located in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Railways have any proposal to close its schools in the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

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

(d) the fate of students and faculty who are associated with those schools?

**Vacancies in Judiciary**

227. SHRI GANESH SINGH:  
SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
SHRI DHARAMBIR:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the vacancies in the Supreme Court and all the High Courts and district courts of the country, court-wise;

(b) the details of steps taken/being taken to fill these vacancies at the earliest;

(c) the details of the cases pending in all the courts across the country, State and court-wise;

(d) the details of steps taken/being taken to dispose off all the pending cases at the earliest;

(e) whether the Government has planned that recruitments are made in advance against posts that are likely to fall vacant and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any time limit has been fixed/will be fixed or policy framed by the Government to take further action on the panel of judges approved by the collegium and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the number of such recommendations of the collegium regarding appointments/transfers in the Supreme Court or High Courts on which no further action has been taken or which have been withheld for more than one month along with the details and the names thereof?

**Expenditure Incurred in Contesting Court Cases**

228. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND  
JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure incurred by the Government in contesting cases in the Supreme Court has gone up from nearly Rs. 11 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 42.40 crore in 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to expedite all the cases in all courts at the earliest to cut down the expenditure in contesting court cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Corruption Cases Registered by CBI**

†229. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered corruption cases during the tenure of the present Government;



(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases registered; and

(c) the increase or decrease in the number of such cases during the above period?

**Delay in Construction of RoB**

†230. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the formalities in regard to approval for construction of an

overbridge in front of Hazaribagh road station under Dhanbad division of east central railway were completed two years back;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in construction of the said overbridge;

(c) whether the Railways wrote a letter to the State Government regarding removal of encroachment at the bridge construction site and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to take action against officers responsible for delay in the construction of this bridge, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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