

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, December 22, 2021/Pausha 1, 1943 (Saka)

(Prime Minister; Ministries of Atomic Energy; Coal; Commerce and Industry; Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Earth Sciences; Electronics and Information Technology; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Railways; Science and Technology; Space; Steel; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles)

(प्रधान मंत्री; परमाणु ऊर्जा; कोयला; वाणिज्य और उद्योग; संचार; उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण; पृथ्वी विज्ञान; इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी; खान; संसदीय कार्य; कर्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

Carbon Emission

*341. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been computing the total greenhouse gas emissions by the Railway sector for each year and if so, the details thereof during the period 2016-2021, year-wise;

(b) the measures taken by the Railways to reduce its carbon emissions by 32% by 2030 in comparison to the 2005 levels; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Ministry to bring the emissions in line with our country's Paris Agreement targets?

Handloom Clusters

*342. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned Handloom Clusters for the State of Andhra Pradesh to be established in Mandal Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount of allocations made for each cluster and the amount so far released under this project?

Extension of train upto Nanded

†*343. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from railway division regarding extending the Rayalaseema Express train upto Nanded and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether no direct train is available for the devotees going to Tirupati for darshan of Lord Balaji from Nanded;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to extend the said train upto Nanded; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Eligible Households Under NFSA

*344. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalised the list of eligible households under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) taking into account COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown of the economy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of vigilance committees that have been set up under Section 29 of NFSA, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has plans to introduce checks on Fair Price Shops to curb irregularities in the distribution of items and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government plans to introduce Food Stamp Scheme to overcome the flaws in the current procedure/structure of Public Distribution System (PDS); and

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

Broad Band Connectivity in Rural Maharashtra

†*345. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised in Maharashtra, particularly in Amravati Parliamentary constituency for rural broadband connectivity under BharatNet Project; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats in Amravati district of Maharashtra where facilities regarding high speed optical fibre cable network and optical mix of media (i.e. optical fibre cable/radio/satellite) under BharatNet Project are being implemented?

Mining Lease in Chhindwara

*346. SHRI NAKUL KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining lease given to Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in four (04) Nagar Panchayats of Chhindwara district expired several years ago and there is no proposal to start any project there in the near future; and

(b) if so, whether the Government would consider taking over the huge tracts of land given to WCL and provide pattas to the poor labourers of WCL living there for the past sixty years or so, so that houses could be built for them under various Government schemes?

PLI Scheme for Telecom Sector

*347. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the companies including the Government owned BSNL and MTNL which have been given approval under the production linked incentive scheme for the telecom sector and the criteria on which these entities were given approval;

(b) whether this scheme is expected to significantly reduce dependence on other countries for telecom products and if so, the timeframe set out by the Government and the expected outlay thereof;

(c) whether some of the companies given approval under the scheme are facing problems with respect to meeting incremental investment and production targets for the first year due to pandemic challenges and if so, whether the Government is considering extending the scheme by a year or relaxing the targets for the first year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MPLADS Projects in West Bengal

*348. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average MPLAD projects (in terms of funds) sanctioned in West Bengal;

(b) the details of the average projects sanctioned by All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) and Non-AITC MPs, separately, executed in the State (in terms of funds sanctioned);

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that there is a massive delay in implementation of the projects sanctioned through MPLADS by opposition MPs in West Bengal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Resumption of Packaged Food

†*349. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to resume the packaged food services under the catering services in the trains which had been discontinued during Corona period;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any timeline to resume the said services; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Benefits to Railway Security Guards

*350. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway security guards who retired from Northern Railway during the period from 1st January, 2020 to 30th April, 2020;

(b) whether the railway security employees have not been given the retirement benefits like pension and gratuity for one year due to which they are facing severe financial crisis;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the pension and gratuity benefits would be given to them?

Revival of Closed Spinning Mills

†*351. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spinning mills across the country, State-wise including Maharashtra along with the number of such mills closed during the last eight years, district-wise and the reasons for closure;

(b) the details of the Government schemes for the revival of closed and sick spinning mills across the country along with the impact of such schemes and the status of revival of such mills, especially in Maharashtra;

(c) the total number of skilled and unskilled labourers laid off in the wake of closure of spinning mills along with the steps taken by the Government to provide employment to these labourers;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up spinning mill in Parbhani Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Rail Network in Assam

†*352. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the schemes being implemented by the Government at present for improvement and expansion of rail network in Assam;

(b) the amount of funds proposed to be allocated and released and spent so far in each district of Assam under the said schemes;

(c) the details of the works/projects carried out for improvement and expansion of rail network in Assam during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the newly constructed rail routes by the Government in Assam during the said period?

Decline of Handloom Sector

*353. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handloom sector in the country is declining due to lack of support from the Union and State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of financial aid and institutional support extended by the Union Government and various State Governments to protect handloom sector during the last three years and the growth achieved;

(c) whether any assistance is available from United Nations Organization for protecting and promoting handloom industry and weavers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and assistance/recognition received by our country during the last three years?

Transfer Policy of Coal India Limited

†*354. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing transfer policy approved by the Board of Directors of Coal India Limited for the officers of the Company;

(b) whether there is a rule for transferring an officer of Coal India Limited from its one subsidiary company to another subsidiary company on completing 15 years of service in one subsidiary company;

(c) whether there have been instances during the current year where transfer of officials from Northern Coalfields Limited to Central Coalfields Limited has been stayed; and

(d) if so, the reasons for putting a stay on the transfer(s)?

Automatic Weather Station

*355. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government is dissatisfied with the preparedness of India Meteorological Department (IMD) for weather forecast, especially after the devastating floods in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that as per the BIS standards, Kerala requires 256 weather stations but there are only 21 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) of which only 15 are functional;

(d) the progress made by IMD towards setting up of 100 AWSs in Kerala immediately as promised to the Disaster Management Authority in August, 2018;

(e) whether the Government is aware that the Kerala Government has hired private weather forecasters and makes use of weather warnings of IMD only for 'comparison';

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the Ministry's action plan for the State?

Sourcing Radio-Active Material

*356. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether our country is self-sufficient when it comes to sourcing radio-active materials for power generation through nuclear energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the use of commercial thorium for nuclear power generation?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

BharatNet Phases - I and II

*357. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the country, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the reasons for BharatNet Phases-I and II running behind schedule;
- (c) the reasons for only 34,000 Gram Panchayats (GPs) having been made service-ready in Phase-II;
- (d) the number of GPs that have been made service ready in Phase-I, State-wise and district-wise;
- (e) the details of the targets set and achieved under Phases-I and II; and
- (f) the time it will take to make all the six (06) lakh GPs service-ready?

Biometric Authentication

*358. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the biometric signatures/ authentication required for Aadhaar registration;
- (b) whether finger print is necessary for Aadhaar registration and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the people who lost finger print due to absence of finger or due to leprosy or any other disease can register their name in Aadhaar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Accountability on Social Media

*359. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to have any mechanism to ensure accountability on the social media; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the plan of action in this regard?

Startup Accelerator

*360. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has launched a Startup Accelerator for product innovation, development and growth during the recent past and if so, the facts thereof along with its aims;
- (b) the State-wise details and the number of Startups which will be helped in the early stage of their journey along with the details of investment proposed in each Startup;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to scale up its network of incubators and accelerators to phenomenal levels and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the other steps taken by the Ministry to boost the fledgling Startup ecosystem in the country?

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Bypassing of Local Laws

3911. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports state that the Minister had pointed out that business houses should not just focus on profits or think of bypassing local laws at an event organized by the CII in August, 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any sort of violations of bypassing local laws have been noticed by the Ministry on the part of top Indian business houses; and

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

Frauds in Procurement

3912. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approached CBI to nail people indulging into frauds in procurement of foodgrains in Punjab and whether CBI have registered cases against a number of persons in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has found involvement of officials and ministers of the Government of Punjab in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Space Programme

3913. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has any space programme lined up for the exploration and utilization of space resources; and

(b) if so, the details of those programmes and if not, the reasons therefor?

District Mineral Foundation

†3914. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the expenditure from District Mineral Foundation (DMF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the guidelines regarding expenditure of funds from DMF in Rajasthan and the work-wise details of total amount of funds spent in each of the districts during the last three years; and

(d) whether any committee has been constituted to approve the scheme and review the said amount and if so, the details thereof?

Atal Tinkering Labs

3915. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) that have been established across the country managed by the Government and private sector, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the amount of funds disbursed as of November 2021 to ATLs in the country, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) the details of amount of funds earmarked for establishment of ATLs for the next three years;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the number and details of private and Government run ATLs to be established for the next year in the country, State-wise and district-wise including Rajasthan; and

(e) the number and details of ATLs which are functional post March 2020 and whether the Government has created any specialised auditory mechanism to review their functioning in the post COVID era and if so, the details thereof?

Condition of Godowns

†3916. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the remedial measures taken/being taken to improve the condition of godowns and to construct new godowns in Bihar including Katihar Lok Sabha constituency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) stores foodgrains in rented godowns also; and

(d) if so, the annual amount being spent on it?

Procurement of Paddy

3917. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the complaints received about the irregularities and corruption in procurement of paddy across the country, especially from the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the number of officers suspended in this regard, officer/cadre-wise?

Essential Food Items

3918. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of essential food items whose average retail price has increased in 2021;

(b) the reasons for the inflation of prices of the said essential food items; and

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to stabilize prices and if so, the details of the same?

Meteorological Advisories

3919. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers receiving agro meteorological advisories is still small as compared to the total farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the actual number of farmers receiving such awareness about the agro met services, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to increase the number of farmers so as to provide benefits from meteorological advisories and enhance dissemination through various media along with the financial implication of the Government for the last three years in this regard?

PLI Scheme in Textile Sector

†3920. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become one of the most attractive destinations for investment in manufacturing;

(b) if so, the details of some of the major investments and development in the said sector in the recent past, particularly in the parliamentary constituencies of Karnal, Panipat and Kurukshetra in Haryana;

(c) whether Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme in the textile sector for ten segments/products of Man Made Fiber (MMF) Garments, Man Made Fiber Fabrics and Technical Textiles have been given approval which are likely to help parliamentary constituencies of Panipat and Kurukshetra to receive a different level of investment and development to the textile industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sleeping Pod Services

3921. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide sleeping pod services to passengers at certain railway stations;

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

(c) the new steps taken by the Government to provide quality accommodation services to all kinds of travellers at affordable rates at major railway stations and in retiring rooms, across the country and particularly in Tamil Nadu?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National Institute of Ocean Technology

†3922. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the locations where National Institute of Ocean Technology is located in the country along with the objectives of these institutes and the details thereof; and

(b) the status of the proposal to set up training centres to ensure that the youths get education of earth sciences along with the details thereof?

Linkage of Aadhaar with Voter Card

3923. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government, on recommendation of the Election Commission of India (ECI), intends to link Aadhaar with voter card identification and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government intends to exempt the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) from the Personal Data Protection Law and if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is considering the demand of several State Governments for a decentralized data protection authority and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government intends to utilise Aadhaar face recognition for COVID vaccination, if so, the details thereof including timeline of rollout and whether the Aadhaar recognition will be mandatory for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is aware of potential inaccuracies in facial recognition technology as well as data privacy concerns and if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the same would be accounted for if such facial recognition technology is rolled out?

Manufacturing of White Goods

3924. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to transform the country into a global white goods manufacturing hub and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and FICCI has organized high level Investor Round table on PLI for white goods recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the number of CEOs of white goods companies who attended the said high level investor round table;

(d) the number of locations where white goods manufacturing units are likely to be established in the country under PLI scheme;

(e) the committed investment likely to be made therein, company-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to attract foreign investment in the white goods sector in the country?

PM Mitra Scheme

†3925. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up PM Mitra parks in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of budget estimated for this along with the target set for such purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up PM Mitra parks in Rajasthan also; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof along with the time by which these parks are likely to be set up?

Rehabilitation of People Due to Rising Sea Level

3926. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plans to rehabilitate people from low-lying coastal areas who may be adversely impacted due to rising sea levels in the coming decade and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to mitigate rising sea levels and coastal erosion, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has lost a portion of its original coastline due to rising sea levels and if so, the data for the same reflecting the change in the coastline from 1950 to 2021;

(d) whether Odisha has lost a portion of its original coastline due to rising sea levels or coastal erosion;

(e) if so, the data for the same reflecting the change in coastline as of 2021; and

(f) whether the Government plans to offer assistance and rehabilitation to victims of climate change such as those displaced or forced to migrate and if so, the details thereof?

Sharing of Geo-Spatial Information

3927. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any steps to ensure the security related to sharing of geo-spatial information of sensitive and prohibited areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government plans to promote Start-ups and Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the geo-spatial mapping sector by providing handholding, expertise, technology resource, early stage funding and incubation through its various entrepreneurship development programmes and if so, the details thereof?

Modernizing Post Offices

3928. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to modernize Edathua and Kunnikode, post offices located in Mavelikkara Lok Sabha Constituency of Kerala State under Kerala postal circle;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, if any, for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government is intending to unlock the value of postal infrastructure in the country by making use of its resources and assets to be proactively allowed to be used by the private sector in a partnership; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is aware of any representations raised against such a decision or plan and the details thereof?

Double Lining of South Western Railway Line

3929. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all documents of permissions rejected and granted and all file notings relating to the double lining of south western railway line in Goa;

(b) the details of environmental and ecological zone studies carried out in Goa to measure the impact of the double lining along with the feasibility report of the project;

(c) the details of cargo (type and quantity) to be carried on the said line;

(d) the top ten customers of Railways who are likely to use the line along with the cargo type to be carried therein;

(e) whether coal is likely to be transported on this line;

(f) if so, whether the current capacity of coal being transported is likely to be increased on this line; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Handloom Clusters

3930. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up handloom clusters to benefit weavers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made therein;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of criteria under which proposals were accepted/rejected in this regard;

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to provide incentives to the labourers engaged in handloom sector and create awareness among them; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of textile from the country?

Pitlanes and Workshops

3931. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for pitlanes and workshops for maintenance in Macharla and Repalle stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by when such request has been received from local/State/other public representatives; and

(c) the details of action taken by the Government in this regard?

e-Auction of Coal Blocks

3932. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking steps for e-auction of coal blocks to ensure transparency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard along with the complaints received and solved so far?

Setting up of Mega Textile Clusters

3933. DR. HEENA GAVIT:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE
PATIL:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up mega textile clusters including handloom clusters in various parts of the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including locations, fund allocations, proposed activities and the time by when the new clusters are likely to be set up, State-wise;

(c) the details of production of textiles during each of the last three years and the current year, product and State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of export of textiles and the revenue earned from them during the same period, product and country-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to face the global competition and to seek employment opportunities in the textile sector including the technical garments sector?

Global Shortage of Containers

†3934. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by India to reduce the adverse impact of the global shortage of containers;

(b) whether the demand of containers had increased in India during COVID-19 crisis; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to ensure that there is no shortfall of containers and these containers are used during crisis time in future?

Railway Electrification in Telangana

3935. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

SHRI VENKATESH NETHA

BORLAKUNTA:

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are still 500 more kms of railway line to be electrified in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details of lines that are yet to be electrified;

(c) whether the estimated expenditure required for electrification of the above kms is to the tune of Rs. 500 crores;

(d) if so, the fund allocated for this project during the current year and whether it is sufficient to meet the target; and

(e) if not, the action plan chalked out in this regard?

Rainfall in Tamilnadu

3936. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the heavy rainfall occurring in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also aware that weather forecast app of India is unable to make accurate predictions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is also aware that there is an urgent need to make it efficient and user friendly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be replaced?

E-District Scheme

3937. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement e-district project in the country and if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, including the State of Telangana; and

(b) the State/UT-wise details of total number of districts already covered under the above said project, including the State of Telangana?

Textile Units in Jaipur

†3938. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI
DHADUK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 1500 textile units are operated in Jetpur city and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether world class modern infrastructure facilities are required for setting up of textile units in Jetpur and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any Government scheme to facilitate textile units to meet international environmental and social standards and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to build textile parks in Jetpur?

Leave Travel Concession

3939. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has stopped credit facility by Air India to travel on LTC and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has reduced the LTC 80 fare as compared to pre covid period rates and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is an urgent need for revision of mandatory travel by Air India on LTC due to disinvestment of Air India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to modify the LTC guidelines in the face of disinvestment of Air India?

Protecting Handloom Weavers

3940. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handloom weavers in the country and in West Bengal as on date;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to protect the handloom weavers in West Bengal, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of allocation of funds for execution of the schemes being implemented in West Bengal and its physical and financial achievement during the last five years, year-wise?

Environment and Rehabilitation Cess

3941. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state whether the Government is planning to rename the cess collected from coal as “Environment and Rehabilitation Cess” and earmark 60 percent of the cess to coal bearing States and if so, the details thereof?

Pulses in Distribution System

†3942. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to cover pulses and other protein rich and coarse grains in food grain distribution scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other measures to improve the nutrition level of the poor families;

(c) whether the Government is considering to extend the free food grain scheme further in view of the demands of several States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Services Provided by Department of Posts

3943. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the services provided by the Department of Posts in the country during the last three years along with the revenue earned/being earned therefrom, service-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set any target for generation of revenue from postal service during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether manpower and infrastructural facilities including post-masters and postmen are adequate in the Department of Posts at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government has any proposal to recruit more number of personnel ;

(e) whether the Government has started providing postal services by using latest technology for delivering mail and parcels to various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether there is decline in the use of various postal services and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Textile and Clothing Sector

3944. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH *ALIAS*
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile and clothing sector is passing through difficult phase and has been badly affected;

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

(c) the details of segments that have performed well in Textile and Clothing sectors during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and segment-wise;

(d) whether the export of clothing and textile has been badly affected due to covid-19 pandemic, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to deal with the situation and boost the exports from the country;

(e) whether the export of handicraft including handmade carpets have shown negative growth compared to last two to three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to push the exports of the said items?

Damaged Foodgrains

†3945. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current State-wise storage capacity of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the country;

(b) whether the Government has increased the storage capacity of the FCI in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FCI stores its foodgrains in rented godowns and if so, the annual expenditure being incurred thereon;

(d) the State/godown-wise total quantity of foodgrains damaged/destroyed in the FCI godowns and in rented godowns during the last five years;

(e) whether State-wise review of unused food grains and its storage in the warehouses of FCI is being done by the Government and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(f) whether the Government has fixed accountability for the food grains being damaged and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the State-wise details of the action taken so far in this regard and the alternate measures taken to use the rotten foodgrains for other purposes?

Mega Cluster Textile Parks

†3946. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which National Technical Textiles Mission is likely to be implemented;

(b) the number of Mega Cluster Parks proposed to be set up by the Government;

(c) the number of the said parks which have been set up so far; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up any such park to boost employment in Bijnor district and if so, the details thereof?

Engineering Exporters

3947. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engineering Exporters use steel as raw material to manufacture products for export purposes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether high prices of domestic steel has resulted in non-competitiveness of Indian downstream engineering exports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic steel makers charge huge margins from engineering exporters and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is a need to provide steel at affordable rates to engineering exporters and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide steel at affordable rates to engineering exporters?

Research Opportunities to Scientists

3948. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide more research opportunities to the scientists and technologists who are doing their research work in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the purposes during the last three years and the current year?

Toy Manufacturers

3949. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

(a) the estimated number of toy manufacturers, medium and small, located in the country both registered/unregistered, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that about 85% of all toys sold in India are imported;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and the estimated loss to the Government and to the industry as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to protect the interests of the domestic toy manufacturers and traders and to promote the objective of 'Make in India'; and

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

Extreme Weather Events

3950. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES
पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of studies, if any, conducted by the Government, in the past three years, on the impact of

extreme weather events, on the Indian crops and farmers from various topographies of the country, year-wise;

(b) whether the country has an updated system for predicting extreme weather events for the benefit of farmers, throughout the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry maintains a dynamic record of the various agro-climatic zones of the country at the disposal for farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce schemes, to encourage farming practices based on upgraded weather forecasting, if so, the details thereof?

Production Linked Incentive Scheme

†3951. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES
वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for textile sector;

(b) if so, the details of the PLI scheme;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any rule to avail the benefit of PLI scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

BSNL Towers

†3952. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
संचार मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set-up towers in such places of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh where BSNL has no signal;

(b) if so, the names of locations where the said towers are proposed to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not setting up the said towers in other such locations?

Museum at Kumbakonam

3953. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish a Museum at Kumbakonam railway station to commemorate the historic visit of Swami Vivekananda and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the museum is likely to be established before February 2022, marking the 125th Year of Vivekananda's visit to Kumbakonam;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the time by when the said museum is likely to be established?

Data Centres

3954. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

the district-wise details of the assistance provided by the Government to the Government of Maharashtra during the last three years for expansion of State Data Centre and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rainfall in MP

3955. SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:

SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of annual rainfall in the country over the last five years, specifically Pratapgarh district in Uttar Pradesh, Sagar and Dewas districts in Madhya Pradesh and Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Pratapgarh and Pali districts in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there has been a decline in annual rainfall received in these States vis-a-vis the annual rainfall received across India;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon for transportation of water to these States;

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures to increase access to water resources in the above States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Import of Textile related machinery

3956. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds utilised by the Government for import of textile-related machinery in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the progress made in textiles under the National Capital Goods Policy;

(c) whether it is in line with the expected results and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of initiatives adopted by the Government to minimise imports and enable the production and export of quality textile machinery in the coming years?

Rights of Consumers

3957. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has or proposes to establish any mechanism to protect the rights of the consumers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to protect consumers against unfair trade practices;

(c) the number of consumer courts operational in the country and the number of cases disposed of during the last three years; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government to strengthen the rights of the consumers?

Private Trains

3958. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to run private trains in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the future targets of the Government in this regard?

Change in Weather

3959. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the rapidly changing weather and occurrence of natural calamities during the previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to adopt new technologies to ensure accuracy in weather forecasting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Handloom Development Programme

3960. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of National Handloom Development Programme;

(b) whether there is a significant shortfall in the physical and financial achievements, if so the details of the last three years, State-wise specially in Maharashtra;

(c) the detailed reasons for the shortfall, especially in Maharashtra; and

(d) the efforts made to make the programme successful and to improve the living standards of handloom weavers in the country?

Hunger and Malnutrition

3961. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:
SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess levels of hunger and malnutrition in India during the COVID pandemic and if so, details thereof;

(b) the data on the quantum of foodgrain buffer stock maintained by the Food Corporation of India, year-wise between 2014 and 2021;

(c) the data on the quantum of foodgrain from the buffer stock diverted for ethanol production, year-wise between 2014 and 2021; and

(d) whether the Government is considering using excess stock to issue emergency ration rather than towards ethanol production and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ocean Water Suitability

3962. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed reports on survey and feasibility studies relating to the Industry Verticals specific with Nellore District Coast Line, Sea Coast and Ocean for food, energy, transportation, minerals, drinking water, leisure and health;

(b) the details of sea/ocean water suitability activities for livelihood of citizens and revenue generation for Union and State Governments;

(c) the details of survey, studies, assessment and feasibility done so far in this regard;

(d) whether the CSIR Institutes/Organizations will add value to citizens and the Government in achieving five trillion economy;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when a final report is likely to be made;

(f) the time by when Deep Sea Mining is going to start on the coastline of Nellore district for extracting

polymetallic modules that are found on the deep ocean floor rich in metals like copper, cobalt, nickel and manganese;

(g) whether tenders have been called for in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared and the time by when it will be made available; and

(i) the conclusive estimation of value of minerals, if commercially made available for Indian industry as import substitute to reach five trillion economy?

Cold Storage Facilities on Kisan Rail

3963. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to introduce cold storage facilities on the Kisan Rail, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government intends on expanding the Kisan Rail, if so, the details of the routes identified in this regard?

Accurate Weather Forecast

3964. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of the monsoon in the country was not as predicted by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the IMD predicting wrong weather forecast; and

(d) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Ineligible Beneficiaries

3965. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ineligible beneficiaries are being struck off from National Food Security Act (NFSA) in some States and if so, the details thereof in the last five years till date;

(b) whether some States sought inclusion of more families in food security purview and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereof State-wise along with the number of beneficiaries under NFSA till date and State-wise?

Balance of Paddy Procurement

3966. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 1,703 crores is yet to be paid to the Government of Andhra Pradesh by the Ministry for procurement of paddy under National Food Security Act (NFSA) since 2012-13;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-payment of dues to Andhra Pradesh and reasons for delay and the time by when the Ministry is going to clear the dues;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister had written a letter in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Optimal use of Spectrum

3967. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Telecom (DoT) and TRAI are working on optimal use of spectrum as 5G, satellite services are spurring demand and the studies done in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export of Citrus Products

3968. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the APEDA has formulated any plan to boost exports of citrus fruits and its value added products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government for promotion of GI tagged Nagpur orange and organic citrus products from Maharashtra and Rajasthan?

PLI Scheme for Telecom Sector

3969. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come up with the Productive Linked Incentive (PLI) for the benefit of telecom companies including the Government owned BSNL and MTNL and foreign and Indian corporates in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of funds provisioned and the purpose for which it will be used;

(c) the details of various telecom activities (Categories) which are eligible for getting PLI and its veracity thereof; and

(d) the company-wise details of the incentives given to mobile companies?

Population living Below Poverty Line

3970. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trend of the population living below the poverty line for the last ten years, State-wise;

(b) whether the last official estimate of population below the poverty line was done in 2011-2012;

(c) if so, the reasons for not updating the figure based on latest available data;

(d) whether the population of poor has increased in size/number, based on the poverty line established by the Tendulkar Committee and if so, the details thereof and if not, the supporting evidence thereof; and

(e) whether the consumer expenditure survey scheduled to be conducted in the year 2021 is likely to be undertaken and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

Steel Price

3971. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices of Steel to ensure that cost of this essential commodity comes down;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices of raw materials like iron ore, scrap steel, steel pellets and discourage the export of such items so as to make these easily available for use in steel plants; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to reduce tariffs on Steel imports in case the price rise continues and if so, the details thereof?

ODOP Initiative

3972. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:
DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:
SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

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

(a) the salient features of the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative;

(b) whether it is possible for the scheme to extend to Taluk levels as some districts are famous and known for more than one specialised product;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the list of products identified district-wise in the country under ODOP initiative so far, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the details of the subsidy schemes and infrastructure development projects to promote ODOP initiative in the country; and

(e) the details of the total funds earmarked for this ODOP initiative, State-wise?

Cloud Computing

3973. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the salient features of Government's MeghRaj (G.I. Cloud) initiative;

(b) the details of the number of Central Government Ministries which have started adoption of cloud-services to improve efficiency and reduce costs; and

(c) the reasons for delay in adoption of cloud-computing services?

Withdrawal of Trains

3974. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by the people of the area due to the withdrawal of trains running in the Shornur- Nilambur route;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is thinking of resuming those train services in these routes at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for the Welfare of Weavers

†3975. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for the welfare of weavers in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the schemes implemented for weavers in Banswara-Dungarpur Constituency along with the amount of funds being spent by the Government thereon;

(c) whether there is any scheme for training of the weavers in designing in the said Constituency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Freight Smart Cities

3976. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to develop 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve the efficiency of urban freight and create an opportunity for reduction in the logistics costs and if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government has also launched a website on 'Freight Smart Cities' to improve urban freight and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has urged the State Governments to identify cities, to begin with, to be developed as 'Freight Smart Cities' and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Auction of Coal Mines

3977. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of coal mines auctioned in the last five years, State and value wise;

(b) the number of such auctions that have taken place in Odisha;

(c) the details of the total value of the auctioned mines in Odisha; and

(d) the percentage of the money generated through auction in Odisha that has been utilised in the State?

NIRVIK Scheme

3978. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed to launch a new scheme Niryat Rin Vikas Yojana (NIRVIK) to achieve higher export credit disbursement with higher insurance coverage, reduced premium and simplified procedure for claim settlements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has proposed to set up the Investment Clearance Cell to develop a portal and provide end to end facilitation and support to investors;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has planned to release National Logistics Policy to create a single window e-logistics market;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Frequency of Marwar Express

†3979. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to run Marwar Express on regular basis from Jodhpur to Delhi Junction via Ringas-Sikar-Jhunjhunu; and

(b) if so, the time by when the said train is likely to become operational?

Shortage of Semi Conductors

3980. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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 shortage/ crisis of semiconductors or microchips in the country, which are used in manufacturing of various electrical products and automobile industry and if so, the details of the relevant steps taken to mitigate the shortage of the semiconductors/microchips;

(b) the details of the causes of shortage of the semiconductors/microchips in the country;

(c) the details of the status of implementation of the Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronics Components and Semiconductors (SPECES);

(d) whether the SPECES will help address the shortage of semiconductors in the future and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has any data to show impact of crisis of semiconductors/microchips on Indian economy and if so, the details thereof ?

Fund Utilisation

3981. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI
SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds released for various schemes/ programmes of the Ministry during each of the last two years, State and year-wise;

(b) whether the funds released are being utilized by the States as per the prescribed norms and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Handloom Exports

3982. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to boost handloom exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also considering to increase the production capacities of handloom sector from the current Rs. 60,000 crore to over Rs. 1.23 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a committee has been formed to achieve the said objectives; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities in Mira Road Railway Station

†3983. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the works started on two railway stations namely Mira Road and Bhayandar on the western railways route to provide necessary facilities for passengers along with the details of the funds made available for the same;

(b) whether the load on the Borivali station is likely to be reduced if stoppage is provided to the long distance trains at both the above stations due to the start of 5th and 6th lane work by Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MVRC);

(c) whether beautification of being carried out by the municipal authority at the west side of Bhayandar railway station has been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the railway authorities to accomplish the said work and the time by when the works of 5th and 6th lane is likely to be started at Bhayandar Bay?

Height of Platforms

3984. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to identify, expand and construct additional platforms with covered shed at various stations in the country, State-wise including at Buniadpur in West Bengal;

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

(c) whether the Railways proposes to raise the height of platform at different railway stations situated in West Bengal and If so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of proposals received from West Bengal regarding extension and construction of platforms and the action taken thereon;

(e) the norms for fixing number of platforms at railway stations in the country;

(f) whether the Government has approved any scheme/project for the development of Balurghat Railway Station and if so, the details thereof and the budget provided for this project; and

(g) the total budgetary allocation made and total funds utilized on providing various facilities at Balurghat Railway Station during the last three years?

Services Sector

3985. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating standards for the services sector to offer high quality of services to the rest of the world;

(b) if so, whether the service sector exports have been showing tremendous improvement for the last several years;

(c) if so, the details thereof regarding the volume of exports achieved during the last three years;

(d) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to bring in more branches in service sector exports such as legal, etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana

†3986. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and objectives of the Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY);

(b) the number of youths provided benefits under the KVPY in each of the last three years, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(c) whether the Government has achieved the objectives for which the scheme was launched and if so, the details thereof?

Pending Rail Lines in Karnataka

3987. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has undertaken the completion of nine pending/incomplete railway lines in the state of Karnataka in partnership with the infrastructure department of Government of Karnataka and if so, the details of lines to be undertaken thereof;

(b) the details of funding pattern shared between the Union and the State; and

(c) the details of funds likely to be sanctioned for these railway lines?

PM Mitra Scheme

3988. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to establish Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) Parks;

(b) if so, the intended benefits of this initiative;

(c) the total number of projects completed, expected completion date of remaining projects, and intended future projects under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP);

(d) whether Government intends to integrate textile producers into these schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the specific measures taken to promote the integration of MSMEs in the textile sector into these schemes; and

(f) the details of technological innovations in textile production being undertaken in textile parks?

Science and Technology Hubs

3989. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has planned to set up Science and Technology Hubs across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including Assam;

(c) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned for this;

(d) the details of the targets set;

(e) the number of districts likely to be covered for this within Assam; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be commenced?

Loss of Food Grains

3990. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking steps to minimize loss of food grains in warehouses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity in terms of volume and value of food and food grains rotten in past two years;

(d) whether the Government is exploring the possibility of using such grains in other products like manure etc; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extension of Trains upto Kanpur

†3991. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend the trains upto Kanpur after the completion of the electrification of Gwalior-Bhind-Etawa rail line;

(b) if so, whether there is not a single train from Gwalior to Guwahati and a weekly train may be run from

Gwalior to Guwahati through diversion and Sabarmati Express running from Ahmadabad to Darbhanga may be diverted and run via Gwalior;

(c) whether the intercity presently running from Ratlam (Indore) to Bhind may be extended upto Kanpur which is likely to benefit the passengers of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to take any steps to provide enough facilities to the passengers?

ROB in West Bengal

3992. SHRIMATI SATABDI ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the Rail Over Bridges (ROBs) that have been sanctioned by the Government of West Bengal in the years 2019-20 and 2020-21;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plans to construct the ROB at Nalhati in district Birbhum, West Bengal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Diversion of Funds

3993. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Mines has received any information regarding diversion of funds accrued under the District Mineral Foundation set up under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the diverted funds, State-wise and district-wise?

Central Electronics Limited

3994. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an established Public Sector Undertaking Central Electronics Limited (CEL) was allowed to die by downgrading its existence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this was in contradiction to the MAKE IN INDIA policy of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this downgrading and restriction was done within the power of the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) on the basis of its prescribed guidelines and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the number of companies that have been downgraded and delisted for the supply and installations of Multi-Section Digital Excel Counter(MSDAC)by awarding approval to foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and downgrading other established players; and

(e) whether this was not a step in allegedly creating monopoly and killing competition and if so, the details thereof?

National Policy on Software

3995. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the National Policy on Software Products and if so, the details of the aims and objectives of the said policy;

(b) the details of the salient features of the National Policy on Software Products;

(c) whether the Government has set any target to achieve the growth of Information Technology (IT) industry under the policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Global Space Station

3996. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:
Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Indian satellites that are present in the global space station;

(b) the details of prime space expedition missions that ISRO prepares along with expenses in this regard; and

(c) the details of major missions that ISRO operated with the support of other space research agencies along with the expenses thereof?

Future Schemes for Odisha

†3997. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being run or likely to be implemented in the near future by the Government;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated to Odisha in this regard;

(c) the number of beneficiaries under the said schemes in Odisha including Kalahandi and Nuapada districts;

(d) whether the Government of Odisha has utilised the allocated funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Backward Districts

†3998. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supaul district of Bihar had been listed as the most backward district of the country since the year 2006 and was receiving funds under Backward Region Grant Fund(BRGF) programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not covering Supaul district of Bihar under Aspirational Districts Programme;

(c) whether various special schemes are implemented for the backward districts of the country under the said programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Supaul district is likely to be covered under the said programme and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Printing Presses

3999. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway printing presses that are now functional under Railways, location-wise;

(b) whether the Railway Presses were planned to be closed in 2019 with the anticipation of digital and paperless function in Railways;

(c) if so, the reasons for outsourcing the printing of several tickets, forms and books by the Railways;

(d) whether the Ministry is likely to rethink on the said closure of presses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Make in India

4000. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of 'Make in India' programme in Gujarat that has been implemented;

(b) the number of people benefited from 'Make in India' programme in West Bengal, district-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated/released/utilized under 'Make in India' programme in West Bengal, district-wise?

Hike in Prices

4001. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that there has been unusual hike in price of essential commodities like rice, pulse, edible oils, food grains, potato, onion, tomato, etc. in the country which is creating problem for common people of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to find out the reason behind this and the measures adopted to control this situation; and

(c) the details of prices of these items during the last five years?

Tea Shop at Vadnagar

†4002. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to preserve and develop the tea shop located at the railway station at Vadnagar which is the birth place of our Prime Minister, where he used to sell tea during his childhood;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the latest status of the said action plan; and

(d) the time by when the said action plan is likely to be completed?

Barcode and Blockchain

4003. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI

KUNDARIYA:

SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is trying to introduce barcode and blockchain technology on procurement and storage of every sack of food grain by various agencies to bring about more transparency as well as prevention of pilferage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chance to Civil Service Aspirants

4004. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that corona had badly impacted the civil service aspirants in 2020 and 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to give a compensatory chance to those who had their last chance in terms of attempt or age in these two years as many of them were either themselves affected or lost their kin and some were frontline workers during the pandemic and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Silk Industry

†4005. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant allocated to promote silk industry during the last three years as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether Ahmadnagar district of Maharashtra has also been covered thereunder;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Menace of Pesky Callers

4006. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unable to effectively control the menace of pesky callers and unsolicited messaging, the Government has decided to slap financial penalties on the offenders and also dismantle infrastructure of repeated trouble makers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the earlier provision set by the Government to stop this menace and the extent to which new set of rules are able to stop this;

(d) whether the Ministry has created two units-Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) and Telecom Analytics for Fraud Management and Consumer Protection (TAFMCP) to tact crime committee through telecom network; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the financial penalty likely to be imposed under new arrangements?

Changes in CA Policy

4007. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the frequent changes in Conditional Access (CA) policy, by allowing foreign experience to count and increasing the sufficient quantity for Multi Section Digital Axle Counter System (MSDAC) from 510DP to 5000DP on 12.04.2021, contradict the Make in India Policy 2017 and 2020 of the Government of India, as with such changes any foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) can get direct registration in approved vendor easily thus awarding Indian companies slow death;

(b) if so, whether such change from 510DP to 5000DP was properly authorized and followed, as per the RDSO guidelines;

(c) the company that got upgradation to approved Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and S&T vendor with the change in CA policy and the methodology used to check the authenticity of their foreign experience;

(d) whether proper channel verification (certification from respective country consulate) was adopted before awarding tender approval to such company; and

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

Kanhangad-Kaniyuru Railway Line

4008. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kanhangad-Kaniyuru railway line has been demanded since many years by the people of Kasaragod;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking further action on the project even after conducting the preliminary survey;

(c) whether the survey report is still under the consideration of the Government, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government has received the consent from the State Government regarding its share for this project;

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

(f) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the said railway line?

Export of Iron Ore

4009. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present availability of iron ore in the country for local requirement;

(b) whether it is a fact that iron ore is being exported to various countries;

(c) whether there is any policy to stop export of iron ore to meet local demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ROBs/RUBs in Tamilnadu

4010. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Road Over Bridges (ROBs), Rail Under Bridges (RUBs), Foot Over Bridges (FOBs), escalators and other infrastructural facilities like parking facilities to be constructed by the Railways in Tamil Nadu and the total amount of funds allocated and disbursed for the same;

(b) whether the Government has identified the railway infrastructure needs of Tamil Nadu, (A, B, C grades) station/Railway Division-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total funds earmarked for the same?

Promotion of Handloom Industry

4011. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to promote and boost handloom industry in a big way in the country to attract people;

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

(c) the countries where Government is exporting and looking for markets of handloom products; and

(d) the details of foreign exchange earned by the Government therefrom during the last three years, and the details thereof?

PMKKKY

†4012. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether work is being carried out under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly in Uttar Pradesh as on date including the updated status in this regard; and

(c) the State-wise details of the Central fund allocated including the utilization of the said funds and the number of beneficiaries during each of the last three years?

Cliff Erosion

4013. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS) has completed the pilot study on cliff erosion in Varkala beach, Kerala and has submitted the report;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to take urgent measures to protect this unique sedimentary geo-morphological structure and provide fund for the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of the plan to upgrade the destination into a Geo Park approved by UNESCO?

Railway Projects in Punjab

4014. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current status of railway projects in Punjab, district/project-wise including those where survey has been conducted, approval has been accorded but work has not been started as yet;

(b) the details of the total budgetary allocations made by the Government for these projects;

(c) the reasons, if any, for the delay in the completion of these railway projects in Punjab;

(d) whether the Government is taking any measures to complete all the pending railway projects in Punjab within a fixed time schedule; and

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

Privatization of Railway Stations

4015. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some railway stations in the country have been privatized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for privatization;

(d) the benefits provided for common travellers; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that the daily life of common travellers are not affected?

Deaths due to Lightning Strikes

4016. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of deaths caused due to lightning strikes in the last five years, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the reasons for not notifying lightning strikes as a natural calamity despite the increase in deaths and damage caused by the same;

(c) the details of the lightning arrestors/detectors installed in rural areas in the State of Tamil Nadu, at present;

(d) the details of number of downloads of the Damini App and whether warnings are communicated in the regional language on the app;

(e) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to ensure last mile dissemination of lightning related warnings and information to mitigate damage; and

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

Applications under Various Schemes

4017. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of applications received by the Government of India under the Production Linked Incentives (PLI), Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPES) and Modified Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) 2.0 schemes respectively;

(b) whether the Government has given any approval to any of aforementioned applications received and if so, the scheme-wise details thereof and the amount disbursed thereunder; and

(c) the details of the amount of investment expected to be brought in and the employment expected to be generated because of these incentives in the electronics sector therein?

Facilities at Stations in Misrikh

†4018. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to provide facilities of drinking water, toilets, waiting room, etc. at Neemsar and Misrikh railway stations by carrying out beautification works thereof in view of their religious importance and give halt of Abida Beghum Express train at the Neemsar railway station as well as give halt of Kalindi express No. 14723-14724 and Pawan Express No. 15037-15038 at Araul-Makanpur railway station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Critical Projects

4019. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways has identified a total of 58 Super Critical Projects covering a total length of 3750 kilometres, costing Rs 39,663 Crore and out of which 27 projects were to be completed by December 2021; and

(b) if so, the current status of completion of these 27 projects, and the time by when these are likely to be completed?

GI Registry

4020. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of products which have so far been included under Geographical Indications (GI) Registry in the country;

(b) whether groundnut bar, natural palm jaggery, Kashmir saffron and other items were recently included in the list and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the manufacturers of various products have also applied for GI tag;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decline in Steel Production

4021. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel production has registered sharpest decline in the last three years due to slow demand in the automobile and real estate sector and if so, the year-wise details of total steel production; and

(b) whether the Government acknowledges that the decline in steel production is wholly or partially attributed to slow down in the economy thereof and if so, the steps taken to boost the demand in automobile and real estate sector thereto and if not, the reasons therein?

Bullet Train Project in Tamilnadu

4022. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is not interested in implementing a project like bullet train project in the southern States including Tamil Nadu which has huge industrial growth;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government to bring the bullet train project to these States; and

(c) whether the project is to be implemented especially on routes like Chennai-Bangalore, Chennai-Coimbatore, Chennai-Madurai and Chennai-Hyderabad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kotipalli-Narsapur Railway Project

4023. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status and the estimated cost of the Kotipalli-Narsapur railway line construction project;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has released its share of funds required for the completion of the project;

(c) if so, the total amount of funds released by the Union as well as Government of Andhra Pradesh for the said project till date separately;

(d) the reasons for delay in the completion of the project; and

(e) the follow up action taken by the Government thereon?

Promotion of Textile Industry

4024. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched many schemes over the past few years for the promotion of the Textile Industry in India and improving the livelihood of the people associated with it;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of Odisha;

(c) whether the Union Government has reviewed these schemes to assess its impact on the livelihood of the people associated with these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof particularly in Odisha;

(e) whether the Union Government has implemented project SURE (Sustainable Resolution) scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP);

(f) if so, the objectives and salient features of project; and

(g) the extent to which the objectives of the scheme have so far been achieved?

SCTIMST

4025. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to fill the post of Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST);

(b) the details of the reasons for non implementation of Ayushman Bharath in SCTIMST; and

(c) the details as to why the treatment is not free for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) ration card holders in SCTIMST?

Satellite Companies Industry Association

4026. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Space and Satellite Companies Industry Association (ISpA) was digitally launched by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of governing body members;

(c) whether this private space and satellite company will have functions in separate locations with their staff/scientists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New Space India Limited

4027. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Space India Ltd. (NSIL) was set up for the purpose of research and development work of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its salient features;

(c) whether the emergence of NSIL has spurred the growth of Indian industries in the space sector and has enabled Indian industries to scale up manufacturing and production base and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the NSIL to provide capacity building of local industry for space manufacturing?

Export of Goods and Services

4028. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India is at an all-time high in exports of goods and services during this financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of goods and services that has been exported to other countries during this financial year and the total income earned through these exports, product and country-wise?

Import of Coal

4029. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:
SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of COAL
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal is being imported in the country since the year 2014, if so, the country-wise details thereof along with the quantum of coal imported during the last five years and the current year;

(b) the cost of imported coal as compared to that of the coal produced at domestic level; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote domestic coal production?

Restoration of Stoppages

†4030. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to restore the stoppage of Train No. 12311 Netaji Express and Train No. 18310 Muri Express at Hathras Junction for the

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

convenience of traders and passengers to resume the pre-COVID-19 situation;

(b) if so, the time by when the stoppage of the said trains are likely to be started;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways proposes to resume the stoppage of Train No. 15484 Sikkim Mahananda Express at Hathras Junction railway station for the convenience of traders and pilgrims;

(e) if so, the time by when stoppage is likely to be provided at the said station; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Extension of Nuapada-Gunupur Railway Line

4031. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status on the extension of Nuapada-Gunupur rail line upto Therubali railway project;

(b) the time by when the project would be made operational;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate any delays;

(d) the updates on setting up Rayagada Division; and

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

Rejuvenation of Jute Industries

4032. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to rejuvenate the dying jute industry in eastern part of India;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to address the issue of intense competition and cheap Bangladeshi import; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the jute balers receive timely payments from mills?

Nuclear Power Generation

4033. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target for generating nuclear power and whether the target is achieved as per the schedule and if so, details thereof; and

(b) if not, the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the generation of nuclear power and to achieve the target?

Regional Imbalance

4034. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where people are suffering from regional imbalance in the development activities;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to identify the areas in those States which are lagging behind development; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the regional imbalance and to pay equal attention so that all people get the benefit of development?

Priority Households

4035. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed the percentage of households to be classified as priority households as per section 9 of NFSA, 2013;

(b) if so, the State-wise percentage and actual number of families included in the priority list for rural as well as urban areas;

(c) whether a large number of applications for inclusion in the priority list are pending in several States including Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the percentage of households that can be included in the priority list in all the States and if not, the reasons therefor?

Consultative Committee

4036. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to increase the number of consultative committee members of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for each State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is proposing to have one consultative committee member for every district of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to have one FCI consultative committee member for every district in the

larger interest of the consumers and if so, the details thereof?

Private Trains

4037. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had called tenders for from private firms to operate private trains in India;

(b) if so, the number of private firms which participated in the Rs. 30 crore private train tender;

(c) whether the tender was scrapped, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is true that there has been a lack of interest by private firm in running private trains, which could ultimately lead to less competition and higher prices; and

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

Adarsh Railway Stations

4038. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the services provided by Adarsh Railway Stations;

(b) the manner in which the category of development of stations is determined by the Railways;

(c) the details and the number of Adarsh Stations in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the works completed under the Scheme for Meerut City Station?

Coach Manufacturing Factories

4039. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coach and locomotive manufacturing factories working/under construction in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government plans to open new coach locomotive manufacturing units in the country; and

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

Foodgrains under NFSA

†4040. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is likely to cover maize under Price Deficit Payment Scheme (PDPS); and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ROBs and Underpasses in UP

4041. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Under-passes sanctioned in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh including Lucknow, Barabanki to Gorakhpur and Kanpur, Prayagraj, Varanasi and Jaunpur railway route during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the total number of ROBs and Under-passes where works are in progress under the railway routes of the Northern Railway; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the work on this project?

Consumer Welfare Fund

4042. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned under Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF);

(b) the details of expenditure incurred out of the funds allocated;

(c) whether the Government has devised any new plan to increase consumer literacy apart from 'JagoGrahakJago' awareness campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Better Monitoring of Rainfall

4043. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government agrees with the view that along with better forecasts, there is a need for better monitoring and reporting of actual rainfall, water levels in rivers and incidents of landslides;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Renewals of Catering Vending Licenses

4044. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Government's policy, the old existing Catering Vending Licensed holdings of static units held by individuals/proprietorship firms were granted periodical renewals up till now;

(b) if so, whether the said policy instructions are still in existence for grant of renewal of licenses;

(c) whether the names of family members have been allowed to be added in the contracts of certain individuals/proprietorship so as to convert individuals into partnership firms, companies, HUF, Societies, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details of such policy instructions as well as names of individuals/proprietorship, name of stations which allowed such conversion into partnership, companies, HUF and Societies since 2010 up till now?

Fingerprints for Aadhaar Cards

†4045. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that senior citizens are not getting benefits of Government schemes due to non-availability fingerprint and non-updation of address or other information in their Aadhaar cards and if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) whether the complaints received in this regard have been redressed and the manner in which it has been redressed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

PMGDISHA in Bihar

4046. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:
SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural households that have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan in the State of Bihar;

(b) whether the above said scheme includes Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Castes et., and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details about total households that have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan in the State of Bihar, particularly in the district Gopalganj; and

(d) the details of the measures taken by the Ministry to cover households under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan in the State of Bihar, particularly in the district Gopalganj?

Loans to Textile Sector

†4047. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering to give soft loans to the textile sector;

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

(c) the other concrete and effective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Paddy Stored in Chhattishgarh

†4048. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of paddy stored by the Government of Chhattisgarh in the Food Corporation of India and Central Pool during the last three years including the current year;

(b) whether the Government has fixed the last date for the storage of paddy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has requested to extend the date for storage of paddy;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Private Freight Terminals

4049. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any policy to develop private freight terminals to handle private freights of an organization;

(b) if so, the details of the requests received from the private players to develop such private freight terminals during the last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry plans to develop any new Government owned dedicated freight terminals/extend the capacity of existing freight terminals in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Child abuse on Internet

4050. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State/UT-wise details of the total number of cases of child abuse on the internet reported in the country during each of the last three years; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure internet safety for children and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Farming of Maize

†4051. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to promote farming of maize and set up a grain-based distillery for production of ethanol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for setting up of strained rice production plants in the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India Post-Payment Bank

†4052. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of India Post Payment Banks (IPPBs) established so far all over the country;

(b) the State-wise list of number of people benefited from these IPPBs;

(c) the number of new IPPBs planned to be set up in the coming financial year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide some other facilities also in the said IPPB facility by expanding it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

PPP mode for BharatNet

4053. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Phase I and Phase II of the BharatNet project, State/UT-wise along with the number of Gram Panchayats covered so far, State/UT-wise including Saran, Bihar;

(b) whether the Government has fixed a timeline by which all the Gram Panchayats will be provided with Broadband connectivity and if so, the details in this regard, State/UT-wise including for Saran, Bihar;

(c) whether the BharatNet project has been severely delayed in meeting the targets under both Phase I and Phase II of the project and if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing the scheme in 16 States via PPP model and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of scheme implementation in the remaining States not covered under PPP mode for BharatNet?

Mobile Towers in Rajasthan

†4054. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to install mobile towers in Rajasthan including Jalore-Sirohi to address the issue of telecommunication connectivity; and

(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise number of mobile towers installed?

Train to Haridwar

†4055. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new train from Bhavnagar to Haridwar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals or suggestions from public representatives regarding running a new train on this route; and

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

Import of Minerals

†4056. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of minerals in the country has increased;

(b) if so, the State and mineral-wise production of minerals in the country including Rajasthan during the last five years;

(c) whether minerals are being imported in the country despite the availability of indigenous production capacity;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the mining of minerals?

Loading of freight trains

†4057. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to check the incidents of goods having gone missing while loading in freight trains at railway station particularly Wadsa railway station in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies of Technicians

†4058. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Recruitment Board, Ranchi issued an advertisement for recruitment of more than 2200 vacancies for technicians in the year 2018;

(b) if so, whether despite fulfilling all the formalities, the candidates of South Eastern Railway are still awaiting a response in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Railways has taken cognizance thereof along with the time by when the Railways proposes to recruit them;

(d) whether around 180 candidates have not joined till date;

(e) if so, whether there is any provision regarding recruiting candidates appearing in the waitlist and if so, the reasons for not recruiting these waitlisted candidates;

(f) whether the Railways proposes to take any action in this regard; and

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

Mobile Telephone Facilities

4059. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in the country including tribal areas of various States have been linked with the telecommunication facilities, particularly mobile telephone facilities and if so, the details of the number of such villages and tribal areas thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the targets fixed and achieved by the Government and action plan, if any, for extension of the telecommunication services across all the villages during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

DPR for Bullet Train

4060. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by when the Ministry had assigned the work for preparation of DPR for Hyderabad-Pune-Mumbai High Speed Rail Corridor (Bullet Train);

(b) the present status of the DPR and the time by when it is likely to be presented to the Railway Board; and

(c) the details of timeframe by when the project is likely to be completed after approving the DPR?

National e-Vidhan Application

4061. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the States that have adopted National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) so far;

(b) the status of implementation of NeVA in these States;

(c) whether the digitisation initiative under NeVA will provide easy access to documents while bridging language barriers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the digitisation initiative under NeVA also includes creating digital archives of previous documents and if so, the details thereof?

Chittaranjan Locomotive works

4062. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 100 posts for diploma and degree apprentices are lying vacant at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Chittaranjan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in regard to vacancies in CLW, the proposal of the Government to absorb the trained certified railway apprentices under the railway rule (RBE No 113/2012) is pending for a long time; and

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

Sisal Fiber

†4063. SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture clothes or other products from Sisal fiber under “Atmanirbhar Bharat” so that the rural people may also be benefited;

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

(c) the manner in which Sisal fiber is being used in the country so far;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new scheme in this regard; and

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

TIDE 2.0

4064. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of premier institutions that have been set up in North East Region (NER) under the Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) programme; and

(b) whether the Ministry has undertaken any development of such an institution in the State of Meghalaya and if so, the details of funds allocated and spent and the status of the project?

Promotion of Design Education

4065. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote design education and training in the State of Karnataka;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide design intervention for handloom, craft, rural technology, small, medium enterprises and programmes for capability building and sustainable livelihood, employment opportunities and economic growth;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Karnataka's rich ancient design culture and practices; and

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

Railway Line Projects

†4066. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee submitted a report recommending review of various pending railway projects at regular intervals to expedite the evacuation of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the recommendations in the said report regarding Barwadih-Chirmiri Rail Line Project and Chatra-Gaya New Rail Line;

(c) whether a coordination mechanism has been developed by the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Coal and Joint Stakeholders for the said railway line projects;

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

(e) whether the Railways had written any letter to Coal India Limited regarding the aforesaid rail line projects;

(f) if so, the dates on which Coal India Limited received letters from the Railways in this regard; and

(g) whether Coal India Limited has sent any reply in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Nuclear Reactors

4067. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to add new nuclear reactors in the near future to augment its present 7 GW total installed nuclear energy capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans of phasing out nuclear reactors in view of reports of many countries phasing out their nuclear power stations and in light of India's net zero commitment at COP 26 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government is planning to continue adding new nuclear reactors in the future?

PM Gati Shakti NMP

4068. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan (NMP) for multi-modal connectivity in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to develop a GIS based ERP system in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this will enable all stakeholders for better evidence-based decision-making, administration and effective monitoring of the Master Plan on a periodic and real time basis; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Railway Mazdoor Unions

†4069. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tenure of the recognized Railway Mazdoor Unions is over since April, 2019;

(b) the reasons for delay in the election process of the said unions along with the time by when elections are likely to be held;

(c) the manner in which the loss suffered due to delayed elections to union is likely to be compensated;

(d) whether the railway administration has done away with the process of secret voting;

(e) whether recognized unions are still being provided facilities even after their tenure has been over; and

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

People under Below Poverty Line

†4070. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of people under below poverty line in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan along with the criteria fixed by the Government and trend of the population living below poverty line for the last ten years, State-wise;

(b) whether the last official estimate of population below the poverty line was done in 2011-2012 and if so, the reasons for not updating the figure based on latest available data;

(c) whether the population of poor has increased in size/ number, based on the poverty line established by the Tendulkar Committee and if so, the details thereof and if not, the supporting evidence thereof;

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to address the issue of poverty and upliftment of poor people of the country during the last five years; and

(e) whether the consumer expenditure survey scheduled to be conducted in the year 2021 is likely to be undertaken and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

Review of Rationalisation of Autonomous Bodies

4071. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been undertaken by the Government on the rationalisation of Autonomous Bodies under various Ministries and Departments under the Central Government;

(b) whether the Government is planning to rationalise/ merge Commodity Boards as one entity and shift their headquarters from the major areas of production to a centralised location like Delhi and if so, provide the rationale behind the decision;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the deleterious effects of this move on the lakhs of farmers from Kerala who are dependent on cultivation of commodities promoted by various commodity boards like Coconut Development Board, Rubber Board and Spice Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Broadband Internet

4072. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of the rural population is deprived of broadband/internet facility, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of villages provided with internet connectivity under the BharatNet project so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has not been successful in achieving the target fixed for providing internet/broadband connectivity to villages and if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the broadband project design for rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

Services of BSNL

†4073. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. remain disturbed in Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints from the State Governments; and

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

Fake Messages

4074. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Supreme Court has expressed concern over the origin and spread of fake messages on social media platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook which involves the sovereignty of the State, privacy of an individual and prevention of illegal activities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan in this regard and if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to trace the originator of fake messages at the same time and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Scientific Assistants

4075. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientific Assistants of all other Departments, like ISRO etc., except those in the India Meteorological Department are placed in Level 7 of pay Matrix;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to place the Scientific Assistants of IMD in Level 7 of the Pay Matrix;

(c) whether it is a fact that promotional prospects of Scientific Assistants of IMD is very poor;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal on the lines of other Departments to promote Scientific Assistants of IMD in a time bound manner; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reduction in Grade Pay

4076. SHRI RAJ KUMAR CHAHAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to audit objection by Supreme Audit Institutions the grade pay of retired employees of Textile Committee was reduced from 7600 to 6600 and also the Government recovered excess payment from pensioners to the tune of Rs 1.37 crores and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Hon'ble Supreme Court has given a verdict on 5/3/2020 against such reduction in grade pay and recovery on the case filed by the pensioners and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DoPT has already agreed on increasing the grade pay and return of the excess payment to the pensioners; and

(d) if so, the reasons for Ministry of Textiles not implementing the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court?

Government Jobs

†4077. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths who have been provided Government jobs in various Government Departments by the Government during the last five years;

(b) whether the number of educated unemployed is increasing continuously as regular recruitment for Government jobs is not being done;

(c) whether lakhs of applications are being received for small number of vacancies or posts and the number of those with qualifications much higher than the standard qualifications is very huge and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether most of the appointments which go through the court process and get stuck in the courts for years and this also obstructs the appointments within stipulated time; and

(e) the State-wise number of educated unemployed in the country?

Contractors in MTNL

4078. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that frequently the contractors are being changed in MTNL and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the contractors are providing prompt services and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the services of MTNL is drastically deteriorating day by day and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any fresh recruitment is carried out in MTNL in Mumbai and Delhi; and

(e) if not, whether there are any such plans of recruitment in future?

Pending Recruitment of RRB

†4079. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recruitments advertised by the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) along with the category of recruitments and the personnel/officers who have been selected and appointed through the said recruitments during the last five years, year/number/designation-wise;

(b) whether various categories of posts created at present in the railways will be effected due to the privatization done/being done in different areas of operations since new recruitments are not likely to be done;

(c) if so, the details of the posts so affected presently and likely to be affected in the coming years; and

(d) the details of the pending recruitments of RRBs and the reasons for the pendency?

Beautification of Railway Stations

†4080. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether increase in railway facilities, development and beautification of railway stations, etc. have taken place on a large scale across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the developmental works carried out at Lohardaga railway station?

Lightning Strikes and Climate Change

4081. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase in lightning strikes each year since 2018;

(b) whether an inquiry has been conducted regarding a possible correlation between increase in lightning strikes and climate change;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

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

Development of Handloom Sector in NER

4082. KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any initiative to improve and develop handloom sector, where over 50,000 weavers have been affected due to Covid-19 lockdown in entire North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, whether the Government is working on any measures for providing financial help to these handloom workers;

(c) whether the Government is providing any relaxation in GST on various materials used in the cottage industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Eligible Consumers

†4083. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to make the Public Distribution System effective;

(b) the interval at which the survey of eligible consumers under the said system is done;

(c) the process of adding names to the eligibility list; and

(d) whether priority to the eligible persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is accorded while giving ration under the said system and if so, the details thereof?

Biharganj-Kursela Rail Project

†4084. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the foundation was laid for the new railway project of Biharganj-Kursela;

(b) the length of the said railway line;

(c) the amount released for the said ambitious railway project so far; and

(d) the reasons for delay in its implementation?

Potential of ODOP

†4085. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objective of the Government is to realize true potential of a district, fuel economic growth and generate employment and rural entrepreneurship under One District One Product (ODOP);

(b) if so, the details of the districts identified in this regard in West Bengal, Haryana and other States;

(c) the details of the criteria or guidelines to select districts under the said scheme;

(d) the details of the special benefits being provided to the identified district by the Government;

(e) whether Purulia district of West Bengal has been selected under the said scheme and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Purulia district can be selected under the said scheme in the future and if so, the details thereof as on date?

5G Technology

4086. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to implement 5G technology across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when it is likely to be done; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide modern communication services in all parts of the country including rural and tribal areas of Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

SC/ST Employees in Central Government/ Departments

4087. SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SCs/STs are underrepresented in the Central Government and its PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof detailing the representation of SCs/STs from Group 'B' to Secretary level in comparison to the general/unreserved category in the Central Government, post-wise and category-wise;

(c) the details of representation of SCs/STs in the PSUs under the Central Government; and

(d) the reasons for underrepresentation of such Groups and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap?

Theft in Trains

4088. DR. K. JAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state the number of incidents of burglary, theft, chain snatching, etc. of passengers that occurred since 2014, years-wise?

Food Grains Market

†4089. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI
VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the share of India in global food grains market as on date;

(b) whether the Government is not prepared to deal with the competition in the global market due to declining export of foodgrains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to make India competitive in the global market under open market policy of World Trade Organisation?

Rajdhani Express from Bhagalpur

4090. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to operate Rajdhani Express and Shatabdi Express from Bhagalpur (Bihar) railway station;

(b) if so, the time by when is it likely to be run and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is being considered to operate some more train services from district Bhagalpur (Bihar) in the coming days in view of the population/business activities, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives to Importers/Exporters

4091. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade facilitation programme or incentives are provided to importers/exporters with regard to customs and excise duty in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Debt due to Online Gambling

4092. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

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 series of suicides in Telangana due to mounting debt created by online Rummy games and if so, the details of the action taken thereon; and

(b) whether the Government is considering completely banning online gambling or partially regulating it and if so, the details thereof?

Wood based Industries

†4093. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a plethora of opportunities in the wood based industry in the country if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether wood based industries have not been setup in commensurate with the production of wood in the country; and

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Vande Bharat Express to New Delhi

†4094. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal to operate Vande Bharat Express from Gorakhpur to New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when operation of the said train is likely to commence?

National Mineral Exploration Trust

†4095. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS
MAHANT:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which regional and detailed exploration projects for minerals are initiated under National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET);

(b) the details of name/phase-wise list of projects, minerals and total estimated cost of these projects;

(c) the manner in which the date of submission of project report, the names of concerned mineral blocks to be auctioned and the date of auction is intimated to/by the State Government;

(d) the year-wise total number of major mineral blocks kept in auction for mining lease and prospecting licence-cum-mining along with the total number of successful auctions since the year 2015; and

(e) the year-wise total number of major mineral blocks given for mining lease and prospecting licence before the auction system from the year 2010 to 2014 as per the records of Indian Bureau of Mines?

Land Acquisition by CIL

†4096. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiary companies are facing problems in land acquisition for new coal mine project and expansion project;

(b) if so, the details of the obstacles being faced by CIL and its subsidiary companies in land acquisition;

(c) whether there is a demand for a suitable amendment in the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 with regard to land acquisition;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken a decision to carry out an amendment in the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 to make it suitable and relevant;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Extension of Train upto Jainagar

†4097. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the long distance trains which run to darbhanga junction of Samastipur railway division upto Jaynagar junction in view of the rail facilities;

(b) if so, the names of the long distance trains proposed to be included in it; and

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

Vande Bharat Trains

4098. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce more Vande Bharat Trains in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of routes for running of Vande Bharat Trains?

Five Year Plan

4099. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 2017 after the 12th Five Year Plan, Niti Aayog has stopped framing of five year broad way plan for transparent and objective mechanism of development of the Government; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has received the 12th Five Year Report (2012-2017) from the then Planning Commission and if so, the details thereof; along with the reasons to stop the framework and the outline plan for overall development of the country?

Number of Post Offices

†4100. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Post Offices in the country at present which do not have their own buildings along with the State/UT-wise details thereof including Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Central Government has taken any steps to construct buildings for the Post Offices set up across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Post Harvest Storage

4101. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructure needed for post-harvest storage is highly inadequate in various States of the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial loss incurred due to non-availability of post-harvest storage facilities for crops by the farmers in various parts of the country in the last three years;

(d) the additional measures taken by the Government to further develop the post-harvest infrastructure in order to minimize the loss incurred on an annual basis;

(e) whether the Minister would consider a Private Public Partnership (PPP) venture in order to develop the post-harvest infrastructure to take care of the loss in its absence; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Coach Factory in Latur

†4102. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK

NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the construction of coach factory in Latur, Maharashtra;

(b) the targeted date for the completion of the construction work and beginning of production in the said factory along with the reasons for the delay in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received requests for setting up of a coach factory in Madha Parliamentary Constituency;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure production of coaches from Latur coach factory at the earliest?

Volatility in Cotton and Yarn Prices

4103. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted an analysis of the situation of apparel manufacturers and/or held consultations with stakeholders about the impact of cotton and yarn price volatility and its impact on the prices of fabrics and garments, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken to support MSME textile manufacturing units that are still recovering from the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic;

(c) whether the Government is considering the removal of 11 per cent import duty levied on cotton and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering the revamp of the commercial terms and conditions prescribed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for e-auction of cotton by reducing the minimum lot size to 500 bales which is sustainable for the MSMEs and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government will extend the 5% interest subvention to the spinning mills towards procurement of cotton during peak season and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of Handicraft Complexes

4104. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing assistance for setting up of handicraft complexes/showrooms in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the places where these complexes/showrooms have been set up during each of the last three years including the current year, location-wise and State/UT-wise; including Lucknow and barabanki of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of the other places where new complexes/showrooms are proposed to be set up, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(d) whether a number of complexes/showrooms running on loans or assistance from Handicraft Board have since closed down and specially in Uttar Pradesh; and

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

Manipulation of rates by Traders

†4105. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken by the Government to make people aware of the traders manipulating the rates and doing hoarding in order to get undue profit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any permission for affecting the fixation of price for cotton bales has been accorded to; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Retail Policy

†4106. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary for the betterment of businessmen as well as economy to streamline retail trade and maintain ease of doing business in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate a National Retail Policy in this regard; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

Dornakal-Miryalaguda Railway Line

4107. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new field survey has been taken up on the railway line between Dornakal and Miryalaguda, connecting Nelakondapalli, Kodad, Huzurnagar and Neraducharla;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the survey so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the timeline for completion of the survey and work on the railway line alignment; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated, disbursed and utilized so far for this project?

Railway Ticket Reservation Counters

†4108. SHRI KISHAN KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Railway Ticket Reservation counters in such areas where rail reservation facilities are not available;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering any proposal to establish Railway Ticket Booking Counters in Jwalamukhi, one of the aspirational districts of Himachal Pradesh, the headquarters of Chamba and one of the famous 52 Shakti Peeths of the country; and

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

Digital Gram Yojana in Maharashtra

†4109. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the salient features of Digital Gram Yojana;

(b) the district-wise details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the above said scheme so far in the State of Maharashtra, particularly in Osmanabad Parliamentary Constituency;

(c) the details of the number of villages and districts covered under the above said scheme in the State of Maharashtra so far;

(d) the details of the villages identified under the above said scheme in Osmanabad district of Maharashtra so far;

(e) the details of the target fixed under the above said scheme and the achievements made so far; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to cover more number of villages under the above said scheme and if so, the time by which the said villages are likely to be covered?

Subsidy for Rubber Growers

4110. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding subsidy given to the rubber growers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of subsidy provided to the rubber growers in the country during the last ten years, year/State-wise along with the number of beneficiaries;

(c) whether the Government has stopped/discontinued subsidy for rubber growers;

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

(e) whether the Government has any plans to restart the subsidy for rubber farmers; and

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

Shakti Scheme

†4111. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of Shakti scheme including the present status of its implementation in the country along with the eligibility under the said scheme at present; and

(b) the details of names of the States which are eligible under the said scheme at present?

Formula for Coal Royalty

4112. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA

BORLAKUNTA:

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of formula adopted to calculate royalty to be paid to States on coal;

(b) the time by when the above formula was adopted and details of its revision along with the details of last revision;

(c) the details of royalty to be paid to Telangana during the last ten years, year-wise;

(d) whether any royalty is pending for payment to Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the pending dues are likely to be cleared?

Global Supply Chain

4113. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of rare earth reserves India possesses and the installed mining, production and processing capacity;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the global supply chain constraints leading to global shortages of rare earths and thereby to Microprocessor chips;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has assessed its impact on Indian markets and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is aware of the fact that China is one of the leading producers of rare earths controlling 90% of the total global production;

(f) whether despite possessing one of the largest rare earth reserves, India imports most of its rare earth requirements from China;

(g) if so, the details of rare earth imports in the last five years, country-wise, element/compound-wise, including both weight and cost; and

(h) the steps being taken by the Government to make India a leading rare earth producer?

Innovation Schemes

†4114. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing several schemes regarding innovation;

(b) if so, whether by taking advantage of the said schemes, the school children of remote areas are being successful in finding innovative solutions to day-to-day problems;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the solutions presented by the school children under the said Government schemes regarding innovation and the recognition given to these solutions in various States of the country, including Uttar Pradesh, during the last three years?

Share in Freight Transport

4115. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Railways share in freight transportation in India is a mere 18% and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has taken steps towards increasing axle loads and train length enabling trains to move faster to increase its share in freight transport and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has plans for developing specialised heavy-haul corridors;

(d) if so, the current status of the construction of the six proposed dedicated freight corridors;

(e) whether the Railways plans to upgrade its corridors to incorporate intermodal (rail and road) transport;

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

(g) whether the contribution envisioned by the Railways to India's net-zero targets?

National Startup Advisory Council

4116. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Startup Advisory Council has delivered or is delivering on its mandate, sufficiently enough or as intended;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Failure of BSNL and MTNL

4117. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the reasons for the failure of BSNL and MTNL to increase their market share as compared to their private counterparts despite having large infrastructure, particularly in the urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering the restructuring of BSNL and MTNL to make them competitive and profitable and if so, the plan prepared by the Government in this regard and the time line of its implementation; and

(c) the details of losses of BSNL & MTNL during the last three years, along with outstanding debt and the State-wise book value of their physical infrastructure?

Railway Projects in Jharkhand

4118. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railway projects that were announced for Jharkhand during the last three years including Hazaribagh and Ramgarh, District-wise;

(b) the number of projects, out of these, commissioned so far and the budgetary allocations made for the same;

(c) the status of those projects which have not been commissioned and the time by when these would be commissioned;

(d) the number of new trains announced and commissioned during the last three years which originate from Hazaribagh and Ramgarh district of Jharkhand along with the details thereof;

(e) the number of new railway tracks laid or being laid in Jharkhand with special reference to Parasnath, Giridih, Bokaro and Dhanbad region during the said period along with the details of their progress; and

(f) the percentage of railway lines that has been electrified in Jharkhand, especially in the Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts?

Development of Railways

4119. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for the development of Railways in the country during the financial year 2020-21;

(b) the amount of funds released and expended till date, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the future initiatives envisaged in this regard?

Delay in filling up the Vacant Posts

4120. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has been following the recommendations made by the 5th Pay Commission wherein with a view to reduce delay in filling up of posts, vacancies resulting from resignation or death of an incumbent within one year of its appointment should be filled immediately from the reserve list;

(b) if so, whether the same has been adopted by DoPT vide their OM No 41019/18/97-Estt (b) dated 13.06.2000;

(c) if so the details of the appointments made during the last three years by the various zones of the Railways;

(d) whether the Railways is aware that Zonal office of NER at Gorakhpur has not filled the vacant post against the advertisement No CEN01/2018 of Assistant Locomotive till date; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Cases of Cheating in Kendriya Bhandar

4121. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some vendors of Kendriya Bhandar have cheated and caused pecuniary loss to Kendriya Bhandar as stated by the OSD(vigilance) in the Office Order No.KB/5/2020-Vig (Mis-3) dated 6.3.2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof and modus-operandi adopted by the said vendors of Kendriya Bhandar;

(c) whether the said vendors who have cheated Kendriya Bhandar have been identified and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them;

(d) whether the vendor involved in cheating Kendriya Bhandar are still doing business with Kendriya Bhandar and they visit Kendriya Bhandar's head office daily and are in constant touch with the management of Kendriya Bhandar;

(e) whether the Secretary(Personnel) CWO and CVO Kendriya Bhandar have received complaints about the said fraud happened in Kendriya Bhandar from the Member(s) of Kendriya Bhandar and Member(s) of Parliament via e-mail and dak and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(f) whether the office of CWO asked CVO Kendriya Bhandar to take appropriate action in the matter vide letter No.13/1/2019-Welfare dated 28.6.2021 and if so, the details of action taken by CVO Kendriya Bhandar in this matter; and

(g) whether the management of Kendriya Bhandar in collusion with the CVO Kendriya Bhandar and dishonest vendors have destroyed the forged and tempered store issue notes and if so, the details thereof?

Atmanirbhar Package

4122. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of food grain offtake out of total allocated under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP), State-wise, since inception till date;

(b) the number of targeted beneficiaries for food grain distribution and the actual number of beneficiaries under ANBP, State-wise, since inception till date;

(c) the percentage of food grain distributed out of total offtake under ANBP, State-wise, since inception till date;

(d) the manner in which the Ministry is identifying beneficiaries and ensuring appropriate allocations; and

(e) the details of the current buffer stock of major pulses as on date?

Pragati Project

4123. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the details of projects monitored under the Pragati Project;

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

(c) whether the Government has the details of projects being monitored in the State of Kerala under the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the details and the status of the above projects?

Upgradation/Modernization of Bareilly Railway Station

4124. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to upgrade/modernize Bareilly railway station of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the work of up-gradation of Bareilly railway station has since been partially completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the work of high-level platform, waiting room, lift, escalator, shading of platform, ramp, etc. have been completed at this station;

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

(e) whether any timeline has been set by the Government for the said up-gradation work and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount that has been spent so far for the above said work?

Role of Public Representatives

†4125. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the role entrusted to the public representatives in regard to laying the foundation, inauguration, inspection and other matters pertaining to the schemes being run by the Union Government;

(b) whether the local administration/executive agencies in some States do not invite the local Member of Parliament for inspection of schemes, foundation laying and inauguration and other functions and if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance thereof and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to widen the role of public representatives in such schemes?

Consumer Courts

4126. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of consumer courts in the country including courts in Bihar;

(b) whether the Government has been appraised by the State Governments, regarding the total number of vacancies in consumer dispute panels and the total cases pending in consumer courts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government plans to find alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for consumer courts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the proposed time by which the Government aims to have such mechanisms in place?

Production of Ethanol

4127. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to undertake environmental assessment for production of surplus sugarcane for fuel-grade ethanol production and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the current rate of incentives of monthly release quota for sugarcane leads to over-consumption of supplies; and

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

Revelations on facebook

4128. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the revelations made about practices adopted by facebook by Frances Haughen and Sophie Zhang and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether propose to take Ministry has take or based on the revelations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether any legal opinion has been sought on the revelations made and its impact on the Indian users, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there are any active proposals to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000 in light of the revelations made and if so, the details thereof?

Due Amount to Exporters

4129. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount due to the exporter's claim under the erstwhile Merchandise Export from India Scheme, Service Exports from India Scheme as well as Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies(RoSCTL) Scheme for levies and duties;

(b) the time by when the Government will release the amount due to exporters along with the amount to be released with break-up figures of sub-category;

(c) the details of amount to be released to MSME sector;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the units that went on liquidation due to non-release of funds especially pertaining to MSME sector and the reasons for the delay and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons as to why the Government is unable to fix a mandatory period for releasing dues to the exporters in future to cog the working capital of small and medium scale industries; and

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

Adulterated Food

4130. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of that online food delivery sites are reportedly supplying adulterated cooked food;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government for the modernization of the food testing central laboratories;

(c) whether the Government has been conducting awareness programmes on cooked food and adulteration of spices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Semi Conductor Sales

4131. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of semiconductor sales trend in India for the last four years;

(b) whether there is shortage of semiconductor chip in India and if so, the reason therefor;

(c) the details of the data depicting the estimates of export and import of semiconductors for the last four years and details of the present market size of semiconductor manufacturing and sales industry; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to boost semiconductor manufacturing in India?

UIDAI Users

†4132. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to work on any scheme for the completion of process of identification through smart phones of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) users and if so, the other useful ways which could be done apart from the identification through smart phones of UIDAI users and the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the timeline by which this action plan of identification through smart phones of the UIDAI users is likely to be implemented?

Spinning Mills

†4133. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mauaima and Meza spinning mills of Prayagraj are closed since years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to revive the said mills;

(c) if so, the time by which these are likely to be revived and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the said mills are likely to be included under the schemes being run for the welfare of weavers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the time by which these are likely to be included and if not, the detailed reasons therefor?

Assistance by APEDA

4134. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum of work, efforts and financial assistance that the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has spent on exporting perishable and processed exports from Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport, Amritsar;

(b) whether APEDA has planned for any special schemes, incentives and pilot projects to facilitate export of produce of marginal farmers of Majha region of Punjab during the last years; and

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

Textile Industry in Bundelkhand

†4135. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken special measures to improve the condition of the textile industry in the economically backward region of Bundelkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the employment opportunities being provided by the textile industry to the country including Bundelkhand?

Ease of Doing Business

†4136. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether concrete measures have been taken to improve the situation of ease of doing business in the country as a result of which improvement has been noticed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government along with the States/ Union Territories has taken any concrete steps to resolve the commercial issues pending in courts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is preparing any concrete policy to reduce the requirement of licensing, regulatory sanctions and to streamline the process of renewal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Challenges in e-Commerce

4137. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce programmes to overcome the challenges in e-commerce in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon along with the major challenges identified and the details of the plan formulated;

(c) the initiatives of the Government for creating awareness among the people for knowledge and market research;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study on the impact of import of goods from China and its sale online and if so, its effect on Indian industry;

(e) the action taken by the Government for ensuring the return and cancellation in e-commerce by protecting the right of consumers and seller; and

(f) the action taken by the Government for promotion of e-commerce?

Appointment as OSD

†4138. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any officer of Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) has been appointed on ad-hoc basis/appointed as OSD for the execution of duties under the post of Higher Administrative Grade (HAG) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said officer has to get prior permission from DOPT through the Ministry in order to continue performing the duties of HAG post in the form of OSD/ad-hoc basis after the completion of more than 12 months from the date of appointment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of officers who have taken permission from DOPT through the Ministry so far?

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Growth of Primary Sectors

4139. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of the primary sectors including agricultural sector towards India's GDP during the last three years, sector/State/year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any plans to improve the growth of the primary sectors in the country;

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

(d) the details of the funds earmarked and spent during the last three years for the same, year-wise?

Direct Recruitment in Coal PSUs

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Will the Minister of COAL

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation provided to OBC category in All India level direct recruitment on Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in South Eastern Coal Field Ltd., Mahanadi Coal Field Ltd., Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. and Northern Coal Field Ltd. is 6%, 12%, 12% and 13 percent respectively instead of the prescribed 27 percent reservation;

(b) whether there is any constitutional provision to make direct recruitment of Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts of Government of India on regional level instead of all India level and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) total percentage of reservation reduced from the prescribed 27 percent reservation for OBCs in the direct recruitment of Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in the CPSEs located in various States under the Ministry of Coal during the year 1993 to 2021?

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Secretary General

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