

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, December 15, 2021/Agrahayana 24, 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; कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन; योजना; रेल; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; अंतरिक्ष; इस्पात; सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन; वस्त्र मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

### Bairabi-Sairang Railway Line

\*241. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the target date for completion of construction of railway line between Bairabi and Sairang under North East Frontier Railways (NFR);

(b) the total project cost and the expenditure incurred so far on the project;

(c) the length of the railway line under construction and the details regarding number of bridges, tunnels and stations to be built; and

(d) the benefits that are likely to accrue to the local population in terms of employment generation, passenger movement and carriage of goods?

### Extension of Railway Line from Karimganj to Zamuang

\*242. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the long pending public demand for extension of Baraigram-Anipur-Dullavcherra railway line in Karimganj district of Assam to Zamuang in Mizoram to boost inter-state rail connectivity and to enable socio-economic development in the remote areas of Assam-Mizoram border;

(b) whether the Government will consider to include the said proposal in the upcoming Budget for the year 2022-23; and

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

### Supplies for Ethanol Plant

\*243. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

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 implementing interest subvention scheme for civil supplies for Ethanol Plants;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed during the last three years for the purpose, State/Union Territory-wise, specially to the State of Maharashtra;

(c) the details of Letter of Intent that have been issued by the Ministry; and

(d) the number of persons who have been benefited under the scheme, State/Union Territory-wise, specially in the State of Maharashtra?

### Rail Connectivity in Tribal Dominated Areas

†\*244. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tribal dominated district headquarters in the country, especially in Maharashtra, that are yet to be connected with rail network;

(b) whether the Union Government has taken/proposes to take steps to connect these tribal-dominated district headquarters with rail network;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Indo-US Trade Relations

\*245. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has lifted or is considering to lift the ban on entry of Indian fruits to American markets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this welcome step will resolve the outstanding trade issues between the two countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the USA and Indian Governments have formed any trade policy forum for regular interaction with each other and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by the Government for registration of packing houses and processing units for fresh fruits and vegetables to ensure compliance with international standards;

(e) whether ban on certain vegetables like bitter gourd, eggplant, etc., is still continuing and if so, the details thereof and the efforts made for lifting of the ban on these vegetables; and

(f) the amount of revenue likely to be generated from exports after lifting of the ban?

### 'BHAVINI' Fast Breeder Reactor

\*246. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's first 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor 'BHAVINI' has been commissioned in its entirety and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the project has suffered time overruns and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost overruns of the project; and

(d) whether the Government has invested in other similar projects and if so, the details of their status and estimated time of completion?

### Minor Millet Rice

\*247. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minor millet rice would be procured by cooperative societies and distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) in cities/towns in each State; and

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

### ROB/RUB in Telangana

\*248. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that 69 proposals for construction of ROB/RUBs at level crossings have been received in the Ministry from Government of Telangana during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) whether it is true that only 22 ROB/RUBs have been sanctioned by the Ministry;

(c) if so, the current status of the remaining ROB/RUBs;

(d) the status of the 22 approved projects and by when these are likely to be completed;

(e) whether the Ministry is contemplating to produce/manufacture LHB Coaches which are cheap and can be completed in a short period of time; and

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

### e-Commerce Delivery by India Post

\*249. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to enter e-commerce delivery by the India Post;

(b) the details of steps taken to optimise maximum utilisation of human resources in the Postal Department; and

(c) the reasons for not merging BSNL and MTNL?

### E-Commerce Companies

\*250. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:  
SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently notices have been issued to some e-commerce companies for sale of non-Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) quality pressure cookers, helmets, etc., and for declaring incorrect information about products on their platforms like country of origin, expiry date, etc., thereby deceiving the common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such violations that came to light during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government is taking any measures to prevent such violation of rules by the e-commerce companies operating in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the cases of damages caused to life and property because of the use of these articles, State-wise and the punitive action taken against the erring companies; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the consumers while dealing with e-retailers?

#### **Ajmer-Tonk New Railway Line**

†\*251. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ajmer (Nasirabad) to Tonk *via* Sawai Madhopur (Chauth ka Barwara) 165 km new railway line project was approved in the Railway Budget of 2015-16 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the progress made till date in the said project;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan is unable to bear 50 per cent of the total cost of the said project due to which the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the project is yet to be signed and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government, in public interest, proposes to complete the aforesaid new railway line project by allocating the budget from its own resources;

(e) if so, the time by which the said project is likely to be completed; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Reduction in Carbon Emission by CIL**

\*252. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Coal India Limited (CIL) to reduce carbon emission during the last three years;

(b) whether CIL has planned to run all their dumpers/big trucks on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fuel instead of fossil fuel;

(c) if so, the details of the pilot programme, State-wise and mine-wise;

(d) the details of the amount that will be saved by this initiative;

(e) whether CIL will consider usage of only LNG/CNG fuel based vehicles to further reduce the carbon emissions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bharat Broadband Network**

\*253. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:  
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether capacity utilisation of large and high capacity optical fibre network created by Bharat Broadband Network, is still not optimal;

(b) if so, the steps taken to address this;

(c) the details of the outcome of efforts to increase capacity utilization;

(d) whether efforts are being made by the Government to improve the internet speed and its quality in the country, as Ookla's Speedtest Global Index, October 2021, highlights that India ranks 122, out of 141, in the global mobile internet speed rankings;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Aspirational Districts Programme**

†\*254. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Aspirational Districts Programme;

(b) the names of districts where the said programme is operational, State-wise including Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details and quantum of funds sanctioned, released and utilized/spent by the Union Government under the said programme, district-wise; and

(d) the details of works undertaken in these districts and progress made as on date?

#### **Cloud Seeding**

\*255. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the plan/project/proposal of 'Cloud Seeding' for drought-prone regions of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the 'Cloud Seeding' project proposed by IIT Kanpur to induce artificial rains to clear smog in Delhi was put on hold due to non-availability of technical support and aircraft from the Central Government;

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

(d) whether the Government has studied the adverse effects, if any, that 'Cloud Seeding' could have in the long run on the health of the environment and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Consumer Rights in Tourism Industry

\*256. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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 proposes to protect the rights of consumers in tourism industry and if so, the details of action taken in this regard;

(b) whether the provisions of Consumer Protection Act are insufficient to protect the consumers in tourism sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing system of consumer disputes redressal is also insufficient to redress the grievances of consumers in tourism sector;

(d) if so, the corrective action proposed to be taken to improve the system; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that international and inter-State tourists are unable to have their grievances redressed due to the delay in the process and if so, the details of the action taken for redressal of the grievances of inter-State and international tourists?

### Restarting Chinese Apps

†\*257. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to restart the use of Chinese applications in the country which had been banned earlier and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any policy is under consideration of the Government to develop any google like browser in the country to check the increasing cyber crimes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the continuous transmission of obscene materials through phone can be checked by the recently made rules/law for regulating web series, OTT, etc. and if so, the details thereof?

### GSI Survey

†\*258. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conducting any survey/mapping through Geological Survey of India (GSI)

to reassess the possibility of tungsten or lithium mineralization near Rewat hills in Degana region of Nagaur district, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made and survey reports received in this regard;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted any report regarding the availability/non-availability of tungsten in the said region and if so, the details of the said report;

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue any directions to prepare a quick plan to restart the mining of tungsten in the said region;

(e) if so, the time by which the said plan is likely to be prepared; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Stoppage at Jaunpur

\*259. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any criteria to decide stoppage of trains at a particular railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of all the trains having a stoppage at Jaunpur City and Jaunpur Junction railway stations;

(d) whether the Government intends to increase stoppage of trains at the said railway stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Make In India in Weaving Sector

\*260. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Make-in-India' programme has been introduced in the weaving sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of sops and concessions being extended to the weaving community to enable them to carry on their profession?

NEW DELHI;  
December 9, 2021  
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UTPALKUMAR SINGH  
Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

### Cyber Appellate Tribunal

2761. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:  
SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of cases that were brought to the notice of the Cyber Appellate Tribunal and the details of the orders passed in the past three years;

(b) whether the Government plans to act upon the Standing Committee's recommendation that there would be more than one bench of the Tribunal and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of benches for faster disposal of such cases, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Employing Engineers in Software/Hardware

2762. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a trend from decades to employ engineers from other branches other than Information technology, computer science, electronics & communications etc. as software or hardware engineers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government recognize the fact that employing engineers from other branches also deprives the core branches of software and hardware from employment, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to stop this practice and instruct the corporates to employ only the engineers of the relevant branches as software and hardware engineers and if so, the details thereof?

### PLI Scheme to boost Steel Production

2763. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/SAIL proposes to make investment under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) for speciality steel to boost the production of steel in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether SAIL has evaluated the guidelines of the scheme and reached a conclusion with respect to the investments under it and if so, the details thereof and the outcome therefor;

(c) whether Government has invited applications from the interested parties looking to invest under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any foreign country or foreign based steel company has shown interest for investment under the said scheme in the country and if so, the details thereof and the investment made or likely to be made by such companies?

### Recoveries on Excess Payments

2764. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recoveries on excess payment made by the employers would be impermissible in law as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's observations in the case of CA.No.11527 in State of Punjab and others, etc. vs Refiq Masih; and

(b) if so, the details of situations under which recoveries by the employers is impermissible as per law?

### National Monetisation Plan

2765. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:  
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:  
SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal to bring out any infrastructure asset monetization plan under the National Monetisation Plan in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount targeted and the sectors identified for the purpose;

(c) whether the assets will be under the control of Central Government or handed over by the private players to the Government after certain period of time;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time limit for handing over the assets; and

(g) whether road and power sector will be included in the asset monetisation programme and if so, the details thereof?

#### Mineral Activities

2766. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:  
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the States to streamline and enhance their internal control system mechanism on mineral activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### National Resource Accounting

2767. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:  
SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to begin the process of Natural Resources Accounting (NRA) which is useful for creating accountability of the mineral and energy resources available with the States; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

#### Atal Tinkering Labs

†2768. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main objective of setting up of Atal Tinkering Laboratories;

(b) the details of funds allocated along with the names of the schools where such laboratories are likely to be set up in the country, State/UT-wise and district-wise including districts of Chhattisgarh and Nuapada and Kalahandi districts of Odisha; and

(c) the number and details of schools where proposal for setting up Atal Tinkering Labs are still under consideration, district-wise and State/UT-wise?

#### Jewellery Parks

†2769. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up jewellery parks in various cities including Mumbai to promote gems and jewellery exports;

(b) if so, whether such parks are also proposed to be set up in cities such as Delhi including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Mechanised Cleaning Techniques

2770. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mechanised cleaning techniques introduced by the Indian Railways for maintaining proper hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation of station premises during the last five years;

(b) whether the Ministry is looking at avenues to introduce technology for cleaning where conductive surfaces have not been provided and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations in vision 2020 whitepaper on devising a plan to achieve near-zero-waste; and

(d) whether the Ministry proposed to introduce scrubber machines having twin movement under the adopted mechanised cleaning system of Railways and if so, the details thereof?

#### Purchase for Buffer Stock

2771. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government has purchased produce from farmers at the same price during lockdown to maintain the buffer stock and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the alterations made in prices at which farm produce was bought from farmers to store in buffer at every stage of lockdown in 2020?

#### **Agricultural Households**

2772. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that according to a report titled Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India 2019, most small and marginal rural households are earning their livelihoods as wage labourers than from farming;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prioritise policy reforms that help the marginal farmers who are largely dependent on farming for income so that they do not exit agriculture to become wage labourers?

#### **Revenue through Sale of Ethanol**

2773. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugar mills/distilleries have generated huge amount of revenue from the sale of ethanol to Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years including current year, year-wise; and

(c) the extent to which diversion of excess sugarcane to ethanol can ensure timely cane price payment to farmers?

#### **Production of Copper**

2774. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK  
NIMBALKAR:

SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM  
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become the net importer of copper during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons for reduction in the production of copper along with the total production of copper during the last five years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to re-start the closed copper factories at the earliest?

#### **Delay in Paddy Procurement**

2775. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether paddy procurement has been delayed in some States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, State-wise along with the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

#### **Payment Aggregators**

2776. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guideline of Regulation of Payment Aggregators and Payment Gateways which will come into effect from the 1st of January, 2022 will impact the ability of consumers to get automated refunds for online transactions and if so, whether the Government intends to take measures to mitigate the same and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry was consulted by the RBI to understand the impact of these guidelines on customers; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has made any representation to RBI in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Tele-density in Odisha**

2777. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tele-density in Odisha, both in rural and urban areas;

(b) the status of implementation of Phase II of the Provision of 'Mobile Services in Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas' scheme, and the details thereof;

(c) the number of mobile towers projected to be constructed in Odisha under Phase II of the aforementioned scheme;

(d) the number of mobile towers requested to be constructed in Odisha by the State Government of Odisha under Phase II of the aforementioned scheme; and

(e) the number of mobile towers projected to be constructed under Phase I of the aforementioned scheme, as compared to the number of mobile towers actually constructed, state/UT-wise?



### Vacant Reserved Posts

2778. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of reserved vacancies are not filled in Government institutions and autonomous bodies of Union Government due to negligent approach of the concerned Department;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any disciplinary measures against the faulty officials for not performing their official responsibilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to fill all reserved vacancies of SC/ST/OBC within the stipulated time?

### Direct Benefit Transfer

2779. 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 taken up Direct Benefit Transfer pilot scheme in lieu of foodgrains in parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the results in all such areas where Government had completed the pilot scheme or their ongoing pilot scheme is going on?

(c) the rationale behind starting Direct Benefit Transfer pilot scheme in the country;

(d) the details of benefits Government accrues out of the scheme;

(e) whether Direct Benefit Transfer scheme is a means to begin the era of non-procurement of foodgrains from states like Punjab and Haryana; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Toilet Facility near Engines

†2780. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no facility of toilets near railway engines;

(b) if so, whether women Loco Pilots are facing lot of difficulties in the absence of toilets;

(c) if so, whether the Government is seriously considering to provide the said facility;

(c) the time by when the said facility is likely to be provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Contribution of Textile Industry

2781. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI SELVAM G:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of textile industry in GDP in terms of percentage of industrial production and employment generation during the last three year and the current year along with efforts made by the Government to increase the employment in the textile industry;

(b) The steps taken by the Government to increase investment/expansion of textile industry including modernization of weaving and processing sector;

(c) whether the textile industry is facing problems and growth of the sector has declined during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to increase the shared of Indian textile products globally and success achieved by the Government so far; and

(e) the contribution of Indian textile industry in terms of global textile production along with the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production and competitiveness of Indian textile industry?

### Personal Data Protection

2782. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make an effective law on the Personal Data Protection of individuals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that there is a need of abovesaid law to facilitate individuals greater control over how their personal data is collected, stored and used and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make the legislation in Parliament and if so, the details of the response of the Government in this regard?

### FOBs in Telangana

2783. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA

BORLAKUNTA:

SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:

SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that 15 stations have been identified in Telangana for construction of Foot-Over-Bridges (FOBs);

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

(c) whether it is not a fact that these were supposed to be completed by March, 2021; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay and the time by when these are likely to be completed?

#### Development of Nemom Railway Terminal

2784. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has received Detailed Project Report for the development of Nemom Railway Terminal in Kerala; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any decision to accord approval for the estimate of this project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay in approval;

(d) whether the Government will consider granting approval for the same to complete the project without further delay; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Standards Developing Organisation

2785. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
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 number of proposals for declaration of Standards Developing Organisation under One Nation One Standard Mission of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to define standard development activities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government plans to undertake assessment for identification and categorisation of such activities to attain One National Standard for One Subject and if so, the details thereof?

#### Payment to Sellers on GeM Portal

2786. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been complaints regarding delayed payments against purchase of goods and materials by various Government organisations on Government e-Market(GeM)Place portal;

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

(c) the details of buyers who have currently withheld payments to the sellers, department-wise;

(d) whether delayed payments have been impacting flow of capitals and funds to the selling companies;

(e) if so, whether there is need for provisions to ensure timely payment to sellers on GeM portal as per general terms and conditions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Software Technology park

2787. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:  
DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:  
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  
SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:  
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether achievements have been made by Software Technology Park of India during the last three years in delivering its mandate of promoting export of software from India; and

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

#### Mandatory Possession of Counter Ticket

†2788. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:  
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of having confirmed ticket and name in the railway passenger chart while travelling in train, the passenger is likely to pay fine equal to the full

fare of ticket if not in possession of original copy of counter ticket;

(b) if so, whether any amendment is proposed to be made in the said rule;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make provision for exempting the passenger from showing the original ticket on production of valid identity card with the SMS received after preparation of chart for all the tickets such as counter ticket and tatkal counter ticket; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Production of Uranium**

2789. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) the details of estimated uranium reserves and extraction potential in the country, uranium mine-wise and State/UT-wise and the details of the uranium extracted during each of the last three years, uranium mine-wise and State/UT-wise along with the funds allocated and utilised thereon during the said period; and

(d) whether the country is importing uranium from other countries and if so, the details thereof during the given period including the quantity of imported uranium along with the funds spend thereon, country-wise?

#### **Condition of Handloom Workers**

2790. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of handloom workers is deteriorating day by day and they are unable to sustain and if so, the details of handlooms closed during the last three years?

(b) whether Government has taken steps to promote handlooms through social media campaign and if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof? and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost the handicraft sector across the country and to generate employment in the sector?

#### **Public Grievances Platform**

2791. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has created any platform to hear public complaints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed any plan to make the mechanism more pliable and easy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of complaints received and their solution during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Universal Service Obligation Fund**

2792. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:  
SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated any funds from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) towards improving the infrastructure in any part of the nation;

(b) if so, the state wise details thereof;

(c) the details of the Universal Access Levy (UAL) collected in the last five years, state-wise;

(d) the subsidies disbursed under the Universal Service Obligation (USO) in the last five years;

(e) the details of the subsidies and funds utilised under the USOF in the last five years;

(f) whether the Government has any plans to improve the 4G connectivity of BSNL network in the Idukki parliamentary constituency by utilising funds from the above mentioned USOF;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons for non utilisation of funds to improve connectivity in a largely backward region with a considerable tribal population?

#### **Gauge Conversion**

2793. SHRI BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received for conversion of meter gauge railway line on Ranuj - Chanasma - Katosan - Kadi - Kalol route into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the status of the said work?

### Skill Upgradation of Handloom Weavers

2794. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes, including SAMARTH-for capacity building to impart need-based skill upgradation training to the handloom weavers;

(b) the details of the number of weavers who have been provided skill training during the last three years, in various Weavers Service Centres and other skill development centres, State-wise, including Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether any pilot study was conducted to get the feedback and effectiveness of skill training for the weavers and if so, the details?

### Expanding the network of BSNL/MTNL

†2795. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the network of BSNL/MTNL equipped with latest techniques;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of closing of mobile towers hired in the remote foothills, hilly and economically backward areas without any prior notice before the termination of contract;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government for easing the inconveniences caused to the customers in this regard?

### Frequency of 19409/19410

†2796. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other states living in Abu Road and Pindware Tehsil have to face a lot of problem as 19409/19410 Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur Express train runs only once in a week;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to run 19409/19410 Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur Express train on all seven days in a week keeping in view the problem being faced by the people as well as the passenger load; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### 4G Mobile connectivity

2797. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the plan to provide 4G mobile connectivity in remote villages in States;

(b) the timelines by when the above plan would be operational;

(c) the list of villages in Koraput and Rayagada District where mobile connectivity would be provided; and

(d) whether further villages can be added to the above list as per local demands and if so, the details thereof?

### Digi-Gaon Project

2798. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:  
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:  
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the recent/amended salient features of Digi-Gaon Project;

(b) the State-wise details of the number of villages covered under the abovesaid project across the country including the State of Karnataka till date;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from the States/UTs for establishment of more Digi-Gaon and if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the Government proposal to expand this project across the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to expand Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the aforesaid project and if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, including the State of Karnataka along with the details of expenditure; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to include entrepreneurship opportunities for the rural residents specially women under the said project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Demand of Rice

†2799. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of rice from the country has decreased abroad during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the quantum of shortage in demand registered; and

(c) the details of the crops being imported-exported from/by the country during the last five years quantity-wise, country-wise?

### Digital Security of Citizens

2800. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to ensure digital security of citizens especially women and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the orders which have been given to social media platforms to withdraw content that hinders the digital security of citizens;

(c) whether the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Women and Child Development have consulted together on the issues of social media platforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Electronic Manufacturing Clusters

2801. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) sanctioned in the country and the list of projects sanctioned for the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of each cluster sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra in terms of investment received, employment generated (direct, indirect), etc.;

(c) the details of major electronics manufacturing companies setting up units in the State of Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of present position of electronic manufacturing in the State of Maharashtra and its future potential?

### Price Rise of Edible Items

†2802. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:  
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of edible items used in daily life is continuously increasing from the last several years including the year 2021 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the price of several products have increased sharply during the last three years;

(d) if so, the names thereof and the maximum consumer selling price thereof;

(e) whether the Government has contemplated the reasons for this price rise; and

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

### Welfare of Tea Garden Labourers

†2803. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being run by the Ministry in the tea sector;

(b) whether a large number of facilities are being provided by the tea-board to the tea garden labourers of the country;

(c) if so, the details of various facilities being provided to the tea garden labourers including the date from which the said facilities are being provided along with the number of beneficiaries in this regard, tea garden-wise;

(d) whether food and water are supplied to the children of the said labourers in view of their future and education purposes;

(e) if so, the number of children who have been supplied food and water, tea garden-wise;

(f) whether the Government provides subsidy to the tea garden owners; and

(g) if so, the names of items for which subsidy is provided including the amount of subsidy given, tea garden-wise?

### ECGC

2804. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has proposed to invest Rs. 4400 crore rupees in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) Ltd to provide support to exporters as well as banks;

(b) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid investment;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether infusion of capital will help to create 59 lakh new jobs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the export target fixed by the Government after the infusion of capital;

(f) whether a series of export-related schemes and initiatives were taken by the Government over the last few years; and

(g) if so, the number of jobs created as a result thereof so far?

#### **Startup India Seed Fund**

2805. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects have been funded under startup India Seed Fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of projects that have been funded, employment generated and economic value created under startup India Seed Fund from its inception till date?

#### **NGOs Engaged in Development of S&T**

2806. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non-Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations are engaged in the implementation of the schemes/projects undertaken in various States/UTs in the country for development of Science and Technology and if so, the details of the schemes/projects, organisations and the funds granted to them during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Non-Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations formed/organised by religious groups are engaged in the implementation of the schemes/projects undertaken in various States/UTs in the country for development of Science and Technology and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government had delisted any Non-Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations formed/organised by religious groups who were engaged in the implementation of the schemes/projects undertaken in various States/UTs in the country for development of Science and Technology and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Time Limit for Ration Card**

†2807. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time limit fixed to issue ration cards to all the eligible persons of the country under 'One Nation, One Ration Card';

(b) the State-wise details of the number of eligible ration card holders and the cards issued till date along with the number of beneficiaries to whom ration cards are yet to be issued; and

(c) the State-wise details of the agencies issuing the said cards?

#### **Wastage of Food Grains**

2808. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

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 concerned about the wastage of food grains procured by the Government through State agencies across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of procured paddy being wasted due to the storage in open space across the country State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plan of action for construction of adequate godowns / covered storage space to prevent wastage; and

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

#### **Private Investment in Industry**

2809. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve private interest in investment in the industrial sector and increase industrial credit growth in the country;

(b) whether the Government is aware that most industrial projects in the Rs.1,000 crore to Rs.5,000 crore budget have taken between 7-11 years for completion and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to cut down on the time taken to complete future industrial projects and make them more cost and time efficient;

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

(e) whether the Government has any data on the number of projects which were stalled, the number of projects which were initiated but delayed and the number of projects which were abandoned; and

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

### Mobile Towers Installation

†2810. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile companies are committed to install mobile towers in order to improve mobile network;

(b) if so, whether installation of new towers is under consideration in Nanded, Yavatmal and Hingoli of Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### e-Commerce

2811. 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 is working on a revamped draft policy for the regulation of FDI in e-commerce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether comprehensive steps are being planned to restrict control of foreign marketplace platforms entities, over the sellers on their platforms that enable them to do anti-competitive practices such as predatory pricing and deep discounting through capital dump that has led to closure of a large number of small businesses and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any regulator is intended to be set up in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Coal Reserves

2812. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:  
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total reserves of coal in the country and its average consumption per year during the last five years and the current year?

(b) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to find alternate sources of energy so that consumption of coal is reduced?

(c) whether the coal reserves have increased during the last five years in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to improve the domestic coal production?

### Social Media Intermediaries

2813. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:  
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of requests made by the Government to social media intermediaries for removal of content from their platform from 2014;

(b) the year-wise classification of the details of the reasons behind the requests made to these social media intermediaries;

(c) the details of the number of meetings held under Rule 7 of IT blocking rules 2009 before processing the removal request to the respective intermediaries since 2014;

(d) whether Government looks to amend the “confidentiality clause” under the IT Blocking rules to ensure that a person whose content has been removed has access to the legal order; and

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

### Fake Membership in Societies

2814. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI:  
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per catering policy, Vendors Cooperative Societies have been allotted static catering and vending units at certain stations in Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details of names, stations, date of registration as well as number of members in each of these Cooperative Societies;

(c) whether there are any modalities with the Government to check the genuineness of forged documents, fake membership etc. in these Societies; and

(d) if so, the details of such checks made by the authorities?



### Granting Trademark under Startup Scheme

2815. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any provisions for providing employment by giving trademarks to the people under Startup scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the provisions in place to give trademark including the time period after which trademark is awarded to the applicant on applying for the same;

(c) whether there is any provision to take action against the officers not awarding trademark within the time limit;

(d) if so, the names and details of the officers against whom action has been taken including the dates on which action has been taken, State-wise including for not awarding trademark to women entrepreneurs from Thiruvannamalai District in Tamilnadu;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by when trademarks will be awarded to all eligible entrepreneurs?

### PM WANI Scheme

2816. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Public data offices established and the active users under the PM WANI scheme, District-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that open public networks are susceptible to attacks and breaches and if so, the measures being undertaken to mitigate such security risks;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken a study to understand the advantage of PM WANI scheme over the scheme of increasing the penetration of already existing cheap 4G data in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government can justify the reasons for charging a fee for using WANI compliant Wi-Fi networks instead of using the Universal Service Obligation Fund to provide free public WI-FI and if so, the details thereof?

### Common Service Centres for DISHA

2817. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Common Service Centres in rural areas are still in use after the termination of DISHA and if so, the details of the responsible entities for the upkeep of the same and if not, the upcoming plan for above said centres;

(b) whether the additional plans of digital literacy are to be implemented through them;

(c) whether any data available for the number of people who have been made digitally literate through the PMGDISHA Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the cost incurred on PMGDISHA led to an increase in the digital literacy numbers in the areas affected and if so, the details thereof?

### Craft Village Projects

2818. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

whether the Government will release the balance amount of Rs.1.00 Crores for completion of Craft Village project at Raghurajpur in Puri District in the State of Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### TRAI Act

2819. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any proposal to amend the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act to empower the Authority to implement the penal provisions against the erring service providers like call drop charges, etc.; and

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

### Biogas Production From Dairy Industry

†2820. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the scientists have developed the technology to enhance biogas production from fat-rich sludge from dairy industry;

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(b) if so, the manner in which the said technology is likely to work and the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which it is likely to be useful for diary industry of Gujarat; and

(d) whether the said technology is likely to be used in the diary industry situated in the tribal areas of Gujarat?

#### **Administration System**

2821. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering or has any plan to reform the existing administration system; and

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

#### **Technology Innovation Hubs**

2822. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress towards the mandate given to Technology Innovation Hubs (TIHs) under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS);

(b) the details of funds allocated to each of the hubs, year-wise since the establishment of NM-ICPS;

(c) the number of Start-ups which have been incubated and their status at present;

(d) the details of the manner in which individual technologies of such hubs are being aggregated to resolve the existing security requirements/gaps; and

(e) the criteria for choosing 25 TIHs?

#### **Craft Clusters**

2823. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI SELVAM G:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias

PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up craft clusters in the country with innovative designs, technologies

and capabilities for inclusive and sustainable growth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of operational craft clusters in the country including Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu along with the number of craftsmen operating in the said clusters;

(c) the details of financial and other assistance provided/utilized in setting up of craft clusters during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up more clusters in Uttar Pradesh especially Jhansi & NER and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has evaluated the sick and closed down clusters and their financial conditions;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken for improving the financial condition of the said clusters and reviving the closed clusters; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government to set up more craft clusters in the country?

#### **Illegal Mining of Major and Minor Minerals**

2824. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases pertaining to illegal mining of major and minor minerals especially sand mining reported in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong;

(b) whether the Government has taken measures to check illegal mining of sand and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has held any discussions with the State Government of West Bengal with regard to illegal sand mining and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check the damage to the environment from illegal mining of sand from the river beds?

#### **Mobile & Landline Connectivity in Maharashtra**

2825. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of villages in Maharashtra which have no mobile and landline connectivity as of now;

(b) whether the Government is making any efforts to provide this connectivity in such villages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Resumption of Food in Trains**

2826. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways is considering to resume cooked food service on Premium trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that Zonal Railways have been asked to verify the catering charges;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways has received any feedback from the Zonal Railways in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Maintenance of Stations by Private Contractors

†2827. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Konkan Railways has decided to award the work relating to the maintenance of sixty nine (69) railways stations to private contractors;
- (b) if so, the details of the entire process in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Export of Oil meal and Oil meal Products

2828. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of oil meal and oil meal products exported to major countries, quantity and country-wise during the last three years indicating the share of India's oil meal exports in global exports;
- (b) whether the export of oil meal products from the country has declined during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of decline in export of oil meal and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to implement any special incentive scheme to encourage oil meal production in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of agricultural products including oil meals?

#### New Minerva Mill Unit

2829. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production activities of new minerva mill unit in Hassan district has been started post Covid situation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the mill has been supplied with requisite raw materials for the beginning of production activities and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of production by the mill during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest and welfare of employees working in the said mill?

#### Stagnation of Nuclear Energy

2830. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the nuclear energy is stagnant for the last seven years;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government towards ensuring long term energy security through utilisation of nuclear energy?

#### Urban Beneficiaries Under NFSA

2831. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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 rural and urban beneficiaries currently covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the reasons for less number of beneficiaries than the provisions made under the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets under the NFSA, if so, the present status of the targets and if not, whether any target is being considered for future; and
- (d) if so, the details of the amount allocated and utilised under the NFSA in the country during the last five years, State/Union Territory-wise?

### Social Media Websites

2832. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

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 aware that social media websites have also become e-commerce platforms wherein sellers or retailers showcase and sell their products and if so, the details of businesses regulated through social media websites; and

(b) the details of the facilities provided by the Government to ensure the protection of consumer interests and prevent unethical practices on these new e-commerce platforms?

### Mechanised Boot Laundries

2833. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken some measures to resolve the issue of payments in contracts of mechanized BOOT laundries that have been raised in the time of Covid-19 pandemic period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any zone of Indian Railways has made payments to mechanized BOOT laundries as per the minimum assured load clause of their Contract Agreement during lockdown period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Railways has received any representations from Public representatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of future of mechanized BOOT laundries as per Indian Railways?

### Tallest Railway Bridge

†2834. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways is constructing the world's highest railway bridge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by when the construction work of the said bridge is likely to be completed;

(d) the type of new technology used for the construction of the said bridge and the cost involved;

(e) whether such bridges can also be constructed in Himachal Pradesh and if so, the facts thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to extend the railway lines in Himachal Pradesh which have been constructed earlier; and

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

### Decline in Gross Expenditure on R&D

2835. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the concerning stagnation and decline in Gross Expenditure on Research and Development (R&D) as a percentage of GDP; and

(b) if so, the steps undertaken by the Government to promote private sector investment in Research and Development and enhance Gross Expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP?

### Vigyan Jyoti Programme

†2836. SHRI ARUN SAO:

SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vigyan Jyoti Programme is being implemented with the purpose of encouraging students particularly the girl students to pursue career in the field of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements of the said programme so far;

(c) whether Vigyan Jyoti Programme is being implemented with the cooperation of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya;

(d) if so, the details of such Navodaya Vidyalayas, State-wise, including Chhattisgarh and Punjab where the said programme is being implemented;

(e) whether the Government proposes to expand the said programme in more Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Bihar particularly in Gopalganj district and to include Kendriya Vidyalayas also in the said programme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government to encourage the girl child in Bihar particularly in Gopalganj District and the State of Punjab?

### Resumption of Trains

2837. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to resume operations of all the trains which were stopped during lockdown period for ease of movement of passengers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also considering to reduce the train fare as prior to lockdown and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has issued any fresh guidelines on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during normal operations of trains to prevent spread of COVID; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with other measures being taken by the Government for ease of movement of passengers across the country?

### Investment in Nuclear Energy Sector

†2838. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in investment in nuclear energy sector across the country during the last five years;

(b) the number and details of new nuclear reactors proposed by the Government; and

(c) the number and details of uranium mines identified in the country during the last five years along with total number of uranium mines in the country, State/ UT-wise?

### Share of Exports in GDP

2839. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn any action plan to raise the share of exports in the country's GDP from the current 10.2 percent to 15 percent by 2030 for both merchandise and services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Concessions for Medical and Health Workers

2840. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing concessions for medical and health workers in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only Allopathic doctors are considered for concessions in Railways;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to include the doctors from AYUSH sector also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### IT Park in Odisha

2841. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to set up Information Technology Park at Sambalpur District in the State of Odisha during the current year and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has allocated funds for the same and if so, the details thereof?

### PLI Scheme

2842. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether companies have been selected for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing telecom equipment in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding the reasons to why software is not covered in the specified list of telecom and networking 'products' to be manufactured; and

(c) the details regarding the steps taken by the Government to ensure that expansion in domestic telecom manufacturing is done along with nationally owned product development, so as to limit large foreign exchange outflows?

### Internet Governance Forum

2843. SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:

DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of aims, objectives and significance of India having its own Internet Governance Forum;

(b) whether the Government is planning to regulate the access of internet for children as an agreement on most websites stands null and void for minors and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government is taking steps to provide a platform level to the Indian home-grown apps and if so, the details of appropriate policy support given therefor?

#### **Disinvestment of NINL**

2844. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the duration that will be taken to complete disinvestment of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) in Odisha as employees of NINL are deprived of salary since March, 2020 along with the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any reason that NINL operation couldn't commence by merging with ATL/RINL/NMDC like NINL Captive mines operation started with the financial assistance of NMDC and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for revival of NINL as production stopped since March, 2020;

(d) whether NINL employees would be provided benefits such as pay scale revision, DPC, VRS, pension etc. during disinvestment period, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether service terms and conditions of NINL employees would remain unaltered after disinvestment and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Nutritious Food to Tribals**

2845. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:  
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:  
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) whether the Government plans to provide nutritious food to tribal regions like YSR Sampoorna Poshana Scheme implemented by Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of nutritious food apart from Bio-Fortification of food grains?

#### **Development of Tirupati Railway Station**

2846. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan of the Government to develop one of the busiest Railway stations i.e., Tirupati railway station;

(b) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of trains and security measures to provide safe, smooth and comfortable journey to the tourists;

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

(d) whether the Government has any plans to make Tirupati-centric division by keeping its importance in view;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether any survey in this regard was conducted with respect to Tirupati railway station?

#### **Plastic Packaging**

2847. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

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 contemplating to take any steps to make food products plastic packaging free which are being sold in plastic packs;

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

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

#### **Kotipali-Narasapuram Railway Line**

2848. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

the status of Kotipali-Narasapuram railway line and the details of the cost and time overruns of this project?

#### **PMGDISHA Centres**

2849. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding PMGDISHA centres currently operational all over the country;

(b) whether the classes conducted have been adversely affected due to Covid and if so, the steps

taken by the Government to resume the regular training at these centres;

(c) the details of the employment opportunities available to the students enrolled in the above said centres; and

(d) the details of the measures that have been taken to improve and monitor the quality of training under PMGDISHA?

### **Fintech Sector**

2850. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is all set to become one of the largest digital markets in the world with its rapid expansion of mobile and internet networks and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has a huge potential in Fintech sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been increase in the investment inflow in the Fintech sector during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to increase the inflow; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage industry and entrepreneurs to use local talent to produce globally marketable solutions?

### **Resumption of Facilities**

2851. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has resumed operations of its train services;

(b) if so, whether the Railways has started supply of bed-sheets and blankets in the AC class like before, after the introduction of catering services in the trains;

(c) whether the Railways has started granting concession to the senior citizens, handicapped and other categories like earlier;

(d) if so, the details of the above passenger facilities introduced by the Railways; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when the above facilities are likely to be resumed?

### **Extension of Railway Tracks**

2852. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new railway tracks extended, the number of trains started and the amount spent in this regard in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka since the year 2014 till date, year-wise;

(b) the number of new projects announced since 2014 till date in the country particularly for in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka;

(c) the number and details of projects out of these that have been sanctioned and the budget allocation made in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has achieved target of 100% electrification and upgradation of speed up to 160 kmph on Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Mumbai routes; and

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

### **Non-Profitable Railway Stations**

2853. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:  
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to close down the railway stations which are non-viable and non-profitable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any stations have already been identified to be closed down, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the stations being closed in the State of Andhra Pradesh along with the reasons therefor?

### **Global Chips shortage**

2854. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted any analysis or prepared a report on the global chip & semiconductor shortage and its impact and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to ramp up the production of semiconductors in India to leverage the global shortage;

(c) the details of the current capacity of production for semiconductors available in India; and

(d) whether the Ministry has held any consultations with the Industry and stakeholders with regard to the global shortage and if so, the details thereof?



### Satellite Based Services

2855. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any licence is required for rendering satellite based services in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Elon Musk's Starlink has offered the Government to provide satellite based internet service in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Starlink has applied for the requisite license from Department of Telecommunication (DoT) and if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, whether Starlink is still approaching public for their services; and

(g) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

### Post Offices Buildings

2856. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started restructuring and remodeling age old raddled buildings of the post offices in the country and/or has planned for shifting to new buildings from decade old rented buildings and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to relocate/ shift the South-Garia post office of West Bengal circle, eastern zone from the decade old rented accommodation therefor and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the proposal to include South-Garia and Champahati post offices under the pin code of Kolkata as both are now covered under extended Kolkata thereof?

### Bharat Net Project in Odisha

2857. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether BharatNet is a project envisaged by the Government to digitally connect all the Gram Panchayats (GP) and villages of India by way of laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) upto GP level;

(b) if so, whether there is a plan to connect all the GPs in Odisha;

(c) if so, the number of broadband connections working in Odisha and the action being taken for providing broadband facility to all GPs under Phase-I and II;

(d) the steps being taken to provide mobile connectivity in uncovered villages; and

(e) whether there is any proposal received from State Government of Odisha in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

### Railway Hospitals

2858. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to bring the entire Railway Health System on a single architecture to provide faster, seamless and hassle-free healthcare to its beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the agencies likely to be assigned this project and the criteria fixed for identification and selection of agencies for the said purpose;

(d) the number of railway hospitals and beneficiaries who are likely to be digitized; and

(e) the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred and the time by which the entire work on this project will be completed?

### Young Scientists

2859. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking adequate measures to promote young scientists to undertake research work;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Young Scientist Research Programme and the details of the amount allocated during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the eligibility regarding age for getting benefits under the programme along with the details of the achievements made under the programme so far; and

(d) whether any special scheme or scholarship is being provided by the Government under the programme and if so, the details thereof?

### Import Data

2860. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH

NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of import from FY 2009-10 to FY 2021-22;

(b) whether rate of import growth has increased in the last six years;

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

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce imports?

#### **Suspension of MPLAD Funds**

†2861. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:  
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suspension of MPLADS for two Financial Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 has severely affected the developmental activities in the rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether many schemes are lying incomplete due to the suspension of MPLADS and may lead to cost overrun in order to complete these schemes and if so, the details thereof and the steps likely to be taken to deal with this situation?

#### **Research on Himalayan Region**

2862. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientists have recently found that nearly 20,000 years ago, a large Himalayan glacier abruptly changed course and over time fused into an adjacent glacier in present-day Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Himalayan region is among the youngest mountain ranges in the world due to which the supporting underlying tectonic plates are not stable and frequently trigger earthquakes and landslides;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to encourage further research and study on the Himalayan region to find solutions to frequent natural calamities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof

#### **Loss of Subscriber base**

2863. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any report from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) regarding the loss of subscriber base for the last financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with specific number of loss of subscribers, State-wise with break up figure of wireless and wireline services;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the subscriber base;

(d) the amount spent by BSNL for upgradation of their services for the past three years and the estimated amount for the current year; and

(e) whether the Government is having any proposal to merge BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal Mining**

2864. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plans of the Government to check illegal mining;

(b) whether the Government is aware that illegal mining is taking place in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the plans of the Government for prevention of environmental pollution being caused due to mining in stone mines?

#### **Ration to Migrant Workers**

2865. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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 any proposals with regard to migrant workers who do not have access to ration because of delay in implementation of the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme in the respective States where the workers are working;

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

(c) the details of the ration disbursed to migrant workers during Covid-19 lockdown in 2020 and 2021?

#### **Import of API**

2866. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed any restriction on import Activated Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) from certain countries;

(b) if so, the details of the countries on which such restrictions have been imposed and volumes of API that was being imported from them prior to such restriction;

(c) the details of the quantity and nature of API being exported by India in the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the production of API in India to prevent supply shock that was witnessed during the initial period of COVID-19; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Impact of Covid-19 on Exports**

†2867. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is very close to achieving its exports target despite combating Covid-19 and other challenges and the extent of achievement vis-a-vis the targets fixed;

(b) if so, the status of Indian exports by the end of October, 2021; and

(c) the details of incentives and assistance being provided by the banks to the exporters, especially, Gujarat as the condition of the exporters has deteriorated after the pandemic?

#### **Mobile Internet Accessibility**

2868. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile internet accessibility is poor in rural India;

(b) if so, the details thereof as compared to urban areas; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote use and accessibility of mobile internet in rural areas of the country?

#### **Capacity of FCI**

2869. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current godown/storage capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a recent study has revealed that foodgrain production in the country is increasing, but a

large chunk of foodgrains is getting wasted every year, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Government to prevent wastage of foodgrains, preserve foodgrains and increase the storage capacity of foodgrains in various States of the country?

#### **Guidelines for Confirmation of Probation**

2870. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for confirmation of probation in Government Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criteria for confirmation of probation in Gazetted cadre;

(d) the details of situations in which probation is extended;

(e) the number of days of attendance required during probation period (two years) for confirmation;

(f) the number of days of leaves that can be taken during probation period (two years) to avoid extension of the probation;

(g) whether it is brought to the notice of the Government that due to abnormal delay in convening Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC), employees are not confirmed on time and it results in delay in their promotion; and

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

#### **Boost in electronic manufacturing**

2871. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to boost electronics manufacturing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is preparing a 1,000 day plan to broaden and deepen electronics manufacturing, exports and share in global value chains;

(c) whether the role of global value chain is a key factor in the expansion of electronic manufacturing in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**RoDTEP**

2872. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA  
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is seeking more funds from the Finance Ministry for the new tax refunds scheme for exporters - the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) - after expressing its displeasure at the long delay in notifying the details of the scheme; and

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

**Non-Cadre Officers**

2873. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of appointment of non-cadre officers to the cadre posts in respect of All India Services posts in many States like Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Jharkhand, etc., which affects the administrative efficiency;

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

(c) the details of cadre officers posted on non-cadre posts even though the cadre posts were vacant or being occupied by non-cadre officers during the last five years in the above mentioned States;

(d) whether there are reports of violation of All India Cadre Rules as one cadre officer is holding charge of more than one cadre posts beyond a permissible time period which is affecting working of these departments; and

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

**IT Hubs**

2874. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Information Technology (IT) Hubs in the current financial year in small cities in the State of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to give an impetus to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Surrender of Phone Connections**

2875. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY  
VASANTH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of subscribers of Government owned BSNL and MTNL have surrendered their mobile and landline phone connections owing to their poor quality of service and stiff competition from private operators;

(b) if so, the details and the number of subscribers who have surrendered their phone connections as also applied for new connections during the last three years, year/State/UT and company-wise;

(c) whether BSNL and MTNL have taken any steps to restore their market share;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Industrial Corridor**

†2876. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aim and objectives of developing industrial corridors in the country and the details of such existing corridors, State-wise;

(b) whether there exist any industrial corridors within the State of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish new industrial corridors in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to establish a new SEZ within Rajasthan, outside of Jaipur and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has analyzed the district of Rajsamand in Rajasthan as a viable site for an SEZ and if so, the details thereof?

**Trains to Kurukshetra**

†2877. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government is planning to connect newly identified religious heritage sites by train for the convenience of pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to connect Kurukshetra Parliamentary Constituency with newly announced pilgrimage site Soran by any train for the convenience of devotees and to promote transport connectivity;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether the Government has any plans to connect the said sites by new special trains to improve to such heritage sites and to develop tourism; and

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

### Closure of Textile Mills

†2878. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy formulated by the Government for rehabilitation of the employees rendered jobless due to closure of textile mills;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to seek help from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to make adequate arrangements for imparting training to the unemployed textile workers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Stoppages in Jharkhand

†2879. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of trains passing through Latehar, Barwadih, Tori, Chhipadohar and Mahuamilan stations in Jharkhand along with the details thereof;

(b) the names of trains which have stoppages at the said stations at present and the names of trains which had stoppages at the said stations before lockdown;

(c) the reasons for discontinuation of stoppages of trains at the said stations;

(d) the time by which stoppages of trains are likely to be resumed;

(e) whether the Ministry is aware that the Government has assured the operation of passenger trains on Tori-Shivpur railway line at the time of its inauguration and the demand for passenger trains have been made many time thereafter;

(f) if so, the reasons for not operating passenger trains on Tori-Shivpur railway line till date; and

(g) the time by which passenger trains are likely to be made operational on the said railway line along with the details thereof?

### Scheduled Caste Candidates

2880. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of candidates belonging to Scheduled caste who have passed the Indian Administrative Service Examination during the last three years but could not be imparted training, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of provisions on the basis of which the Government selects the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste;

(c) whether the quota for the scheduled caste is not being filled through this selection process and general category candidates are being appointed in place of them; and

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

### New Passenger Train in Telangana

2881. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY  
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to start a passenger train on the railway line between Vishnupuram and Motumari in Telangana;

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

(c) the details of the operational constraints due to which this passenger train has not been started yet;

(d) whether the Government has conducted the required surveys recently to determine the operational feasibility of starting such a passenger train; and

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

### Internet Connectivity in Remote Areas

2882. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking steps to ensure internet connectivity in remote and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages in the rural areas of the country where telecommunication towers have been set up during the last three years, State/UT-wise and telecom company-wise; and

(d) the details of the plan for the next financial year?

#### **Enhancement of MPLAD Fund**

†2883. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:  
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research study has been conducted to increase the funds under MPLADS and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether less funds are received by MPs for development of the areas in comparison to the MLAs in States while the areas of MPs are much bigger as a result of which the MPs are unable to meet the public expectations; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase MPLAD funds keeping in view and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

†2884. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in Railway Electrification Projects in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the allocation and utilization of funds under these projects till date; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken for further mitigating the delays in these projects and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Geological Heritage Sites**

2885. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the geological heritage sites are on the verge of disappearance;

(b) if so, the preventive steps that have been taken/being taken by the Government to conserve the geological and natural heritage keeping in mind that the protection of geo-heritage sites require legislation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Demand and Supply of Coal**

2886. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase coal production in the country, in view of hike in demand;

(b) the demand and supply position of coal, month-wise and State-wise during the last six months;

(c) whether all power plants have been supplied coal to keep a buffer stock in the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken to meet the coal supply by import of coal as a strategic measure?

#### **Coal Extraction**

†2887. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of coal extracted from mines in India during the last three years, year/State-wise; and

(b) the State-wise royalty paid to States for coal extraction in India during the last three years?

#### **Non-Card Holder**

2888. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non-National Food Security Act (NFSA) card holders have to pay rupees 21/kg for rice and rupees 22/kg for wheat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is likely to cause inconvenience for common people and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the margin to dealers?

#### **Paddy Procurement in Punjab**

2889. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of paddy procured during year 2021 from State of Punjab during the last five years;

(b) the quantity of paddy procured all over India State-wise during the last five years;

(c) the price of paddy procured at for the last five years for all States;

(d) the reasons of delayed paddy procurement this season in Punjab; and

(e) whether global rice commodity prices positively affect paddy procurement prices in India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **BharatNet Scheme in Odisha**

2890. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current penetration percentage of mobile internet in rural and urban areas in the State of Odisha;

(b) the current status of the BharatNet Scheme and the number of beneficiaries;

(c) the timeline by which Odisha is expected to reach 100% internet coverage; and

(d) the status of the PM WANI Scheme and the expected number of beneficiaries in the State?

#### **Staff of BSNL & MTNL**

2891. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that staff of MTNL and BSNL are not paid their salaries for several months due to losses the companies are facing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether is it because MTNL and BSNL failed to attract the mobile users through better services and facilities compared to private telecom companies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details on the reasons as to why BSNL and MTNL took several years to launch 4G service while private Companies like Airtel, Jio, Idea, etc. started it several years ago;

(e) whether MTNL and BSNL do not have enough infrastructure or manpower;

(f) if so, the steps taken for improvement; and

(g) if not, the reasons for their failure to compete with the private telecom companies?

#### **Modernization of Railway Signalling System**

2892. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of modernization of railway signaling system during the last two years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the frequency of trains in future; and

(c) the details of increase in speed of trains reaching Kerala from other cities?

#### **Construction Work at KKNP**

2893. SHRI D.M. KATHIRANAND:

DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NPCIL has expedited the construction works at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNP) 3 & 4 at Kudankulam and the Fast Reactor Fuel Cycle Facility project (FRFCF) at Kalpakkam; and

(b) if so, the current status and approximate time for the completion of the said projects?

#### **Setting up of Hallmarking Centres**

2894. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved in setting up of Hallmarking centres under Bureau of Indian Standards in 256 districts identified under mandatory hallmark testing;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to expand mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery to other districts and to set up such centres across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Central Government Food Scheme**

†2895. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD  
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes of the Union Government regarding food and food distribution being implemented in the tribal areas;

(b) whether any new scheme is under consideration at block level regarding food distribution in aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any new scheme regarding food distribution for tribal blocks and if so, the details thereof?



### 5G Services to improve Digital India Programme

2896. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce 5G services to improve the Government run programme Digital India and if so, the details thereof;

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

(c) whether the Government has also fixed any condition for the auction of 5G spectrum and if so, the details thereof?

### Development of Women Handloom Workers

2897. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running any scheme aimed at the development of women handloom workers in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide special package to such women workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the strategy being chalked out by the Government to promote handloom in Telangana?

### Updated Time Table as per New Stoppages

2898. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to instruct the authorities to update the timetable as per developing new stoppages; and

(b) if so, the details of new stoppages that have been started or shifted in between Pune to Miraj section?

### Regional Trade Agreements

2899. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the list of countries with which India is planning to or negotiating an Regional Trade Agreements (RTA) currently;

(b) the list of quantifiable benefits (without any jargon) of each existing RTA for India in the last five years, RTA-wise;

(c) whether the RTAs have succeeded in investment creation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to renegotiate an existing RTA; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Construction of Silverline Train Project in Kerala

2900. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has recorded the area of forest (in hectares) that are going to be cleared for the construction of the Silverline Railway Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the area of land acquired for the development of the project;

(d) whether the land acquisition for the Silverline project shall lead to the displacement of locals in the path of the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the housing and monetary compensation awarded to the locals?

### UPSC Exams

2901. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take any measures to conduct the recruitment exams by UPSC in all official languages under the 8th Schedule of the constitution; and

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

### Grievances of Railway Pensioners

2902. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after five years of implementation of 7th Pay Commission, the pay of several pensioners have not been revised and they are still drawing pension as per 6th Pay Commission pay structure;

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

(c) whether there have been such pending cases of Health Inspectors who retired in 2016 from North Eastern Railway (NER), Gorakhpur;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action taken thereon;

(c) whether there is urgent need for redressal of such grievances of railway pensioners within a specific timeframe for their ease of living; and

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

#### **Ban on Chinese Goods**

†2903. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

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

(a) whether the demand to boycott or ban Chinese goods is being made from every quarter in India due to growing anti-China sentiments;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any representation from the public representatives to ban the import of all Chinese goods in June, 2020;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **PMGDISHA Centres**

2904. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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

(a) the State-wise details of number of PMGDISHA centres currently operational;

(b) whether the training has not been operational due to COVID and if so, the steps taken by the Government to resume the training centres; and

(c) the details of measures taken by the Government to ensure the employment opportunities and quality of training under PMGDISHA?

#### **PMGDISHA in UP**

†2905. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

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

(a) the district-wise details of the total number of rural households covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the district-wise details of the number of rural families of backward/most backward classes covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) whether any plan has been formulated to take this campaign to every nook and corner of the State of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **PM-Mitra Scheme**

†2906. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

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

(a) the manner in which Mega Investment Textile Parks (MITRA) scheme is likely to help Parliamentary constituency of Panipat in becoming global champion by creating world class infrastructure; and

(b) whether Mega Investment Textile Park (MITRA) is likely to be set up in Parliamentary constituency of Panipat so that area could contribute in a big way and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Tickets for Passengers**

†2907. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

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

(a) whether the Government has made it mandatory to buy reserved tickets for the passengers of general coaches of trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to facilitate the passengers of general coaches and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds for Textile Industries**

†2908. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:  
KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

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

(a) the details of total investment made in textile industry including handloom and handicraft in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the number of textiles industries working at present; and

(c) the number of sick industries of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh which have been under consideration of the Government for their revival during the last three years and the steps taken by the Government to revive them?

### Consumer Rights

2909. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

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 steps taken by the Ministry to protect consumer rights across online platforms;

(b) the disposal rate of cases under the Consumer Protection Act, State-wise, including cases concerning consumer rights on e-platforms; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to further protect the rights and interests of consumers?

### Funds for Research & Development

2910. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of bio-technology has been allocating funds for research and development to universities, colleges and NGOs in the State of Tamil Nadu and other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds and projects sanctioned by the department for the purpose?

### Disciplinary action on RailTel Officials

2911. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central probing agencies have recommended major penalty chargesheet against one of the members of board of directors of RailTel Corporation of India on various charges of cheating, forgery and criminal misconduct;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action initiated against the said member by the Vigilance Department of Railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time anticipated for taking disciplinary action in this matter?

### Stoppage at Rasipuram

2912. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the train No.22651 Chennai to Palakkad does not stop at Rasipuram, while the same train stop at Rasipuram while going to Chennai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quota of seats for Namakkal and Rasipuram stations in the above train;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the quota for Namakkal and Rasipuram stations in the above train;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Railways to eradicate mosquito problem in Karur, Namakkal and Rasipuram?

### Railway Projects in Chhattisgarh

†2913. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status and the details of various ongoing and pending railway projects in Chhattisgarh; project-wise;

(b) the details of the number of ongoing projects running behind schedule;

(c) the sanctioned/ongoing projects in the State which are likely to be completed/started during the the year 2021-22; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of said projects?

### Reservation Facility at Kumbala System

2914. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policies of the Indian Railways to set up a ticket reservation system;

(b) whether there are any new plans to set up more ticket counters for railway stations in North Kerala;

(c) whether due to the non-availability of ticket reservation booking facilities at Kumbala, Uppala, and Manjeswaram railway stations in Manjeswaram taluk, Kasaragod district, passengers have to travel 15 km to 35 km to reach Kasaragod railway station to book their tickets; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to set up a reservation facility at Kumbala railway station where the facilities are already available to address this issue?

### India Enterprise Architecture

2915. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria have been used by the Ministry of Information and Technology for declaring India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA) as an e-Governance standard;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of the purpose that India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA) has served till now;

(c) whether the India Enterprise Architecture links the database and other information of citizens with their Aadhaar cards and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the measures taken by India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA) including for marginalised groups that have been denied access to basic amenities in the e-governance mode?

**Developing Sualkuchi Handloom Sector**

2916. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any initiative to improve and develop Sualkuchi's handloom sector, where over 20,000 weavers have been affected due to Covid-19 lockdown and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of price spike due to GST on various materials used in the cottage industry; and

(c) whether the Government is going to obtain Geographical Indicator (GI) status for Sualkuchi's silk and if so, the details thereof?

**Stoppage in Kannur**

2917. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from Member of Parliament on 5 November 2021 seeking stoppage for Kannur-Shoranur MEMU at Dharmadam railway station in Kannur constituency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is willing to provide the said stoppage;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for implementing the request; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**First Mile Connectivity Project**

2918. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

**Will the Minister of COAL**

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an innovative Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) at Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) was inaugurated in the recent past;

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

(c) whether first mile connectivity project-Lajkura SILO has also been inaugurated;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which dispatch capacity of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. will be improved from this project;

(e) whether some additional employment opportunity will also be increased from the operation of first mile connectivity project; and

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

**Crime in Trains**

†2919. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of theft, dacoity, pickpocketing etc. and other criminal activities are increasing in Rajdhani and Superfast long distance trains;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to check the said incidents;

(c) whether crimes are committed in trains running between Delhi and Kolkata along with the number of such incidents registered during the last three years including the steps taken by the Government to solve of such problems;

(d) whether the incidents of parcel theft has increased during the last five years;

(e) if so, the steps taken to check it;

(f) whether such crimes are committed allegedly with the collusion of railway employees;

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

(h) the number of employees/officers found involved in the said incidents along with the details of the action taken against them?

**Special Trains in Bhubaneswar**

2920. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government runs tourism special or rail tour trains in Bhubaneswar and if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Government is planning to increase the frequency of such trains or add coaches to the existing trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the passengers travelling in tourism special or rail tour trains during the last five years?

#### **Telecom Infrastructure Programme**

†2921. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated under telecom infrastructure programme during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the year-wise/State-wise details thereof along with its utilization?

#### **Black Marketing of Commodities**

2922. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of any incidents of black-marketing of essential commodities during the Covid-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry took relevant measures to curb black-marketing of essential commodities during the Covid-19 pandemic;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Import of Edible Oil**

†2923. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 70 per cent edible oil is imported to cater to the needs of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the edible oil imported during the last three years;

(c) whether Government is working on any scheme to make the country self reliant in the field of oilseeds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **SBG Yojana in Andhra Pradesh**

2924. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Sampoorana Bima Gram (SBG) Yojana in Andhra Pradesh including the number of villages covered under it, district-wise; and

(b) the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh which are still deprived of Sampoorana Bima Gram (SBG) Yojana, and the reasons of the same?

#### **Doubling of Villupuram-Thanjavur rail line**

2925. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the preliminary survey report for doubling of Villupuram-Thanjavur railway section via Mayiladuthurai has been submitted to Railway Board; and

(b) if so, whether the report has been approved and included in the works planned for 2022-2023 and if not, the reasons for delay in submission of the report?

#### **Budget for One Nation One Ration Card Scheme**

†2926. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL  
(BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated any scheme to implement 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the working plan for implementing ONORC scheme;

(c) the details of allocated budget to implement the scheme; and

(d) the manner in which the Government would assist the labourers whose ration card have not been upgraded for new system so far?

#### **Resumption of Trains in Kerala**

2927. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to resume all passenger and express-type train services in Kerala as per pre-COVID-19 period and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the list of passenger-type and express-type train services originating from Kerala, which are yet to resume the services after COVID-19 period?;

(c) whether the Government is aware that several stops of passenger-type and express-type train services running through Kerala before the COVID-19 period have been curtailed on resuming the services;

(d) if so, the train-wise names of such stoppages which have been curtailed in Kerala; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that commuters are facing hardships due to the curtailment of stoppages and if so, whether the Government intends to re-introduce all such stops immediately; and

(f) if so, the timeframe fixed for this purpose?

#### **Vacant Posts in Government of India**

2928. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government of India vacancies arose in Tamil Nadu and the details of selected candidates, along with their State of Domicile, where they completed their 12th and 10th class; and

(b) the details of such selected candidates, who were/are transferred out and seeking transfer out of State of Tamil Nadu, as on date, Ministry/Department-wise?

#### **MPLAD Accounts**

2929. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to COVID-19, completion of works/settling of MPLADs accounts of 16th Lok Sabha, was effected within 18 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the unutilised/unsanctioned fund of 16th Lok Sabha will be transferred to successor MP; and

(d) if so, the details of the funds not committed to works by 16th Lok Sabha MP of Tezpur constituency?

#### **Post Offices Operating Across Jharkhand**

†2930. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices operating across Jharkhand including Ranchi along with the total number of employees and officers employed along with the profit earned by India Post from Jharkhand and Ranchi;

(b) the schemes envisioned to ensure expansion of postal services; and

(c) the number of schemes of the Government being implemented through Postal Department and Post Offices along with the number of persons benefited from the schemes indicating the details thereof?

#### **Flood Warning System**

2931. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current mechanism being followed to predict the rainfall;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to take any steps to devise an intelligent prediction system with modern analytic tools by using local weather information for rainfall prediction;

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

(d) the details of current flood warning system being used in the country with their impact and efficacy, specially for Bihar; and

(e) whether the Government is taking any steps to improve the system, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Godowns of Food Corporation of India**

†2932. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns of Food Corporation of India in Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Jammu-Kashmir at present;

(b) whether foodgrains are stored in these godowns more than the capacity which leads to rotting of foodgrains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in Coaches**

2933. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been demands to increase number of coaches in various trains to accommodate more and more passengers;

(b) if so, instead of increasing number of coaches, the reasons why South Central Railway (SCR) has decreased sleeper coaches in the express trains namely Narayanadri, Venkatadri, Gowtami, Simhapuri, etc.; and

(c) the time by when the Railways is going to restore the removed coaches in trains under SCR Zone?

### Food Chain Supply

†2934. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the food chain supply in the whole country;

(b) the targets set for the same and the details of achievements made so far;

(c) the number of States lined with this supply chain;

(d) whether milk is also covered under their supply chain; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Operational Feasibility Report

2935. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any operational feasibility was done in regard to spare lay over rake of 24 coaches weekly train 19565/19566 for its bi-weekly or tri-weekly operation between Okha-Delhi Sarai Rohilla;

(b) if so, the time when the operational feasibility report was sent to the authorities for further action and the details of follow up action taken thereon;

(c) the reasons behind keeping the issue in abeyance inspite of issuance of operational feasibility, whereas it is a source of revenue generation for the Railways; and

(d) the time likely to be taken for giving concurrence in this regard?

### Modern Automatic Weather Stations

2936. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any modern automatic weather stations have been set up in West Bengal;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to link these weather stations with micro insurance programmes for farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to sanction any new project in Bishnupur Constituency;

(e) if so, whether there is any Government programme to understand the nature of monsoon pattern in these areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Trade with Nepal

2937. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a huge trade disruption between India and Nepal during September, 2015 which resulted in Nepal reducing its imports from India by almost 40%;

(b) if so, whether the situation has been restored to normalcy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trade between both the countries has increased to prior to September, 2015;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the trade relationship between both the countries?

### Foreign Direct Investment

†2938. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has received record Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the last seven years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking concrete steps to attract FDI in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the sectors where FDI received is being utilised from the foreign countries and the manner in which it is facilitating the development of India?

### Rubber Farmers

2939. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:



Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that rubber farmers in Kerala are not getting adequate price for their product vis-a-vis expenditure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to provide subsidy to rubber farmers so that the farmers can get the price of rupees 250 per kg; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Proper Storage Facility

†2940. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

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 prepared any scheme to ensure the availability of tomato, potato and onion across the country without the fluctuation of its prices throughout the year;

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

(c) whether the Government has prepared any plan for the proper storage facility for tomato, onion and potato; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof in Madhya Pradesh?

### Rice Procurement

2941. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently received a proposal from the State Government of Telangana to procure parboiled rice in the present kharif season through Food Corporation of India (FCI) and if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Telangana to enhance the Centre's procurement target from the existing 40 lakh metric tonnes to 90% of the total production in the present kharif season;

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

(d) the details of measures taken to alleviate the financial distress of Telangana farmers on account of faulty paddy procurement policies of the Union Government?

### Jiribam-Imphal Railway Line Project

2942. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is constructing the world's tallest bridge pier in Manipur on Jiribam-Imphal railway line/project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total funds sanctioned, released and likely to be spent on the said project;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether such railway projects will serve the dual purpose of encouragement to tourism and will also provide cushion to the national security and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to start more such projects, particularly in border States to serve the dual purpose of tourism and security in addition to development of the nation and if so, the details in this regard; State-wise?

### Vacant Railway Land

†2943. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:  
SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:  
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway land lying vacant in Prayagraj, North Central Railway and Northern Railway;

(b) whether there is any plan for the commercial use of these vacant land and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been entrusted to do the said work; and

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

### Profit by Private Sector in Railways

†2944. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profit of the private sector is constantly increasing in those works which have been allocated to them by the Railways;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the works allocated by the Railways to the private sector;

(c) the details of the cost incurred and income generated by the private sector in lieu of the said works during the last five years; and

(d) the reasons for allocation of various works to the private sector/firms by the Railways?

#### **Closure of Mines**

2945. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seeking the assistance of the World Bank for the closure of mines;

(b) if so, whether this includes financial assistance, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government had sought the assistance of the World Bank for coal related projects in the past and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Extension of Trains**

†2946. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether devotees from Saurashtra come to Haridwar all through the year and 6 lakh people came to Haridwar last year to take a holy dip in the Ganga but the common people are facing difficulties in the booking of Uttarachal express as all the seats of the said weekly train are booked within three minutes of the opening of online ticket booking and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether Uttarachal Express should be operated at least thrice a week in view of the above mentioned situation;

(c) whether Delhi-Porbandar train should be extended to Haridwar via Jetalsar-Dhoraji-Upleta and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Haridwar-Delhi-Ahmedabad mail should be extended to Rajkot and operated on daily basis so that the people in Saurashtra are able to use the daily service of the said train to reach Haridwar;

(e) if so, whether the said train should be operated daily or thrice a week as the people of Saurashtra have waited for the said train for the last 22 years; and

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

#### **Fund Allocation for Bharat Gaurav Train**

2947. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

SHRI B.B.PATIL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE  
PATIL:

SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:

SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA

KRISHNA RAJU:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Bharat Gaurav trains being launched under Indian Railways to tap the huge potential of tourism;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and planned to be disbursed for the next five years, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(c) the tentative timeline and schedule on which the trains will be made operational, State/Union Territory-wise especially of States of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Government has also proposed to spare 180 trains exclusively for the same;

(e) the details of special facilities being offered by the Government in these trains;

(f) whether sector level contractors are being taken into consideration to begin the operation of the said train; and

(g) the details of total employment and revenue likely to be generated by undertaking this project?

#### **Shifting Production from China to India**

†2948. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global companies are closing their business in China and moving to other countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up global business in the country and to take advantage of the said opportunity;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has got success in the said work and the said global companies have set up their business in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **MOIL India Ltd.**

†2949. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of names of various mines falling under the Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency under the MOIL India Ltd.;

(b) whether there is any provision for adopting the villages falling under the mine area by the MOIL companies;

(c) if so, the mine-wise details of the villages adopted by the MOIL India Ltd. in Balaghat Parliamentary constituency;

(d) whether there is any provision to grant funds for village development by the MOIL management in villages adopted by the MOIL India Ltd. and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mine-wise details of various works carried out in these villages during the last five years including the cost incurred upon such works?

#### **Flash Flood Guidance Services**

†2950. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the entire world is facing extreme weather conditions during the last few decades;

(b) if so, the details of extreme weather conditions observed in the country during the last decade;

(c) the location-wise estimated loss of lives and property in the said extreme weather conditions;

(d) whether India Meteorological Department has introduced the Flash Flood Guidance Services to combat the situation of flash floods in the country; and

(e) if so, the details of such locations in the country where infrastructure for such services has been set up?

#### **Rail Vikas Nigam Limited**

†2951. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) an undertaking of the Ministry of Railways has extended construction of new railway line for a private company Krishnapattanam Railway Company Limited (KRCL) and has spent more fund on this line from Railway/RVNL fund without receiving required payment from KRCL;

(b) if so, the outstanding amount with interest received by RVNL from this company;

(c) whether there is any instance of Railways amount lying with private company connecting into unsecured advance and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the Government rules and procedure on the above issue;

(e) whether the said rules have been adhered to by RVNL in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the action taken by the Government against defaulting?

#### **Expediting Procurement**

†2952. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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 formulated any action plan to expedite the procurement at the purchase centres of Food Corporation of India (FCI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the services/delivery of the FCI; and

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

#### **Restoration of MPLADS Scheme**

2953. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved restoration and continuation of the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) till 2025-26;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to include digitally empowering tools such as smartphones as durable assets that can be recommended by MPs under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures and guidelines issued under the MPLADS suited to the needs of a post Covid-19 scenario?

#### **Construction of Bilaspur-Leh Railway Line**

†2954. SHRI KISHAN KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the construction of Bilaspur-Leh railway line under the railway line expansion in Himachal Pradesh is likely to be began;

(b) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed;

(c) whether there is any proposal under the consideration with the Government for connecting the Pathankot-Jogindra Nagar rail route with the above said railway line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Production Cost of Coal**

†2955. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the production cost of Coal India and private companies in the country;

(b) the reasons for difference in the production cost;

(c) whether the Government has taken the cognizance of this matter and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the mines of Western Coal Limited (WCL) are closed due to higher production cost/running in loss and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to restart the mines of WCL and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to work in joint venture with any experienced mining partner and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to protect the WCL and to ensure that the Coal India Limited earn profit?

#### **Decrease in Revenue Generation**

2956. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has incurred any loss or decrease in revenue generated during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways had made any cut in the incentives or other allowances given to the employees during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scrap Disposal Policy**

2957. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched scrap disposal policy under Personnel and Public Pensions and Pension Ministry as a part of Swachh Bharat;

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

(c) whether the Government has planned to open up the scope of the projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Backward Districts**

†2958. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS

MAHANT:

SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated by the Government to bring backward districts at par with other developed districts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the name and details of districts identified under the said category in Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the number of previously created and newly created districts of Chhattisgarh State for which efforts are being made to identify and develop;

(d) the details of performance indicators selected to develop these districts and the manner in which these indicators are being implemented in the above identified districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) the provisions relating to backward districts in Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act and the details of steps taken by the Government to fulfill provisions of the Act; and

(f) the details of Budgetary allocation/grants made to various backward districts identified during the last year and current year?

#### **Digital India Internship**

2959. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Digital India Internship Scheme across the country;

(b) the details of number of persons who have been benefited from this scheme in the State of Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of number of students who have got the benefit under Digital India Internship Scheme so far?

#### **Ration Dealers**

2960. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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) whether the Government has introduced any new scheme for the welfare of Authorised Retail Dealers (ARDs) in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether remuneration packages introduced to the ARDs in Kerala are low and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the average monthly income of ARDs in Kerala;

(d) whether any commissions were given to ARDs who played a crucial role during natural calamities and Covid-19 pandemic by actively participating in food distribution, etc.;

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

(f) whether any compensations were given to the families of the 62 members in the field of ARDs who lost their life due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Station Redevelopment Project Scheme**

2961. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entrusted Rail Land Development Authority for implementation of station redevelopment projects scheme across the country including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab;

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

(c) whether the Government has decided to renovate the railway stations in the country under its railway stations redevelopment programme through leveraging of commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around these selected stations;

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

(e) the number of the stations being considered for renovation and redevelopment, particularly in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab; and

(f) the new initiatives/steps taken by the Rail Land Development Authority during the last three years?

**IT facilities for Students**

†2962. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

**Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether electronics and IT facilities are not available to the students of economically weaker sections in the country and if so, the details thereof along with reaction of the Government thereto; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Generation of Jobs by Startups**

†2963. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job opportunities generated by startups in the country, particularly those in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years along with the year-wise contribution made by such companies in the Gross Domestic Production of the country; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote private investment in startups including the promotional package being given by the Government in this regard?

**Stalled Railway Projects**

2964. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to complete the railway projects stalled by the State Governments due to lack of budget, at the earliest;

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

(c) the details of the railway projects stalled by the States/UTs including Ramganj mandi railway line in Rajgarh, Madhya Pradesh State/UT/project-wise?

**Expansion of New Rail Lines**

†2965. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding expansion of new rail lines of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Cooperative Sugar Mills**

2966. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of cooperative sugar mills in India along with the number of farmers benefited by these mills;

(b) the sugar statistics for the last two sessions of sugarcane, particularly for the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the ethanol production from the sugar factories has increased;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of brown sugar produced by both the cooperative and private sugar mills; and

(f) the units of electricity produced by the sugar mills annually along with the revenue generated through electricity production?

### **Paddy Procurement**

2967. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

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 total paddy procurement done during the last 10 years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has currently stopped paddy procurement at MSP from any State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that people get a fair price for their produce in the open market; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Geological Survey of India**

2968. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India(GSI) has given works to Government and other private organizations to carry out various types of tasks and if so, the details thereof during the last five years and current year including pre and post Covid period, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details of works carried out/pending till date, State wise;

(c) the reasons for pending works and works which have not been completed in the given time period; and

(d) whether the GSI has received requests from various Government organisations/private companies for reimbursement of penalty deducted in respect of works carried out for projects including Multisensor Aero-geophysical surveys over OGP and adjoining areas of the GSI and if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

### **Setting up of Textile Industry**

†2969. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special plan is being formulated for Tharu tribes in Valmiki Nagar, Bihar parliamentary constituency;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up or is likely to set up a textile industry in Valmiki Nagar, Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

### **Constuction work of Latur Coach Factory**

†2970. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the construction work of Latur coach factory;

(b) the time by which the construction work of this factory is targetted to be completed and the production of coaches is likely to be started along with the reasons for delay, if any, in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the start of coach manufacturing work from Latur coach factory at the earliest?

### **Point of Sale Machines**

2971. SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme to enable ration-card holders to access ration from any PDS shop in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to install Point of Sale (POS) machines across the country to enable the same;

(c) the number of PDS shops enabled with POS machines and the number still not covered with POS machines in Northeast India, especially in Manipur; and

(d) the timeframe by which all PDS shops would be POS-enabled in Northeast India, including Manipur?

**Withdrawal of Stoppages in Karnataka**

2972. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:  
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has withdrawn the stoppages of many trains at various stations in Karnataka in view of COVID-19,;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to restore the stoppages at such stations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the number of trains which were restored in Karnataka after the receiving requests from Members of Parliament?

**Merger of Steel Plants**

2973. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Executives Federation of India (SEFI) has been seeking strategic merger of the steel public sector units in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal thereon;

(c) the present status of strategic disinvestment of Steel PSUs in the country therefor; and

(d) the details of the proposal for merger of alloy steel plant with Durgapur steel plants in West Bengal?

**Construction of Broad Gauge Railway Line**

†2974. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias  
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointment of an institute is a must for demarcation of any land;

(b) if so, whether the Government has allocated the required funds for appointment of an institute that will demarcate the proposed land included in the project for construction of Solapur-Tuljapur-Usmanabad new broad gauge railway line and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the funds allocated in the year 2020-21 is insufficient; and

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

**Over Bridge/Underpass in Misrikh**

†2975. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/considers to take any steps to construct Over Bridge/Underpass on railway line at Bilhaur and Kachhauna in predominantly scheduled castes areas constituency of Misrikh in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

**Objective of National Food Security Scheme**

†2976. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main features and objectives of the National Food Security Scheme;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised in Rajasthan during the last three years under the said scheme;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries covered in Dausa district of Rajasthan during the last three years under the said scheme;

(d) whether irregularities under the said scheme have come to the notice of the Government recently and if so, the details thereof; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **BharatNet Project in West Bengal**

†2977. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state: the number of Gram Panchayats of West Bengal including that of Purulia Parliamentary Constituency benefitting from high speed optical fiber cable network and optical mix of media (i.e. optical fiber cables/radios/satellites) facilities at present?

### **Seizing Pension**

†2978. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that inspite of directions by DoPT, High Court/Supreme Court pension amount of pensioners have been seized;

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

(c) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government for timely payment of pension to pensioners?

### **Manned Space Mission**

2979. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps or fixed any timeline/target for launching a manned spaced mission in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made new plans/projects/programmes for the development of space science, space research and Satellite technology in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last five years?

### **Deterioration of MTNL Services**

2980. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that MTNL mobile services have been seriously deteriorated in Mumbai and Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that number of Base Transceiver Station(BTS) towers are not sufficient enough for the mobile services in Mumbai and Delhi;

(d) if so, the number of additional mobile towers required to be installed; and

(e) the amount required for additional installation of such towers?

### **Minimum Purchase Amount**

2981. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

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 revised the minimum purchase amount under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) (D) policy to 5 rakes that translates to 13250 MT of food grains and has removed the maximum purchase amount and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this amount is beyond the capacity of any small/medium scale buyer and allows only a few multibillionaires to capture and control the supply and if so, the reasons for revising the purchase limits; and

(c) whether the OMSS is meant to moderate the open market prices especially during the lean season by releasing wheat and rice at predetermined prices from time to time and this purpose is now being defeated by lifting the upper limit of purchasing food grains and if so, the details thereof?

### **Doubling/Electrification of Miraj-Bangalore Route**

2982. SHRIMATI ANGADI MANGAL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Miraj-Bangalore railway line;

(b) the details of doubling/electrification work on the said line; and

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be commissioned?

### **CCTV in Stations at Bundelkhand**

†2983. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether CCTVs have been installed at the crowded railway station areas and outside the premises in Manikpur, Banda, Chitrakoot and Mahoba station of Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry proposes to install the same and the time by which these are likely to be installed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



### **National Industrial Corridor Project**

†2984. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is developing several industrial corridor projects in the country under the National Industrial Corridor Programme(NICP);

(b) if so, whether the objective of the said projects is to develop future industrial cities in India;

(c) whether the said projects will create employment opportunities and economic growth which will result in socio-economic development and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any plan/policy to develop Bihar and Mithila region as industrial cities under this programme; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **MPLAD Fund for North Eastern Region**

†2985. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the adverse effects on the development works in Assam including North-Eastern States due to the postponement of Member of Parliament local area development scheme during FY 2020-21 and 2021-22;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase fund allocation especially to North-Eastern States; and

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

### **Losses BSNL & MTNL**

†2986. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government telecom companies BSNL and MTNL have been continuously running into losses as compared to the private telecom companies which are making profit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the policy proposed by the Government to help these PSUs to overcome their losses;

(d) whether BSNL and MTNL are likely to suffer more losses with the entry of a private TSP in the telecom sector;

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

(f) whether the Government is committed to further strengthen the Government telecom network throughout the country;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Jaleswar-New Digha Railway Line**

2987. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the present status of Jaleswar-New Digha railway line and the timeframe within which the project is expected to be completed;

(b) whether the proposed railway line of Bansapani-Barbil is likely to lead to smooth movement of minerals to steel plants and ports of the State of Odisha for exports;

(c) if so, the time by which the same is expected to be completed;

(d) whether the Government in its 2016-17 budget had provided for budgetary provision and placement for the above project in the Railway Pink Book; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation of the project?

### **Profit from Export of Handicraft**

†2988. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only the exporters are cornering the profits earned from the export of handicrafts and not by the artisans;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the profit also reaches the artisans?

### **Suicide due to Internet Games**

2989. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding number of children who committed suicide due to addiction of internet games and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to ban internet games and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard and if so, the details of such complaints including the complaints received from the State Government of Kerala?

**IPPB in Rural Areas**

†2990. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to take the facility of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to all rural areas across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH  
*Secretary General*

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2915	Part (a) line 1 : <u>delete</u> “have been” <u>after</u> “criteria”
2986	In heading: <u>for</u> “Losses BSNL & MTNL” <u>read</u> “Losses of BSNL & MTNL”

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