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List of Ouestions for ORAL ANSWERS

Wednesday, December 8, 2021/Agrahayana 17, 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; इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी 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

Kisan Rails

*141. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has introduced Kisan rails and these are running successfully;
- (b) if so, the zone-wise and State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the total revenue earned from these Kisan rails so far?

4G Mobile Services

*142. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free 4G mobile services across some States/UTs of the country for providing better connectivity; and
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof along with the probable dates by when the services are likely to be commenced?

Food Security Schemes

*143. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of food security schemes on malnutrition situation in the country; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Cyber Crimes against Children

†*144. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA: SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cyber crimes against children have increased during the last two years and if so, the details of steps being taken by the Government to check the same:
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Government to tackle several confidentiality related risks to children like cyber threat and online harassment; and
- (c) the details of various steps taken to check fake calls, fake messages, etc.?

Allocation of Spectrum for 5G Testing

*145. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY: SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated spectrum to communication companies for 5G testing in selected States in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of the companies and the States selected for the pilot study?

Internet Games

†*146. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI: SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सुचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the availability of a large number of games on the internet

which is not only wasting the time of our young generation but is also making them addicted to gambling and thereby causing heavy financial loss to the youth and their parents;

- (b) whether the Government proposes to ban these games;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Prices of Cotton Yarn

*147. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of cotton yarn have increased manifold and its prices are fluctuating day-by-day resulting in uncertainty in the textile industries which leads to low production, low employment and low income to both employees as well as employers and low income to the Government;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps to fix the cotton yarn prices and also bring down/lower its prices to boost the textile industries and to save one crore power loom and handloom weavers across the country particularly in Tiruppur and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Closure of Companies

*148. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has the data on foreign companies that have closed their industrial operations in the country since 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for closure of several foreign industrial operations in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has the data on existing industrial operations of foreign companies in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise:
- (d) whether the Government has the data on industrial operations by foreign companies that are attracted to 'Make in India' scheme and are still operating in the country; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Auction of Coal Blocks

*149. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently devised an action plan to auction coal blocks to address the requirements of dry fuel in downstream sectors;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of its impact on the mine bearing States;
- (d) whether the Government is working on a plan for privatizing coal mining in the country; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Performance of Railway Zones

†*150. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the railway zones operating in the country;
- (b) whether the Railway Board has evaluated components like structure, workload, transportation system, operation and administrative requirements of existing railway zones;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sanction more railway zones on the basis of requirements and demands of the State Governments;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of all the railway zones to increase profit of the Railways?

National Broadband Mission in Bihar

†*151. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

- (a) the amount of funds allocated so far by the Union Government to the State of Bihar under the National Broadband Mission (NBM);
- (b) the progress made under this mission at the State level so far; and
- (c) the time by which the access to Broadband is likely to be provided to all the villages of the country under this mission?

Coal Gasification

*152. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL: DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to achieve coal gasification and liquefaction target of 100MT by 2030;
 - (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;
- (c) whether this will include underground coal gasification technology as well;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Railway lines in Uttar Pradesh

153. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway line projects for Uttar Pradesh in the last budget in respect of which the work has not been completed;
 - (b) the status of the said railway lines; and
- (c) the time by which the work on the said railway lines is likely to be completed?

Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana

†*154. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and the details of the estimated amount under this scheme;
- (b) the details of the target set under this scheme and the number of States which are proposed to be included in this scheme; and
 - (c) the time by which it is likely to be started?

Compensation to Farmers

*155. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why the judgement in LAOP No 102/2012 of Principal Sub-Ordinate Judge, Karur, Tamil Nadu has not been implemented by the Railways;

- (b) whether many farmers who gave land for expansion of Salem to Karur Railway line are yet to receive compensation and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that there was order in Execution petition 149/2016 by Principal Sub-Ordinate Judge, Karur, Tamil Nadu to seize the materials of Karur Junction and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether representations have been received from some public representatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Revenue from Railway Stations

*156. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual revenue generated by the railway stations in Uttar Pradesh during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, particularly Bareilly Junction;
- (b) the number of trains that stop at Bareilly Junction station; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to privatize the Bareilly Junction station?

PMGKAY

*157. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, considering that the effect of COVID-19 has not subsided completely, the Government plans to extend the allocation of rice to Odisha at least for the next 8 months under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government aims to provide free pulses that were discontinued after the first phase of the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether migrant workers who did not possess ration cards in their destination States were extended the benefit under PMGKAY and if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of RUB/ROB in Misrikh

†*158. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway crossings between Mandhana and Makanpur and railway stations along the National Highway under Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh;

- (b) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps or conducted a survey to construct an underpass at the railway crossing between Mandhana and Makanpur and Over Bridge at crossings of railway stations along the National Highway under Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received requests from the public representatives in October, 2021 in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

Job Creation in Textile Sector

*159. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile sector is a driving force behind 'Skill India' and 'Make in India' initiatives; and

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One Nation One Portal

*160. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY: DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch One Nation One Portal for addressing public grievances;
 - (b) if so, the details and the timeline for the same;
- (c) whether the portal would include good governance index scale;
- (d) whether it is proposed to be launched in a phased manner;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details regarding the number of public grievances received in the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha over the past ten years?

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Implemention of Dual Time Zone Policy

1611. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to implement a dual time zone policy in consideration of the time gap between Western and Eastern States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of loss of human productivity and excess electricity consumption in the North East Region on account of following a single time zone and if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether strategic reasons serve as a sufficient argument against dual time zones if most large countries serve as precedent for the feasibility of multiple time zones:
- (d) the details of examples or case-studies of other countries where having more than one time zone has compromised strategic interests;
- (e) the details of the recommendations made by the High Level Committee (HLC) in the matter of dual time zones; and
- (f) whether it is the final appellate body in this matter if so, the details thereof?

ROB in Kesinga

†1612. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to approve the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Railway Over Bridge in Kesinga of my Parliamentary Constituency, which was sanctioned in the year, 2016 but the work could not be started due to delay in land acquisition by the State Government;
- (b) if so, the time by when the work is likely to be started; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Jaisalmer-Kandla Rail Project

†1613. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Jaisalmer-Kandla rail project;
- (b) whether the Government of Rajasthan has given its consent in principle to provide land for the said project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Food Security System

1614. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
MS. S. JOTHIMANI:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY
VASANTH:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government intends to improve the food security system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the food distribution system, including quantity of food distributed, the number of beneficiaries reached and the percentage of population left out of the distribution, year-wise from 2014 till date; and
- (d) the year-wise budgetary data for food security and distribution from 2014 till date?

Gati Shakti Yojana

1615. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:
SHRI MATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Gati Shakti Yojana for Multi Modal Connectivity and improvement of infrastructure in various economic zones to increase the working capacity of industries and local manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details, aims and objectives thereof along with the details of challenges faced and the steps taken by the Government to achieve the objective of the scheme and achieve India's five million economy goal;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target to increase the cargo capacity at ports under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has planned to launch the Gati Shakti Yojana across the country and if so, the number and details of States likely to be covered under the scheme, particularly Assam?

Export Clearance Process

1616. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made a new policy to improve export clearance process for agricultural products and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has held talks with other countries to 'No Border Seal' for agricultural products which are perishable like grapes, other fruits and vegetables;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has taken away decision to prepare an agreement for the same; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Mission Purvodaya

†1617. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Mission Purvodaya and the manner in which it is likely to be more effective for the development of the North-Eastern Region?

CSIR NET/JRF Exam

1618. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) conducts NET/JRF exam twice a year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether due to COVID sitution in 2020, only one exam has been conducted in November;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether CSIR has plans to call off the exam in 2021 and if so, the details and the reasons thereof;
- (e) whether the students who have their last attempt at JRF exam (due to the age limit) will be affected by non-conduction of the exam in 2021 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the necessary steps taken by the Government to conduct the exam?

Damage due to Cyclones

1619. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that West Bengal is most vulnerable to climate risk and the Bay of Bengal region was struck by innumerable severe cyclonic storms, due to which people living in the State faced immense hardship and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether West Bengal coast witnessed landfalls of two extremely severe cyclones 'Bulbul' and 'Amphan' causing severe damage and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to find a lasting solution for the people living in vulnerable areas; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Rain Forecast

1620. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) can further improve its models to forecast shortfall as well as excess rains to help farmers and others; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this direction and if not, the reasons therefor?

Atal Tinkering Labs

1621. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA: SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE: Will the Minister of PLANNING योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) were opened across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Atal tinkering labs initiative has been successful in achieving its aims and mandate in terms of number of labs set up, number of students engaged in STEM subjects and results produced;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it has been observed at many places that the maintenance of these labs is not being done after its opening and if so, the details thereof along with the number of Atal Tinkering Labs opened and functional, State-wise; and
- (e) whether apart from having transparency in awarding tender in the institutions for opening tinkering labs, there is a provision of five years maintenance by the tenderer and if so, the details of audit and its maintenance by Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

Budgetary Allocation under BharatNet

†1622. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA: SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK: SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise/Union Territories-wise details of budgetary allocation and its use under BharatNet Project at present;
- (b) whether all the Gram Panchayats of the country have been connected with high speed optical fiber cable network and optical mix of media (means optical fiber cable/radio/satellite) under the BharatNet Project;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the number of Gram Panchayats of Jammu region;
- (e) whether constituencies of Sonepat and Mangaldoi are currently enjoying this connectivity; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Procurement at MSP

†1623. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central agencies discriminate against the States in the procurement of crops at MSP rates and if so, the complaints made by the States from time to time:

- (b) the crop-wise procurement of farmers' crops in metric tonnes, being made at present at MSP rates;
- (c) the details of procurement of farmers' crops at the fixed MSP during the last five years; and
- (d) whether the Government proposed to make it mandatory to procure as much quantity of crops as the farmers' desires to sell?

Network Hanging Problem

1624. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to improve network hanging problem, mobile hanging problem specially in phones like apple and others;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with future initiatives taken or being taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the complaints reported under network issues including hanging?

FRP for Sugarcane

1625. 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 Government has approved fair and remunerative price (FRP) to sugarcane farmers for the sugar season 2021-22;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which this proposal would benefit the sugarcane farmers as well as the workers employed in the sugar mills and related ancillary activities?

Technology Development Centre

1626. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to set up a Technology Development Centre in Maharashtra due to its huge reservoir of gifted science students; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Food Security Act

†1627. 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 total number of beneficiaries covered in the entire nation under National Food Security Act (NFSA);
 - (b) the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether target of any kind was fixed under national Food Security Act by the Central Government;
 - (d) if so, the present status thereof;
- (e) if not, whether the Government proposes to set any target for future;
- (f) the amount allocated under National Food Security Act (NFSA) in the country during the last two years; and
 - (g) the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof?

Autokast Limited

1628. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Autokast Limited under Government of Kerala is involved in production of grey iron, ductile iron and steel castings used in heavy industrial units and if so, whether the Government will explore the possibility of central public sector units like BEML, BHEL, Cochin Shipyard, etc. to purchase such castings from the Autokast limited and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government will consider streamlining of the process of supply of raw metals for Steel and Industrial Forgings under the Government of Kerala from Steel Authority of India on a priority basis and if so, the details thereof?

Poor Quality food Grains under PDS

1629. 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) whether the Government has taken cognizance of poor quality of food grains being sold through Public Distribution System (PDS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to transfer the subsidy directly in the accounts of the beneficiaries provided under PDS;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any directions have been issued to the States in this regard; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

FDI

1630. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK: SHRI MATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering foreign investment as one of the most important drivers of economic growth;
- (b) if so, the details of the FDI and portfolio investments in the last five year;
- (c) whether the Government plans to attract foreign investment and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government plans for effective management for ease of doing business and investment in India?

Electronic Products

†1631. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of the effective steps taken by the Government to reduce dependency of country on Chinese electronic products;
 - (b) if so, the statewise details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the policies of the Government to provide electronic products at same price after boycotting Chinese electronic goods in the country?

Allocation of Funds

†1632. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR: SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds have been allocated under the schemes related to the infrastructure of mines over the last three years; and
- (b) if so, year-wise/mine-wise details thereof including their utilisation?

Fake Handloom Products

1633. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

- (a) whether fake products of handloom items are largely manufactured in the mills and powerloom sector at the cost of handloom market; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop this infiltration and protect the interest of the handloom sector?

Extension of Tenure

1634. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to extend the tenures of CBI and Enforcement Directorate Chiefs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that such proposal have been brought in to undermine the observations of the Supreme Court; and
- (c) if so, the precise reasons for bringing such proposal that the Directors of CBI and ED tenures are extended upto five years?

Lack of Proper Lighting

1635. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO
MANDLIK:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has recently announced many passenger amenities and facilities in railways and railway stations in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that passengers face difficulties in identifying the station in darkness due to lack of proper lighting at railway stations located in rural areas:
- (d) if so, whether passengers also face difficulties due to the absence of an announcement system in the trains about the next station;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make arrangements for the advance announcement of name of the next station as well as written information in each coach through screening board on the lines of metro trains to address the said problem;
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to convert railway stations in the country to the standards of airport?

Ministerial Conference

1636. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the issues that are on priority for the Government and the developing countries at the upcoming 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12);
- (b) whether the Government hopes for a permanent resolution to the issue of public stockholding;
- (c) if not, the details of the further course of action with the difference between per farmer amber box support between the developed and developing world including India; and
- (d) the details of the response at the WTO to the Government's proposal of allowing a 25 year horizon for continuing subsidies on fisheries and the further course of action in case of non-acceptance?

National Broadband Mission

1637. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mobile towers installation target across the country vis-a-vis mobile towers actually installed under National Broadband Mission;
- (b) the reasons for very slow progress in installation of mobile towers especially in cities and towns;
- (c) the time by which the broadband access is likely to be provided to all the villages across the country, particularly in the States of Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand?

India Enterprise Architecture

1638. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

- (a) the details of status of implementation of India Enterprise Architecture and various State Enterprise Architecture systems;
- (b) the details of the accountability measures employed to ensure these digital systems adopt laws of the land; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is working with Estonia and its agencies to build e-government systems and if so, the details thereof?

Beggar Free Country

†1639. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to make this country 'beggar free', in collaboration with the State Governments:
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed in this regard;
- (c) the action taken against the persons found guilty for child beggary at railway stations and other public places; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to educate beggars and to provide employment opportunities to them?

Consumption of Steel

1640. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE: SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU: SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT: DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of per capita consumption of steel in rural as well as in urban India as compared to national average during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Central Government proposes any action plan to increase the consumption of steel in rural parts of the country and bring some policies in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes any action plan to move towards Green Steel or low carbon steel manufacturing and make India as a Manufacturing Hub and if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Closure of Railway Schools

1641. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH: SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU: SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI: SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any proposal to close down many railway schools from the coming academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways has taken any measures to ensure that the students studying in these schools are not inconvenienced and there is no break in their studies;

- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken for rehabilitation of the teachers and other administrative staff working in these schools?

Disabled Accessible Stations

1642. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has conducted a study to identify types of disabilities to provide monetary and infrastructural benefits and; if so, the categories identified thereof;
- (b) the statistics on fund allocation for development of disabled-friendly stations and improvement of existing ones, State-wise;
- (c) the year-wise statistics, 1950 to present, on the number of disabled passengers State-wise;
- (d) whether disability access at railway stations has increased, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether there has been a phase-wise and cumulative target set for complete disabled accessible railway stations in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Assests of MTNL & BSNL

1643. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the MTNL and BSNL have invited bids for sale of assets worth Rs.310 crore and Rs.660 crore respectively as part of the Government's proposal for monetization of assets of both the public sector firms worth Rs. 37,500 crore by the year 2022; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and for which the purpose this money is proposed to be utilized?

Hospitals run by CIL

1644. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

- (a) the number of hospitals being run by Coal India Ltd (CIC) across the country;
- (b) the details of total sanctioned strength of doctors in all the hospitals run by it and the number of existing vacancies particularly in Odisha;
- (c) whether the Government is considering raising the retirement age of doctors in Coal India Hospitals

from 60 years to 65 years and bring it at par with the retirement age of doctors across the country;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof and the time by which a decision in the manner will be taken?

Ongoing Construction Projects

†1645. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI: SHRI ARUN SAO: SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing major construction projects of Railways at present; State-wise/Zone-wise;
- (b) the percentage of the railway development work that got obstructed throughout the country during corona period;
- (c) the names of important schemes throughout the country including in Chhattisgarh postponed by the Government permanently due to corona crisis and the names of important schemes which have been discontinued for a long time; and
- (d) the names of the works of the Railways that got affected in the country including Chhattisgarh during the corona period?

Redevelopment of Railway Colonies

1646. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the railway colonies in Andhra Pradesh that were reviewed to be considered for redevelopment by RLDA;
- (b) the details of the railway colonies found feasible and recommended for redevelopment by RLDA in Andhra Pradesh:
- (c) whether the Railway Board has reviewed the project report submitted by RLDA regarding redevelopment of railway colonies;
- (d) if so, the details of its observations and further action plan on the redevelopment project; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Asset Monetisation

1647. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for asset monetisation from railway stations in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether any proposal has been sent to Public Private Partnership Approval Committee (PPPAC) for the same: and
- (d) if so, the number of stations and the expected revenue generation from such asset monetization?

Stoppage at Panipat

†1648. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a dire need to provide stoppage of the Garib Rath at Panipat in view of its being an international textile industry and a large number of labourers engaged here are from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to have a stoppage of Garib Rath From Amritsar to Saharsa at Panipat?

Widening ROBs/RUBs

†1649. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Railways is widening the old and narrow Railway Under Bridges (RUB) in the country; and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also aware that such Under Bridges have also been widened which comes under West Central Rail zone, Jabalpur; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government has also contemplate to widen all those underbridges which causes obstruction in road traffic; and
- (d) the plan formulated by the Government in this regard?

Shut down of IRSDC

1650. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI MATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) whether the Indian Railways has ordered to dissolve the Indian Railways Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC);
- (b) if so, whether the Indian Railways had earlier shutdown Indian Railways Organisation for Alternative Fuel (IROAF);

- (c) if so, the manner in which the closure of both the entities will benefit the Indian Railways alongwith the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to protect the interest of employees of these two entities and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Indian Railways to rationalize railway bodies; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government for transforming railway stations in India into world-class 24*7 hubs?

Post Office Passport Seva Kendra

1651. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented scheme of opening Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in all the Lok Sabha constituencies of the country;
 - (b) tif so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any coordination has been established between the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Communications regarding this scheme including the details thereof;
- (d) the number of post offices in the country including Maharashtra in which passport seva kendras have been started under the said scheme so far including the State-wise details thereof;
- (e) whether guidelines have also been issued to Maharashtra Postal Circle for starting post office passport seva kendra in Palghar Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra under this scheme; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana

1652. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:
SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in the country including in Karnataka covered under the Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana so far;
- (b) the overall number of villages to be covered and yet to be covered in the country;
- (c) the number of villages in Karnataka still not covered under the said scheme and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the time by which these remaining villages are likely to be covered there under?

ODOP

1653. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to make every district self-reliant through One-District-One-Product (ODOP) and to provide employment opportunities by taking local products at global level;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has identified strengths and opportunities under ODOP and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address those gaps; and
- (d) the detail of the efforts being made by the Government to encourage investment to boost manufacturing and push exports?

Modernisation of Railway Stations

1654. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railway stations in Maharashtra targeted for modernization;
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated for modernization of railway stations particularly in backward and rural areas of Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the quantum of fund likely to be spent separately on each railway station; and
- (d) the targets fixed for modernization of those railway stations where works are under progress?

Price of Steel

1655. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN: SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

- (a) whether the price of steel has increased about 250% in the last five years which has drastically affected our infrastructure development and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether there is any issue in the supply of iron ore or raw material for steel plants in India and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make steel industry more efficient and be available at cheap rate; and
- (c) the details of effective steps taken by the Government to develop the integrated Steel plant at Salem, Tamil Nadu?

Private Trains

1656. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of reasons behind the Government's decision to allow the private sector to run 151 trains;
- (b) the number of additional trains the Government intends to hand over to the private sector in the next five years;
- (c) whether subsidies or assistance is likely to be provided to Below Poverty Line persons, persons belonging to Economically Weaker Sections, senior citizens, defence personnel and Persons with Disabilities on trains run by the private sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Postage Stamp of Mooloor S Padmanabha Panicker

1657. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the proposal received by the Government for release of the commemorative postage stamp of Mooloor S Padmanabha Panicker?
- (b) whether the Philatelic Advisory Committee met after March 2021 and whether this proposal had been considered?
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken therein;
- (d) whether the Government will consider releasing the commemorative postage stamp of this great scholar and social reformer without delay and if so, the details thereof?

Violation of Consumer Rights

1658. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL: SHRI MATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH: SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of cases of violation of consumer rights is increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details for the last three years, year wise and state-wise;
- (c) the measures taken to create awareness among consumers to protect their interests; and
- (d) the steps taken against violators of the consumers rights?

Funds under MPLAD Scheme

1659. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans/proposal to increase the funds allocated under the MPLADS scheme since it was last revised ten years ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government will allocate at least Rs. 2 crores per assembly constituency that falls inside a parliamentary constituency; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Differentiating Barcode

1660. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD: SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the awareness on how to differentiate barcodes of Indian and Chinese products;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

BharatNet Phase II

1661. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds dispersed under BharatNet Phase II to Andhra Pradesh:
- (b) the details of gram panchaats that are yet to be made service ready under BharatNet Project? districtwise; and
- (c) the steps undertaken by the Government to expedite implementation of BharatNet Phase II project in the State after Covid-related disruptions?

Geosciences

1662. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRI BHOLA SINGH: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide an umbrella framework for co-operation from international organizations in the field of Geosciences;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has planned for Joint development of the Indian Geosciences Data repository with the Russian state-of-the-art Information Technology;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of Geosciences between the Joint Stock Company Rosgeologia (ROSGEO) and the Geological Survey of India (GSI); and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Auction of Coal Mines

†1663. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of coal mines auctioned in the country so far; and
- (b) the coal field-wise details of all the mines auctioned so far?

Landline Telephones

1664. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of landlines surrendered during the period since the contractors have been appointed in MTNL;
- (b) whether any penalty has been imposed for non maintenance of services satisfactorily; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Phase 4 of PMGKY

†1665. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

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 foodgrains which has been offtaken so far across the country under Phase 4 of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY); and
- (b) the total food grains which have been offtaken from Gujarat till now under this scheme?

Impact of Covid -19 on Revenue of Coal Industry

1666. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the impact of COVID-19 on the revenue of Coal industry in India;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to revive the industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (d) the State-wise classification of the number of coal workers who lost their lives due to COVID-19;
- (e) whether the Government has planned to provide any compensation to the families of coal workers who lost their lives due to COVID-19; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ROB/FOB in Jharkhand

1667. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Road Over Bridges (ROBs), Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) and Under Bridges proposed to be constructed by Railways in Jharkhand, location wise;
- (b) whether any target has been fixed for completing the construction of all proposed ROBs, FOBs and Under Bridges and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of ROBs, FOBs and Under Bridges completely built and commissioned during the last three years; and
- (d) the number of ROBs, FOBs and Under Bridges projects which are pending or have not been commissioned?

Status of Bullet Train Project

1668. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the actual status of bullet train project;
- (b) the estimated time to complete this project; and
- (c) the amount spent for this project till date?

Below Poverty Line

†1669. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country; and
- (b) the criteria to determine the number of people living below poverty line at present?

Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

1670. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN: MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of capital investment subsidies issued during the last three years under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS);
- (b) the details of total number of energy saving machines incentivized during the same period, Statewise;
- (c) the total number of subsidy eligible machines purchased during the said period; and
- (d) whether the Government has studied the production increase in weaving in the last three years; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof year-wise?

Collaboration with Foreign Companies under Atmanirbhar Bharat

1671. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the programmes are being run in collaboration with foreign companies under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat':
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the effective measures being taken by the Government to promote the said programme; and
- (d) the details of the works undertaken and carried out with the help of Chinese companies under the said programme?

Auction of Coal Blocks

†1672. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the coal blocks that are auctioned in the year 2019-20 and in 2020-21 at Raigarh district;

- (b) the company/companies to which the ownership of these coal blocks have been transferrred; and
- (c) the details of the amount received in the auction of these coal blocks?

Production Linked Incentive

1673. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government is considering to shift the base year of 2019-2020 provided under the production linked incentive scheme for large scale electronics manufacturing, in view of the Covid-19 induced pandemic situation across the country in the year 2020-2021 if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government can provide the details of the firms benefitting from this scheme, and if so, the detail of numbers of state-wise distribution of these firms; and
- (c) whether the Government can furnish the details of the total amount allocated towards the scheme versus disbursed to these firms for achieving targets under the scheme for the year 2020-2021; and if so, the details of the company wise benefits provided?

Growth of Artificial Intelligence

1674. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to regulate the growth of artificial intelligence in India;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government intends to bring a law on artificial intelligence; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to develop infrastructure, expertise, skilling and research in artificial intelligence?

PLI Scheme

1675. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has devised a plan to promote sectors currently functioning under the Production Linked Incentives Scheme (PLI);
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to expand the sectors covered under the PLI scheme; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of 5G Network

1676. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is embarking on introduction of 5G network in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the country has positive environment for introduction of 5G network at this stage;
- (d) the time by when 5G network will be introduced in the country?

Funds for Setting up Textile Parks

1677. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Telangana has submitted a Memorandum to Union Government requesting for financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 crores for textile park in Warangal district of Telangana;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far to release funds to Telangana for textile park;
- (c) whether there are any proposals to set up textile parks in other parts of Telangana;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

PMGKY in MP

†1678. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

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 beneficiaries benefited under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) in Madhya Pradesh (MP), district-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities committed during implementation of this scheme; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of Rourkela Railway Station

1679. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has a proposal for the expansion and modernization of Rourkela Railway Station in Odisha;

- (b) if so, the details of the funds earmarked therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to allocate adequate funds and to expedite the expansion and modernization of that Railway Station?

Digital Literacy Mission

1680. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the statewise details of the status of implementation of Digital Literacy Mission;
- (b) whether the target of making six crore persons digitally literate in rural areas, across States/ UTs has been achieved; and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government for scaling up the coverage of digital literacy schemes; and
- (d) whether the Government has obtained feedback on reasons for low motivation amongst people to join digital literacy programs; and if so, the details threof?

Strike by Jewellers

1681. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU: SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

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) the estimated number of jewellers across the country who have got themselves registered for hallmarking and the number of pieces of jewellery that have been hallmarked since the implementation of mandatory hallmarking of gold ornaments;
- (b) whether there has been a nationwide strike by jewellers against the mandatory hallmarking;
- (c)if so, the details thereof along with the specific demands of the jewellers in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to look into the legitimate demands of the jewellers against the implementation of mandatory hallmarking;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Exploration activites in NE States

1682. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mineral exploration activities in North Eastern States specially in Assam are put on hold which is causing bad impact on development of the region;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether is it true that many mineral blocks are non-operational due to non clearance from environment and forest department;
- (d) if so, whether any steps have been taken to simplify Clearance Process to expedite the operations at mine blocks and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of all Mineral mine blocks in NE States specially in Assam, state-wise and location-wise?

Contribution of CIL Employees

1683. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the data on the contributions of the employees of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) in the production activities;
- (b) the data on the activities that are outsourced by Coal India Ltd. through contract or tenders; and
- (c) whether there are any incentives given to the employees of Coal India Ltd to improve performance and if so, the details thereof?

Outstanding Payments

1684. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

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 amount of outstanding payments, State-wise, that need to be paid to the State Governments and their implementing agencies in connection with procurements to Central Pool as of date;
- (b) the amount of outstanding payments to be paid to Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporations and by when the due will be cleared by the Ministry;
- (c) the quantity of surplus rice received by FCI from Odisha during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any restriction on the receipt of surplus rice from the State of Odisha during the current financial year?

Consumption of Steel in Rural Areas

†1685. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are taken to promote the use of steel by villagers in order to increase the consumption of steel in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the progress achieved in respect of the targets fixed to increase the steel production capacity to 30 crore tonnes in India and to increase the per capita consumption of steel to 160 kgs and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Broadband Connections in Odisha

1686. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of broadband connections that are working in Odisha and the action being taken for providing broadband facility to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) under phase-I;
- (b) the number of GPs in Odisha under BharatNet project that have been provided with infrastructure to provide high speed broadband connectivity;
- (c) the details of the plans to connect all villages with internet connectivity;
- (d) the reasons for very poor utilisation of phase I of BharatNet project; and
- (e) whether wi-fi technology is used to provide the services in rural areas under BharatNet and if not, the details of the plan for provision of wi-fi technology in rural areas in the state of Odisha thereof?

Turmeric Development Project

†1687. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal to set up a project on turmeric development in Hingoli and Nanded districts of Mahrashtra is under consideration of the Government;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Logistics Cost in NER

1688. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the logistics cost in NER;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and released under any such schemes to bring down the logistics cost in NER;
- (c) whether any study has been undertaken by the Ministry to assess the economic benefits in NER by reducing logistics cost; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of Kurduwadi-Latur Railway line

†1689. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether DPR for doubling of 186 km long Kurduwadi-Latur railway line under South Central Railways has been sent to the railway board after completion of survey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for early completion of the doubling work of the said line?

Non-fuel Mineral Blocks

1690. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of non-fuel mineral blocks auctioned till November, 2021;
- (b) whether it is a fact that auctions received bids higher than the estimated value of reserves and if so, the details thereof, block-wise;
- (c) the details of auctioned leases that have been surrendered;
- (d) the details of the production output of auctioned mines in comparison to agreed-upon outputs as per their Mine Development and Product Plans, mine-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to bring policychanges to boost mining production and if so, the details thereof?

Tea Park

1691. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government would consider the proposal to establish Tea Parks with warehousing facilities in the States, especially in Tamil Nadu;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the schemes and programmes in place or proposed by the Government for the development of tea production and export of premium tea to foreign countries?

Restarting Trains Post Covid

1692. SHRI BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal has been received by the Ministry from Western Railways to restart the trains that were stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown last year;
- (b) if so, the status of such proposals as on date; and
- (c) the time by when, the train services are likely to be normalised?

Import and Export of Telecom Equipments

1693. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the imports for telecom equipment in the last five years:
- (b) the exports for telecom equipment in the last five years;
- (c) the details of domestic production of telecom equipment in India by foreign brands; and
- (d) the salient features and the progress of the Brand Building of India as Telecom Manufacturing and Services Destination initiative?

Projects in Tribal Areas

†1694. 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 details of projects being implemented in tribal areas regarding consumer welfare;
- (b) whether any new scheme related to the consumer distribution for tribal areas is under consideration and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any new scheme is also proposed that the distributor in tribal areas is to be a tribal person so as to ensure that the tribal person can get employment; and
- (d) if so, the details of the new schemes being implemented for most backward tribes?

Allocation of Funds to PMKKKY

1695. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) to the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) so far, State-wise and district-wise;

- (b) the details of mining affected areas on which contribution made by the Government under PMKKKY is being utilised;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that in some districts, DMF funds are being utilised for schemes of the State Governments and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether in some districts DMF funds are not being utilised on time due to which ensuing instalments are not being received; and
 - (e) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Foreign Assistance

1696. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received foreign assistance through international agreements for carrying out research programmes/ project in the country?
- (b) if so, the details of the foreign assistance received during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the details of the direct and indirect conditions imposed on recipient institutions/ bodies by the donors?

Vacant Posts

1697. 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 data of vacant positions to be filled in National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, State-wise, across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any road map to fill the vacant positions in National and State Disputes Redressal Commissions, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has data on the number of cases received, number of cases resolved and number of cases pending by consumers across India from the year 2015 to 2021, State-wise and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has done any performance based evaluation of the Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the recent past, if so, the details thereof and if not, is there any plan to conduct in the near future?

Restructuing Plan

1698. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Railways is heading for a major restructuring plan that could lead to the closure of major establishments, merger of decades old organizations and private participation in running of its schools and hospitals, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a recommendation envisages winding up of many organizations working under Railways;
- (c) if so, whether the coach factories, locomotive manufacturing units, rail wheel units, etc. would be transferred to the proposed Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE); and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Price Rice of Pulses

†1699. 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 Government is aware of the fact that prices of pulses, which is the primary food of the poor in the country, is sky rocketing;
 - (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the failure of the Government in controlling the prices of pulses; and
- (d) the details of the steps immediately proposed by the Government to reduce the prices of pulses?

Continuation of PMGKAY

1700. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to continue the distribution of food grains under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) after November 30,2021 in the light of the continuing impact of Covid pandemic on vulnerable communities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise and month-wise details of central allocation and food grain distribution to both Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH) from January 2021 onwards;
- (d) the State-wise and month-wise details of failed transactions, especially for NFSA ration card holders and the reasons thereof; and
- (e) the State-wise details of ration cards cancelled over the last two years and the key reasons for the same?

Evaluation of Radars

1701. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to repair the dysfunctional S Band doppler weather radar at port trust centenary building in Chennai Harbour;
- (b) the details of delays or difficulties faced by the Ministry in repairing this radar;
- (c) whether any representations were made by the Government of Tamil Nadu between 2014 and 2020 regarding the condition of the radar and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Ministry conducts any routine checks or evaluations of radars installed across the country and if so, the details and findings thereof?

Sanitisation of Trains

†1702. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to properly sanitize all the trains running in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regional Trade Agreements

1703. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the exact number of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) category-wise, that India currently has with countries/regions;
- (b) the names of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) India currently has;
- (c) whether there are instances of re-routing goods through the countries with which India has RTAs by certain countries;
- (d) if so, the ways in which ministry is dealing with this issue; and
- (e) the exact monetary value of trade carried out through RTAs in the last five years, year-wise?

Aadhaar Enrolment Centres

1704. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned to open stand-alone Aadhaar Enrolment and Updation Centres across the country and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) the details of the estimated funds and the likely target set for these centres;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to open above mentioned centres in the State of Assam and if so, the district-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the time by which these above said centres are likely to be opened?

New Trains

1705. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of passengers travelling daily in all the trains including general, sleeper and AC coaches in the country;
- (b) the details of the norms/criteria for determining the frequency of trains and introduction of new trains;
- (c) the details of new trains introduced and frequency increased during the last three years and the current year in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether the arrangements are made by Railways for the convenience of passengers in the event of cancellation/postponement, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of trains cancelled due to unforeseen reasons during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) whether the trains are getting late because of snags in the engine, if so, the details of the long term policy formulated/or proposed to be formulated by the Railways to remove the snags in the railway engines?

CPGRAMS Platform

1706. SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH: SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL: DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY: SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of grievances filed and resolved under the CPGRAMS platform;
- (b) whether the CPGRAMS platform is differently-abled friendly;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of appeals filed through the CPGRAMS platform due to dissatisfaction of service;
 and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government under digital India initiatives to integrate the platform with other portals and if so, the details thereof?

Station Monetization Plan

1707. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the national monetization pipeline proposes to monetize 400 Railway stations in four years;
- (b) if so, the manner in which monetisation revenue is likely to accrue to Indian Railways;
- (c) whether the monetisation of 400 stations have to be achieved through Railway Stations Development Corporation but the same corporation has been wound up; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to achieve the station monetization plan?

GeM

1708. SHRI SELVAM G.:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the salient features of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM);
- (b) whether the Government e-Marketplace organized National Public Procurement Conclave recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the theme of the conclave along with the discussions held and outcome of the conclave;
- (d) whether the GeM provides tools for direct purchase, bidding and reverse auction for ensuring transparent and efficient procurement;

- (e) if so, the details of direct purchase, bidding and reverse auction as on date along with the outcome, State-wise especially in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to make it mandatory for all its departments to procure goods and services through e-market in the country?

Talks with UAE

1709. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister of Commerce was on a visit to UAE recently;
 - (b) if so, the outcome of the meeting;
- (d) whether any roadmap was chalked out for robust investment;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other issues discussed, which are bottlenecks in the trade between the two countries?

Exclusion of Beneficiaries

1710. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken to improve the targeting mechanism of Public Distribution System in all States and UTs to prevent the exclusion of beneficiaries and inclusion of ineligible citizens;
- (b) the steps taken to increase the grain storage capacity at the district level and measures taken to prevent incidents of rotting;
- (c) the details of the total subsidised food grains provided State and UT-wise and the people benefitted therefrom; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken initiative to digitise the process of the distribution of food grains via Aadhar and if so, the details thereof?

Oxygen Trains from Ranchi

†1711. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) the number and details of trains from Ranchi in which oxygen was transported during the Corona pandemic period including the role of Ranchi and Jharkhand in this regard;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of passenger train facilities in Ranchi Lok Sabha Constituency;

- (c) whether there is any plan to operate trains with vistadome coaches to boost tourism in Ranchi; and
- (d) if so, the details of timeline decided in this regard?

Special Economic Zones

1712. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained the number of rural and agro industries being benefited from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) including the State of Maharashtra;
 - (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether such industries in the SEZs have been able to generate adequate amount of revenue for the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for better and strict implementation of safety standards in the said industries?

Single Window System

1713. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of single window rolled out by the Ministry for investors;
- (b) whether the proposed window helps end-to-end support to investors and industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the Know Your Approval Service proposed under the National Single Window System?

Vizag Steel Plant

1714. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held any discussions with the struggle committee of Vizag Steel Plant who are in relay hunger strike for withdrawal of monitisation of Vizag Steel Plant to save the national assets, national

- economy and livelihoods of workers and officers numbering more than 60,000; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the scheme proposed by the Government for the future of the officers and staff of the Steel Plant?

Auction of Mines

†1715. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision of auctioning mine blocks by the Mines and Minerals department;
- (b) if so, whether there is a provision of auctioning private land besides Government land and if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the area of land, Government and private, auctioned during the last five years for different minerals in Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency, mineral-wise;
- (d) whether there is a provision of taking consent of land owners for its auction and if so, the number of land owners of Balaghat district from whom consent was taken:
- (e) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for auctioning the land for minerals without consent of the owners if done so: and
- (f) whether mining has started on these parcels of land and if so, the details thereof?

Safety of Train Operations

1716. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH: SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has sent out an alert that rail fractures and welding failures have become a threat to the safety of train operations and has called for immediate intervention to detect such failures and avert hazards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by each zone and details of such incidents reported during the last six years and the current year, till now, zonewise?

Sugar Exports

1717. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's sugar exports has rose by 20 per cent amounting to 7.1 million tonnes in the current year, 2020-21 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of estimated sugar production against the domestic consumption during the year 2021-22;
- (c) whether the Government is trying many ways to dispose of/utilize the surplus sugar stock in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether most of the co-operative sugar factories are running into losses in the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons for the same along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the sugar exports?

Progress of BharatNet Project

1718. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BharatNet project, the world's largest broadband project to provide Internet services to Gram Panchayats of the country is progressing as scheduled; (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of the project in the State of Andhra Pradesh (AP) as on date;
- (d) whether the Government of AP has requested to release sufficient funds to complete the project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Development of Nano Science Technology

1719. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the local mission of research and development of Nano Science and Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for development in the field;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds to encourage effective research work in this field; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Smokeless Solar Gas Oven

1720. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CSIR has invented smokeless solar gas oven through one of its laboratories,
- (b) if so, the details of invention and plan of the Government in marketing of such solar smokeless gas oven thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to substitute this solar gas oven with LPG cylinder to the remote, rural and tribal families; and
- (d) if so, the proposal details therein and if not, the reasons behind thereto?

Fund Lapse in MPLADS

1721. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether virtually half of the belated Rs.2,200 crore allotted for completing the ongoing MPLADS projects in 2020-2021 simply lapsed;
- (b) if so, whether this happened due to delay in granting approval to release the funds;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Ministry of Finance has asked the administrative ministry to further tighten the scheme's guidelines; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

New Building for Post Office

†1722. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

- (a) whether a new building for post office was inaugurated in the year 2009 at Goregaon, an important suburb of Mumbai in Maharashtra;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the building inaugurated for the post office in the year 2009 at Goregaon was declared dilapidated/useless in the year 2015;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry regarding the said building being dilapidated/useless within a few years;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (f) the action taken thereon?

E-Waste

†1723. SHRI ARUN SAO: SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the statewise details of quantum of e-waste collected in the country every year;
- (b) the details of names of agencies authorized for this work; and
- (c) the details of likely adverse effects of e-waste collection?

Free Ration to Migrants

1724. DR. HEENA GAVIT:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL: DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE: SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

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 provided free ration to the migrants under PMGKAY;
- (b) if so, the the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed in the past three years for the purpose, State/Union Territory wise, specially Maharashtra, Karnataka and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken for implementation of 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme across all States, specially Maharashtra, Karnataka and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
- (d) the number of persons who have benefited under PMGKAY, State/ Union Territory-wise, specially Maharashtra, Karnataka and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Food Grains under ANBA

1725. SHRI B.B.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 distributing food grains under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (ANBA) to migrant workers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any data of the number of migrant workers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and
- (c) the total quantity of food grains distributed to migrant workers under ANBA?

Renaming Jhansi Railway Station

†1726. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for renaming Jhansi Railway Station in the name of Veerangna Lakshmi Bai;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether approval of local Administration has been received for the renaming of Jhansi Station;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the procedure of renaming is likely to be completed?

Bharat Gold Mines

1727. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Gold Mines Limited will be revived and extraction of Gold will begin as before;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any hurdles to restart Bharat Gold Mines Limited;
 - (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is considering the request to restart BGML at the earliest for the larger interest of the country and help the lakhs of people affected by the closure of the Gold Mines; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Reinstating Season Ticket

1728. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the complaints from the general public in North Malabar region that passengers availing season tickets are only able to board morning and evening trains and if so, the facts thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representation from Member of Parliament on 5th November 2021 seeking to re-instate the season ticket arrangement for all trains;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is willing to re-instate the season ticket arrangement for all trains;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for implementing the request; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Improvement in Railway Infrastructure

1729. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to improve railway infrastructure in Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur districts of Maharashtra;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene Fibre

1730. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NITI Aayog has prepared a roadmap on "Make in India" in Body Armour which includes recommendation on setting up of raw material manufacturing plant in India based on Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene (UHMWPE) fibre to make more efficient and lightweight body armours for Army and Paramilitary Forces; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Unwanted Calls and Messages

†1731. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry for preventing unwanted calls and messages and financial frauds by telemarketing companies;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there was a 'Do not call Register' mechanism and the reasons for its failure;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the existing mechanism for controlling and preventing unwanted calls; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Textile Industry

†1732. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handloom, powerloom, synthetic yarn, readymade garments and hosiery manufacturing units, location-wise in the country, as on date;
- (b) the quantum of amount spent on development of textile industry by the Government during each year of the last three years, till date; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage export of textiles produced by such units?

High Ticket Charges

1733. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has converted passenger trains into express trains;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether after converting passenger trains to express trains, the fare has been charged as per express trains i.e. more than the passenger trains;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that the Railways is charging higher fares by only changing the name/number of these trains; and
 - (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Survey on Land and Livestock Holdings

1734. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY: SHRI BHOLA SINGH: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently carried out a survey on 'Land and Livestock Holdings of Households and Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households' in the rural areas of India;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified selected crops to present crop-wise estimates in the Survey; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Atomic Minerals

†1735. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has found minerals for production of atomic energy in Magarkund-Koilari and Lohara-Dongargaon regions under Kawardha and Rajnandgaon districts of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the types of minerals that are likely to be found; and
- (c) whether the mining work has been commenced and if so, the details thereof?

Household Covered under FSS

1736. 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 details of percentage of households covered under Food Security Scheme in the country, State-wise and District-wise:
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and released for the said scheme during the last Seven years in country, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether it is true that the percentage of households covered under the Food Security Act in the State of Maharashtra is very low as compared to the targets fixed;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to add more beneficiaries under the said scheme; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof;

Third and Fourth railway line from Wardha to Nagpur

1737. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has taken up third and fourth railway line from Wardha to Nagpur, Wardha to Bhusawal and Sewagram to Ballarshah;
- (b) if so, the progress of the project and the time by when it is likely to be completed;
- (c) the details of allocation of funds for this project till now; and
- (d) the time by when this railway line is likely to be completed and the facilities would accrue to the passengers?

Objectionable Content

1738. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked Internet firms including Google, Youtube etc., to remove objectionable pictures of women;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the details of action taken thereon?

Rajdhani Train via Thawe-Gopalganj

1739. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has received several requests from Members of Parliament to run Rajdhani Express in the country via Thawe-Gopalganj to meet the need of many States of northern parts of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action initiated in this regard;
- (c) the details of present status of such requests; and
- (d) the reasons for not considering the representations despite commercial feasibility and considerable revenue earnings?

Creation of Jobs by Startups

†1740. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO: SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK: SHRI MATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA: SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of jobs created by Startups in various States of the country particularly Haryana, Maharashtra, West Bengal and North-Eastern States including Assam from 2004 to 2014 including their year-wise contribution to gross domestic product; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to provide incentive package for the States including Haryana and North-Eastern States especially Assam as well as boost private investment in the Startups?

Regulating Consumption of Coal

†1741. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made special efforts to regulate the consumption and use of coal in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any policy measures to explore new reserves of coal and to stave off any shortage of coal in maintaining status-quo in its consumption; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant Posts in Railways

1742. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT: SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has given any directions to the concerned departments to fill up the vacant posts due to the delay in filling up these posts across the country; State/UT/Zone-wise, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to provide employment to the unemployed and to prevent unemployment in the country;
- (c) whether there is any delay in filling up because of huge number of vacant posts for a long time and there is also delay in declaring the results of selected candidates;
- (d) if so, the details of deadline for filling up these vacant posts;
- (e) the number of posts reserved for SCs/STs out of these vacant posts and the reasons for not filling up these posts; and
- (f) the details of action taken by the Government to increase employment opportunities in the last three years?

Export from Labour Intensive Sector

1743. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that growth in exports of labour- intensive products such as readymade garments, leather, and agriculture and allied products (rice, fruits and vegetables, meat, dairy, and poultry, and seafood) have slowed down after a transitory pickup in early 2021; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to tackle this issue?

Increase in Oil and Pulses Price

1744. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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 there is a sharp increase in the prices of edible oil and pulses over the last three years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the economy is witnessing a sharp slowdown and houses are combating reduced salaries, joblessness and uncertainty against the backdrop of second wave of COVID-19 pandemic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps the Government is taking to control the prices of essential items?

Procedures for opening of Shops and Eateries

1745. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to reduce procedures for approvals for opening of shops and eateries:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other steps being taken for ease of doing business; and
- (d) the details of the progress made by the Government during the last three years in the direction of running business hassle free?

Routes of Bullet Trains

†1746. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the routes on which bullet trains have been proposed along with the details thereof;
- (b) whether any bullet train or rapid metro has been proposed in Rajasthan including Alwar; and
- (c) if so, the details of the works being carried out in this regard?

Investment in Maharashtra

1747. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total foreign investment in the State of Maharashtra in the year 2020;
- (b) the number of projects that have been setup in the State under the 'plug and play' model in that year; and
- (c) the details of investments and 'plug and play' models in the State over the last three years?

Rail Connectivity to Historical/Tourist Places in Odisha

1748. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) the budgetary allocation for Railway projects in Odisha for the current year (2021-22);
- (b) the details of new projects that are likely to be taken up;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce a passenger train to Nilgiri (Dahaimara-Gopinathpur) where a station for goods train operates from British period, which has been a long pending demand of the public;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to connect all the places of pilgirimage, historical and tourist importance through Railways; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the likely time by when one of the oldest places of pilgrimage in Odisha will get rail connectivity?

Automatic Ticket Vending Machines

1749. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any concrete plans to further add Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) to the existing 4077 ATVMs recorded as on February 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to replace the 745 ATVMs which are non-functional due to completion of their codal life;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has explored any options for the introduction of non-conventional ticket booking systems, such as mobile ticket vehicles, for the benefit of commuters in far flung hilly and remote areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Space Waste

1750. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount of Space waste that India produced on a yearly basis during the last three years;
- (b) whether India follows any procedure to extract that Space waste from the orbit of the earth and if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of Nuclear Waste

1751. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out safe methods of disposal of Nuclear waste and recycling program in Kalpakkam Atomic Power Station and Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government to effect safe mode of disposal of Nuclear waste; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the life and nature of the people?

Hyperloop Technology

1752. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement Hyperloop technology in India and if so, the details threof:
- (b) whether the NITI Aayog forms panel to study feasibility of Hyperloop technology in India and if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether the Government has formed a high-level panel to explore the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology for ultrahigh speed travel in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether in view of the emerging transport technology and for gaining the first-mover advantage, it is essential to look into the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any other major programme for ultrahigh speed travel in India, and if so, the details thereof?

Railway Projects in Kerala

1753. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway projects sanctioned in the state of Kerala in the last two years;
 - (b) the present status of these Projects; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in according sanction to the Angamaly-Sabari rail line project?

Welfare of Tea Garden Workers

1754. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes for the welfare of tea garden workers run by the Tea Board of India;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned towards the welfare of tea garden workers of North Bengal region by the Tea Board of India in the last five years;
- (c) the details of the subsidies provided to the tea gardens of the North Bengal region through the Tea Board of India for the last five years; and
- (d) whether there is any delay in the release of the subsidy to the tea gardens of North Bengal and if so, the reasons therefor?

Wasting of Food Grains

1755. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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 amount of value and volume of food grains wasted in the last five years, year wise;
 - (b) the names of the top five wasted food items;
- (c) whether the Government has been able to figure out the reasons for the huge wastage;
- (d) if so, the details of preventive measures taken in this regard; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal Coal Mining

1756. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of large scale illegal coal mining and recoveries being done from transporters;
- (b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government in this regard during the last two years;
- (c) the details of complaints regarding illegal mining and recoveries from transporters received during the last two years and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise including Odisha; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any step to conduct enquiry and if so, the details thereof?

CSAS

1757. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of startups that have availed the Covid-19 Startup Assistance Scheme (CSAS) from January, 2020 to October 31, 2021;
- (b) the quantum of loans provided to startups under the aforementioned scheme from January, 2020 to October 31, 2021;
- (c) the current interest rate applicable to loans provided under the scheme;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to reduce this interest rate or provide subsidies in the future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereto?

Distribution under PMGKAY

†1758. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI: SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

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 food grains distributed across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY);
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under this scheme;
- (c) whether ration was also distributed to those needy people who do not have ration cards, under this scheme; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities in Trains

†1759. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to resume catering and refreshment facility in trains;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is also proposed to provide bedsheets, pillows, hand towels and blankets in the trains;
- (e) if so, the time by when it is likely to begin;
- (f) whether this service is likely to be made available in all the trains; and
 - (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Semiconductor Chip Manufacturing

1760. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Government action plan towards boosting semiconductor chip manufacturing and funding its research incentives in India in the light of global shortage;
- (b) the details of the Government action plan in providing stable electricity and water supply for the highly sophisticated chip manufacturing hubs, whether any specific areas have been identified for the same, if so, State-wise details of such areas including in the state of Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the Government is collaborating with any industrial bodies and Institutes of National Importance to develop a body of expertise to become a global leader in semiconductor chip industry, if so, details of such collaborations; and
- (d) whether the government is considering any incentive based scheme to promote the expertise and industry knowledge of assembly and testing of chips in India or any other collaboration with foreign countries or Institutes of National Importance towards the same objective and if so, the details thereof?

PMGKAY

1761. KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:

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 fact that Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKAY)has been discontinued now and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the number of vulnerable population excluded from the Public Distribution System;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that reliance 2011 census data to calculate State-wise PDS coverage is outdated and leads to exclusion of crores of Beneficiaries;
- (e) if so, whether the Government is taking steps to update the database to identify Beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has formulated or has plans to formulate, specific steps to address the issue concerning the population without ration cards that have been left out; and
 - (g) if so, the details thereof?

'Make in India' Project in Karnataka

1762. SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise details of 'Make In India' (MII) project in Karnataka;
- (b) the district-wise number of persons benefited by the MII project in Karnataka;
- (c) the district-wise details of funds allocated/ released/ utilised in Jharkhand under the MII project; and
 - (d) the details of works carried out under the MII?

Loss during Lockdown Period

†1763. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the steel industry incurred huge loss during the COVID-19 lockdown period and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the price of Steel has increased recently and if so, the percentage of increase and the reasons therefor?

Violation of Common Rights

1764. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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 initiatives taken by the Government to safeguard interests of consumers using e-commerce;
- (b) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding forgery, unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements by consumers using e-commerce; and
- (c) the details of action taken by the Government to prevent violation of consumer rights while purchasing goods online?.

Post Office Banks

†1765. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

- (a) the number of Post Office Banks established so far all over India;
- (b) the State-wise list of the people benefited from these Post Office Banks;

- (c) the number of new Post Office Banksplanned to be set up in the coming Financial Year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide some other facilities by expanding facilities in these Post Office Banks; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for Distribution of Food

1766. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various welfare schemes with regard to distribution of food grains/items being implemented by the Government for the people living Below Poverty Line in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum of foodgrains/items supplied for distribution under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding irregularities in the implementation of the said schemes during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government there on; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government for proper implementation of the abovementioned schemes in all States?

Incentive to Mine Owners

1767. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government concurs with the view that local manufacturers must be incentivised to innovate and develop low cost dust suppressant and wet-drilling mechanisms that could either be subsidised or provided free of cost to the mine owners;
- (b) if so, the steps that are proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in view the fact that long before COVID--19 hit, countless workers engaged in mines in India were silently dying due to exposure to dust, utmost exploitation and apathy; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Price Rise in Edible Oil

†1768. SHRIMATI GEETA KORA: SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK: SHRI DILIP SAIKIA: SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increase in the prices of edible oils in the country;

- (b) whether the Government proposes to import edible oils in the country to check the unethical elements earning money under the pretext of shortage of edible oils; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Crops at MSP

1769. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of various agricultural crops procured at MSP in the last five years in the State of Telangana;
- (b) whether the Government has communicated to the Telangana Government not to procure paddy or rice,
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reasons for the present delay in procurement of paddy crop of kharif 2021?

Inspire Awards Manak Scheme

1770. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing INSPIRE Awards MANAK scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move and the achievement made since its launch
- (c) the number of ideas and innovations that have been received by the Department from students of all States and Union Territories of the country and the number of ideas selected for INSPIRE Award during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the quantum of financial support to each student provided under the programme;
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to attract talented young boys and girls to study science and pursue research as a career; and
- (f) the details of funds allocated for INSPIRE Awards and towards organization of District/State Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions to the State of Tamil Nadu?

Distribution of Electric Vehicles under MPLAD Scheme

†1771. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether only tri-cycle (manual/battery operated), motor/battery operated wheelchairs and artificial limbs assistance is provided to physically challenged people with a maximum 10 lakh rupee aid every year under Para 3.28 of MPLAD Guidelines under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS);
- (b) whether it is also a fact that approval is accorded for distribution of electric four-wheeler scooty to physically challenged people under Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development scheme in many States in the country;
 - (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government intends to accord approval under MPLADS for the distribution of electric four-wheeler scooty on the lines of Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development head in future, in view of increasing use of electric vehicles under modernisation and the inferior quality of the motor/battery operated tri-cycles being provided under MPLADS at present and the hardships being faced by them while operating the said vehicles on high-terrain;
- (e) if so, the time by when the said vehicles are likely to be provided; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of Natural Rubber

1772. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of production of natural rubber in India, year-wise for the last four years;
- (b) the export and import trends of India's natural rubber for the last four years and the estimates of market size of natural rubber in India;
- (c) whether the market of natural rubber is expected to grow in the coming years and if so, the details therefor along with the details of largest consumers of rubber in India:
- (d) whether India's natural rubber production is likely to fall sharply due to heavy rains this year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with its impact on import of rubber; and
- (f) whether the Government is going to tackle this issue of low production of natural rubber due to heavy rains and if so, the details thereof?

Sugar Mills Problems

1773. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any meeting/discussion between sugarcane farmers/sugar mill owners recently;
 - (b) if so, the details of discussion/meeting;
- (c) the details of demand of the sugarcane farmers/sugar mill owners;
- (d) whether the Government has given any assurance to them;
 - (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has any plans to enhance the Minimum Support Price of Sugarcane; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Nuclear Reactors

1774. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has 22 operational nuclear reactors with an installed capacity of about 6,780 mw power generation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it also a fact that another 7 reactors are under construction and 8 reactors are in various phases;
- (c) if so, the details of the projects and the supply and avaibility of minerals to run the power plants therein; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to set up fast breeder test reactor based nuclear plant at coastal West Bengal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Supplying Suitable Rice

1775. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to supply suitable rice for beneficiaries under PMGKY/MDMS;
 - (b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the difficulties in supply of rice to beneficiaries of PMGKY/MDMS in Kerala due to the quality of rice;
 - (d) if so, the details of action taken thereon;
- (e) the reasons for supplying Sonamasoori Rice to the beneficiaries of PMGKY/MDMS in Kerala;
- (f) whether the Government has received requests from Government of Kerala stating the difficulties in implementation of programme by supplying Sonamasoori Rice to the beneficiaries of PMGKY/MDMS in Kerala;
 - (g) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

- (h) whether the Government proposes to consider the request for supply of Surekha rice to Government of Kerala instead of Sonamasoori Rice as a part of PMGKY/ MDMS: and
 - (i) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

Redevelopment of Stations

1776. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH: SHRI D.K. SURESH: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has proposed for redevelopment of Railway stations in the country including Karnataka and Maharashtra;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any target set for redevelopment of railway stations; and
- (d) the details along with the timeframe fixed for the redevelopment of railway stations?

Barwadih-Chirimiri Rail Line

†1777. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Barwadih-Chirimiri railway line project is proposed to be undertaken by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways has requested assistance from Coal India for the construction of the said railway line;
 - (c) if so, the response of Coal India in this regard;
- (d) whether any joint venture has been formed or likely to be formed for the construction of the said railway line along with the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any report/demand has been received from Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh State Governments for the construction of the said railway line along with the details thereof?

Leftwing Extremists Area Development Funds

1778. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is ready to utilise the Leftwing Extremists Area Development Funds for development of new Railway projects instead of depending on State Government contribution;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of Stations

†1779. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR: DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernize and enhance facilities at Bagaha and Narkatiaganj railway stations of Valmikinagar and at Valmiki Tiger Project and Bhitiharwa Gandhi Ashram which are major tourist centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of allocations, if any, made by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request or proposal from the State Government of Jharkhand in this regard, and if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

New Coal Mines

1780. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to open new coal mines due to recent shortage of coal;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed number of new coal mines and the proposed sites of mining;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to use forest lands for the proposed new mines and if so, the details of places and the number of hectares of forest land to be used in case of each new mine; and
- (d) the percentage of energy needs of India that are achieved through usage of coal?

Increasing Number of Warehouses

†1781. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has increased the number of warehouses for the storage of foodgrains by using scientific method during the last three years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether accountability has been fixed for the spoilage of foodgrains;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is adequate storage facility in Haryana; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Utilization of Coal Mines

1782. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR: DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.: SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government is drawn to under-utilization of existing coal mines in India;
- (b) if so, whether any action has been taken to enhance such utilisation;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) allocated Coal blocks, year-wise from May 2014 to November 2021; and
- (f) the details of cancellation of allotted mines to PSEs during this period?

Deep Ocean Mission

1783. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding deep sea mining activities announced under 'Deep Ocean Mission';
- (b) whether the technology to be used for deep sea exploration and mining is imported or is indigenously developed and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to take steps to ensure that deep-sea habitats are not adversely impacted by heavy mining machinery and if so, the details thereof?

Eligible Persons under NFSA

1784. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recognises that Census 2011 data is outdated for the purposes of determining the eligibility of persons to be covered under the National Food Security Act 2013 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the percentage of the population excluded from the National Food Security Act in 2021 based on the population projections for the year as per the 2019 Report of the Technical Group on Population Projects;
- (c) whether the Government has acted on the Supreme Court's orders to re-determine the total number of persons who will be eligible to receive subsidised food grains under Section 9 of the National Food Security Act; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Biometric Scanning

1785. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

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

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Biometric scanning facility will be provided in Jeevan Pramaan mobile app while using the latest mobile phones which includes Biometric reading facility so that lakhs of senior citizens would be facilitated to submit their details for life certificate with much more ease; and
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Doubling of Parbhani-Manmad Rail LIne

†1786. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal of doubling of Prabhani-Manmad rail line has been cancelled by the Railway Board despite heavy traffic on this route;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
 - (c) the policy for doubling of the rail lines;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the threat of accidents due to heavy traffic; and
- (e) if so, the steps undertaken by the Government in this regard and the details thereof?

Budget allocation for BharatNet Project

†1787. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK: SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of budgetory allocations made and its utilization presently for BharatNet project, State-wise including Haryana State;
- (b) whether targets fixed for the said project has been achieved; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Blocked accounts on Twitter

1788. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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

- (a) the yearwise details of the number of blocked accounts on social media platforms under Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act since 2014;
- (b) the reasons for passing orders to block Twitter accounts of organisations like Kisan Ekta Morcha and The Caravan magazine in the month of February, 2021;
- (c) whether abovesaid accounts were chosen for their support to the ongoing farmers' protests; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether a review committee undertook a review of the blocking orders as provided for in the Rules framed under the aforementioned Act; and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Export of Medical Equipment

1789. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an increase in the export of medical equipments and medicines from the country has been registered during COVID period; and
- (b) if so, the increase in exports as compared to that during pre-COVID period and the amount of foreign exchange earned through these exports by the country?

Trade with Bhutan

†1790. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government and the Government of Bhutan are contemplating to open seven more trade entry and exit gates under an agreement;
- (b) if so, the details of locations where all these gates are to be opened along with its benefits to the traders and industrialists of our country;
- (c) whether there is any possible impact on India's trade with Bhutan due to the increasing influence of China; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Freight Terminal

1791. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA: SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that more than 1000 containers are plying each way vice versa from Morbi to Mundra Port every day for exports;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is keen to develop Freight Terminal or invite private players to develop Private Freight Terminal (PFT) along with Integrated Container Depot (ICD) at Morbi;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Support Prices of Cotton Corporation of India

†1792. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given sanction to the support price for Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) during the cotton season 2014-15 to 2020-21 upto 30th September, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether in the event of the prices of cotton falling below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) the CCI is mandated to implement MSP for cotton by procuring all the FAQ grade cotton from the farmers without any quantitative limit;
- (c) if so, whether the CCI has put in place these facilities by opening 474 procurement centres in 143 districts of all the 11 major cotton producing States; and
- (d) if so, the details of the benefits accrued to the people of Satna district through the same, so far?

Shortage of Coal

1793. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any shortage in the supply of coal in our country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the shortage of coal is due to erroneous planning and if so, whether the Government has taken action against the decision takers?

India Post Payment Bank

1794. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the plans that have been formulated till now for the development of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) into a profitable organization;
- (b) the criteria undertaken by IPPB to tie up with a private company like Bajaj Insurance to sell products at a much lower rate; and
- (c) whether the Government will reconsider the decision and if so, the details thereof?

Stations run by Locals

1795. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) whether many railway stations in the country are being run by local people instead of railway employees and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such stations:
- (b) whether it is beneficial for the Government to let local people run the stations and if so, the details of such benefits and if not, the reasons for not running the stations by the Railways;

- (c) whether there is any permanent policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government intends to formulate such a policy and if so, the details thereof?

Rail Arcade

1796. SHRI D.K.SURESH: SHRI MATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed for setting up of 'Rail Arcade' at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the objectives of the proposed Rail Arcade project; and
 - (d) the time by when it is likely to be set up?

Assistance to Small Island States

1797. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ISRO has geared up to provide assistance and support to small island states to help them protect from inundation due to rising temperatures;
- (b) if so, the details of the Scheme announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the 26th Conference of Parties held in Glasgow, UK by United Nations, including technical and financial assistance;
- (c) the details of countries to be benefited from this assistance and the financial assistance committed by India at the Glasgow meet; and
- (d) whether low lying coastal areas and islands in various States within India will also be offered similar support by ISRO and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Silk Industry

1798. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to improve the condition of silk traders in district Bhagalpur (Bihar);
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to promote silk industry on the lines of Khadi and Village Industries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has released funds in this regard and if so, the quantum of funds sanctioned and spent so far?

Unsatisfactory Telecom Services

†1799. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to fix the drawbacks existing in the system leading to unsatisfactory telecom services;
- (b) whether any review has been made of the progress made after the above efforts have been made; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Bullet Train High Speed Rail Project

1800. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Bullet Train High Speed Rail Projects; and
- (b) the details of routes that have already been identified by Railways for Bullet Train Projects?

Startups

1801. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the programmes launched by the Government to promote startups across the country, State/UT-wise including Telangana;
- (b) the details of schemes implemented in Telangana by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the details of support provided to women-led Startups in the country, State/UT-wise, including Telangana?

Procurement Fortified of Rice

1802. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure fortified rice from various States during Kharif and Rabi season;
 - (b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof;

- (c) whether the Government has launched a programme for distribution of fortified rice to children and lactating mothers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of the said rice likely to be distributed along with number of States/UTs proposed to be covered under the said programme?

General Service Centres

†1803. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV: SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सुचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established General Service Centres to provide more effective services to citizens and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any such service centre has been established in Maharashtra; if so, the district-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the number of service centres in the State of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are less in number as compared to other States in the country and if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and
- (d) the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to increase the number of General Service Centres in the State of Maharashtra to provide more effective services to its citizens?

CSC

1804. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.: SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the CSC (Common Service Centre), the scheme launched by the Ministry which started allowing its village level entities for easy delivery of essential items in villages, gram panchayats and other rural areas:
- (b) whether the CSCs are allowed to sell nonessential items and other essential items to the villagers and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to use these CSCs for supplying medicines to the rural areas at door steps and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has any collaborative agreement with any big pharma companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Tower Radiations

†1805. DR. S.T. HASAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) in view of the fact that the number of cancer patients, especially bladder cancer, is on the rise consistently and due to excessive radiation many people of the same family including pet dogs are also infected with cancer at some places, whether any arrangement has been made to check 3G and 4G radiation by mobile towers on daily basis and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for not disclosing the radiation data of each tower to public on daily basis;
- (c) whether the radiation gets increased when communication companies increase the intensity of its network during peak hours;
- (d) if so, the details of the steps being taken to put a check on the same;
- (e) whether there is no system for checking the radiation on daily basis;
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) whether the Government proposes to put this system in place and if so, the details thereof?

Mobile Services in LWE areas

1806. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in rural areas and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the country which are yet to be connected with mobile telephone and internet services, as on date, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the schemes/programmes implemented by the Government to ensure mobile and internet services in each village of the country; and
- (c) the details of the funds provided by the Government under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the Schemes/Programme-wise?

Coal Theft Incidents

1807. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

- (a) whether the incidents of theft and blackmarketing of coal have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during each of the last three years and the current year and loss of coal and revenue as a result thereof, company and State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such activities in future?

Handloom Cluster

1808. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Jharkhand for sanction of handloom clusters in their State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to develop such clusters in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such clusters currently functional in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (e) the details of the places identified for establishment of new handloom clusters in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (f) the present status of mega handloom clusters in the country, State/UT-wise including Godda district of Jharkhand?

Loss of livelihood of Handloom Workers

†1809. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE: SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken notice of the loss of livelihood of handloom and power loom workers and the low productivity during the pandemic;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the weavers want to sell their textile products to Government institutions and they also seek subsidy for the procurement of raw materials;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the assistance given by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether textile industry is facing slowdown due to the failure of cooperative committees which have affected the collection of GST; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last five years and till date and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Waterlogging in RUBs

†1810. SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the underpasses at all the railway crossings of my Constituency are waterlogged till date

- and the situation is same though there has been no rain for the past ten days and if so, the facts thereof;
- (b) whether certain obstacles always come in the way of the drainage work by the Railways causing heavy traffic jam in the underpass resulting in difficulties to the commuters and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the designing method used for constructing the said underpass has been quite unsuccessful and the officials approving the said design do not seem to have proper knowledge of water drainage system and all the underpasses have been constructed without conducting proper testing and soil investigation by the railway officials; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Wadsa-Gadchiroli Rail Network

†1811. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the 2011-12 Budget of the Ministry, a provision was made for connecting Gadchiroli, a district headquarters in the tribal dominated and the most backward area in Maharashtra with Wadsa-Gadchiroli rail network; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether construction of the Wadsa-Gadchiroli railway line has commenced; if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railway officials had any meeting or correspondence with State Government officials and public representatives for approval by the State Government for construction of 1.5 km route in Dhanoli of Deori-Amgaon legislative conslituency in Gondia district under Gadchiroli parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra; if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways has given its consent to the State Government for construction of above route; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay therein along with the time by which the said construction works are likely to be commenced and completed?

Doubling of Rail Line in Bundelkhand

†1812. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

- (a) whether the doubling of rail line is being undertaken from Jhasi division and Kanpur division to Manikpur junction railway station (North Central railways) in Bundelkhand;
 - (b) if so, the time line fixed for this purpose; and
 - (c) the complete details in this regard?

Exclusion of Vulnerable Population

1813. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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 of the number of vulnerable populations excluded from the public distribution system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that relying on 2011 census data to calculate State-wise (PDS) coverage is outdated and leads to exclusion of crores of beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is taking steps to update the database to identify beneficiaries thereof and if so, the details thereof:
- (e) whether the Government has formulated or has plans to formulate specific steps to address the issue concerning the population without ration cards that have been left out of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) thereto; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

One District One Product

†1814. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced 'One District One Product' aiming to create employment opportunities and conserving the conventional craft and small scale industries;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the progress made under this scheme is satisfactory; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

High Speed Internet in Rural Areas

1815. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the Government is considering to provide high speed internet in rural areas and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether the Government has set any goal under the said policy and if so, the details thereof of Punjab including Sangrur and Barnala districts?

IN-SPACe

1816. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken decision to create an independent body named "Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to give various permissions/approvals to the private players and startups in the country to take participation in the Space activities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed some timeline to complete the creation of IN-SPACe;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the requests received from various private players in the current financial year to take participation in the Space activities?

Corruption in Procurement of Paddy

1817. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the complaints received regarding the irregularities and corruption in procurement of paddy across the country, especially from the State of West Bengal;
 - (b) the reasons for these irregularities; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Diversion of Food Grains

1818. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the leakage and the diversion of food grains during transportation is a regular feature;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such leakages and diversions are minimized to the possible extent;
- (c) whether end to end computerization of Public Distribution System operations will further cut down on any kind of pilferage during transportation of food grains; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which the PDS operations been computerized and if not, the time by when the Government proposes to computerize the entire system of PDS?

Export Turnover

1819. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total merchant export turnover during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government is having any data on default payment on exports;
- (c) if so, the accumulated amount outstanding with the various financial institutions till date;
- (d) the total amount settled by the ECGC (Export Credit Guarantee Corporation) till date to various default payments to banks;
- (e) whether the Government is having any proposal to infuse capital to support ECGC; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy for Senior Citizens

1820. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is going to re-start giving the subsidy in railway tickets for senior citizens;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indore-Dahod Railway Line

†1821. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of Indore to Dahod railway line has been put on hold in Ratlam-Jhabua;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said work will be started and completed;
- (c) whether the work of Ratlam to Banswara is stopped since the last two years and the time by which the said work will be started and completed;
- (d) whether the survey for laying Dahod to Khadwa railway line has been completed but the approval for the said construction work is pending; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the approval for the construction of the said railway line will be taken?

Establishment of Rail Factory

†1822. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish rail factory on the land of closed factory of Dehri-Dalmianagar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in the commencement of work despite fulfilling all formalities for setting up of above-mentioned factory and the details thereof?

Implementation of BharatNet Project

1823. SHRI. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been facing difficulties in the implementation of Bharatnet projects to achieve the set targets and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats (GP) in the state of Odisha especially in the Districts of Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Koraput that are deprived of broad band connectivity; and
- (c) the GPs in the Country, State/ UT-wise including of Odisha identified by the Government for extending broadband services under the said projects; and
- (d) the time by when the same is likely to be completed by the Government?

GI Tag

1824. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria to be fulfilled for earning a Geographical Indicator (GI) Tag;
- (b) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government requesting GI Tag for Tilkut from Gaya;
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry is considering on such proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the likely time by when an outcome is expected?

Subsidy to Sugar

1825. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to withdraw subsidy given to the sugar exporters; and
 - (b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof?

BharatNet Project in M.P

†1826. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

संचार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise details of the implementation of BharatNet project to achieve the target fixed in Madhya Pradesh:
- (b) the number of broadband connections in Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Madhya Pradesh particularly in Bhind Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed by the Government?

Pending Cases at UPSC Level

1827. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that several number of cases are pending for clearance at the UPSC level even after completion of selection process and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b)whether the Government has studied the reason thereof and the appropriate steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Renovation/Modernisation of Madurai Division

1828. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of renovation and modernization of Kottarakkara, Avaneeshwaram, Ezhukone, Kuri and Kundara railway stations under Madurai division of Southern Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds allotted and spent for the same station-wise;
- (c) whether the government has set any timeframe or intended any date of completion for Kollam-Punalur electrification project; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds allocated and the total expenditure incurred for the same?

Commission Vendors

†1829. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI: SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any step is being taken by the Government to improve the condition of the commission vendors:
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any demand letter/suggestion from Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and the Railway Commission Vendors Association;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Government;
- (d) the facilities provided by the railway administration to the licensee vendors providing catering services at railway stations during COVID;
- (e) whether any demand letter has been received by the Government from all India Railway Catering Licensees Welfare Association;
- (f) if so, the details of the demands made therein and the action taken thereon by the Government; and
- (g) the concrete steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of the licensee vendors?

Stoppage at Mandi Dabawali

1830. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received requests for stoppage of Jammutawi-Jodhpur Express at Mandi Dabawali;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways has planned to provide six months experimental stoppage at Mandi Dabawali; and
- (d) if so, the guidelines for the stoppage of different class of trains?

Facilities to Licensed Vendors

†1831. SHRI LALLU SINGH: SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the facilities made available by the rail administration to the licenced vendors providing catering services on railway stations during the Covid pandemic;
- (b) whether the Government has received any demand letter from the 'Akhil Bhartiya Railway Khanpan Licensees Welfare Association' in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details of the demands and the action being taken by the Government thereon?

Expiry of PMGKAY

1832. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana(PMGKAY) had expired on the 30th of November;
- (b) if so, the state wise breakdown of the quantum of foodgrains that have been lifted under Phase IV of the scheme in the country; and
- (c) the reasons due to which the Government has not extended the term of PMGKAY in spite of excess stock of food grains with the FCI, and with the economy not having completely revived from the pandemic?

Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh

1833. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR: SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various rail projects being implemented in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of such rail projects that have been approved but the work is yet to be started thereon;
- (c) whether any project is proposed to be undertaken in Khargon Badwani Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether survey of new rail project which has been completed is likely to be made operational in tribal areas: and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the approved rail projects and complete these projects in a time bound manner?

Track Electrification

1834. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is on track to achieve its aim of electrification of the entire network by December 2023;
- (b) if so, the details of the length of tracks electrified since 2014, zone-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the details of amount of high-speed diesel consumption by the Railways since 2014, zone-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of the solar power generation projects of the Railways that have been completed, under construction and sanctioned so far; and
- (e) the details of the decarbonising efforts of the North East Frontier Railway?

Vacancies Filled by Railways

†1835. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies filled by the Railway reruitment Board during the last three years and the year/group -wise details of the recruitment made;
- (b) the total number of posts lying vacant in the Railways and the time by when the process to fill these posts is proposed to be started, as not doing so would lead to unemployment and feeling of dissatification among the youth;
- (c) whether the Railways, which is often said to be the backbone of economy, provides maximum employment to youth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to resume the recruitment by Railway Recruitment Board?

Development of Gujarat

†1836. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING

योजना मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects approved by the NITI Aayog for the development of Gujarat during the last three years;
- (b) the current status of the implementation of the said development projects, especially in Bharuch district of Gujarat; and
- (c) the details of the amount released by the Government for the purpose during the last three years?

Women Technology Parks

1837. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up more Women Technology Park (WTPs) in the rural area exposing them to latest technology and entrepreneurial ideas involving demonstration and dissemination of rural technologies;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the list of WTPs working presently in the country state wise with exposing the special functions for which it has been established?

Station Development in Maharashtra and Odisha

1838. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT: SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU: DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) has been developing railway stations in various zones in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the criteria fixed for selection of railway stations for development by IRSDC;
- (c) whether the Government has announced some railway stations to be taken up for development in Maharashtra as well as Paralakhemundi and Brahmapur railway stations in Odisha;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized so far for the development of these railway stations;
- (f) whether there has been a demand for declaring Khadki Railway Station in Pune and Brahmapur railway station in Odisha as terminating and originating points for various destinations of the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the action so far taken by the Railways in this regard?

New Railway Projects

†1839. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH *ALIAS* PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR: SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

रेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

NEW DELHI;

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- (a) the details of new railway projects sanctioned in the country including Maharashtra, specially Osmanabad (parliamentary constituency) during the last five years, zone-wise:
- (b) the details of railway projects completed ahead of schedule and the name of projects which are pending in Maharashtra, specially in Osmanabad (parliamentary constituency);
- (c) the details of delayed projects whose cost has increased along with the reasons for the delay and the time by when these projects are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Illegal Mining and Storage of Coal

1840. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment/inspection for illegal storage and mining of coal;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken cognizance of illegal mining/theft/possession by coal mafia in the country particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to monitor the activities of illegal mining of coal and to strengthen information system?

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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1614	Name of Members: for "DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR"
	Read "DR. A. CHELLAKUMAR"

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1709	Parts: <u>For</u> : "(a) (b) (d) (e) (f)" <u>read</u> "(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)"

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1661	(i) Part (a) line 1 : <u>For</u> : "dispersed" <u>read</u> "disbursed"
	(ii) Part (b) line 1 : <u>For</u> : "panchaats" <u>read</u> "panchayats"
	(iii) Part (b) line 2 : <u>For</u> : "Project?" <u>read</u> "Project,"

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