

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Monday, February 6, 2017/Magha 17, 1938 (Saka)

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

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Total Number of Questions — 20

Development Schemes for Tea Industry

*41. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board/Government has taken adequate measures for the development of tea industry in the country especially in Assam and if so, the details thereof including schemes under implementation;

(b) whether schemes are being implemented by the Government for the welfare of tea workers/labourers also and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide any special package for the development of tea gardens and also welfare of workers/labourers with respect to

education, health and sanitation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Public Procurement Policy

*42. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Public Procurement Policy for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) the major items procured by various PSUs from MSMEs under the said policy during the last three years;

(c) whether the criteria of four percent procurement from MSMEs owned by

SC/ST entrepreneurs has been complied with by PSUs during the said period;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure effective compliance of the Public Procurement Policy by PSUs in the country?

Child Labour Rehabilitation Centres

*43. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request for revival of Child Labour Rehabilitation Centres in the country including Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision on revival of all such Centres in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some bills are pending for settlement pertaining to salaries of project staff and special training centres of National Child Labour Project, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh for the year 2013-14; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken for their expeditious settlement?

Quality of Education

*44. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the poor quality of primary and secondary education in the schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently reviewed the enrolment of students especially in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of students seeking admission in upper primary schools has declined in the recent past and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the standard of primary and secondary education in the country including revamping of syllabus and evaluation system?

Import of Chinese Products

*45. SHRI KAPIL
MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major items and total imports from China during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the import and sale of substandard Chinese goods in Indian markets have been reported recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to check the import/sale of such products; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to devise any mechanism to ensure that only quality and standard goods, meet the norms/guidelines of Bureau of Indian Standards are imported and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Art and Culture

†*46. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major initiatives taken to promote art and culture in the country;

(b) whether the Government has decided to accord priority in the fields of arts, music, dance and literature and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal for providing assistance to the active groups engaged in the field of music and also promote the significance of culture and language amongst the youth in the recent years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya/ Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

*47. SHRI MALLIKARJUN
KHARGE:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is

considering to review their current policy and guidelines for opening more Kendriya and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country at present along with number of proposals received from various State Governments to open new vidyalayas in their respective States during the last three years, State/UT/district-wise;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country during the next five years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has approved opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in each of the uncovered districts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the number of students expected to be benefitted by this move of the Government?

Minimum Wages

†*48. SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and formulate a uniform wage policy for

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the entire country and if so, the details and salient features thereof;

(b) whether minimum wages fixed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 varies amongst States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reasons for differential wages especially on gender basis and also between urban and rural areas;

(d) whether any monitoring mechanism exists to ensure that all the workers are paid minimum wages and not subjected to any form of exploitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with other labour welfare measures being implemented by the Government for betterment of labour force in the country?

Impact of Demonetisation on Job Market

*49. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA RAO
(AVANTHI):
DR. BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of daily wage labourers employed in the Government as well as private sector in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the unorganised sector in the country has witnessed a huge job loss due to demonetisation;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the

Government to protect the unorganised sector from further job loss;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of demonetisation on the job market and if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the number of workers/jobs affected or likely to be affected as a result thereof; and

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

Tripartite Committee on Convention

*50. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 38th meeting of the Tripartite Committee on Convention was held in New Delhi recently to take stock of the progress made in respect of various ILO conventions and Report on the working group on standard review mechanism;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed therein;

(c) whether progress in regard to certain conventions was not found satisfactory;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government for ratification of international labour standards and recommending the future road map?

**Renovation of Temples under
Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

†*51. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made budgetary allocation under the Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive yojana for various schemes including declaring the ancient sites and temples located along with undertaking renovation;

(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned and utilised during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the time by which the renovation work of ancient sites and temples identified including Kanpur Nagar and Kanpur Dehat of Uttar Pradesh is likely to be completed including the progress made in renovation work so far?

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

*52. SHRIMATI HEMA
MALINI:
SHRI BHAGWANTH
KHUBA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in various States during the last three years along with the percentage spent on quality upgradation measures, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether criteria have been fixed by the Government for providing higher proportion of funds to the States/UTs under SSA and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of toilets constructed in schools both Government and Public during the year 2015-16 and the number of functional toilets out of these;

(d) whether as per some recent reports, the implementation of SSA and Mid Day Meal schemes is far from satisfactory and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve amenities in schools viz, the quality of mid day meal, separate toilets for girls in schools, learning outcomes and teachers' absenteeism, multiple vacancies etc. across the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh?

Women Workforce Participation

*53. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the International Labour Organisation's report which has identified India's Female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) as one of the lowest in the world and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has also taken note of the World Bank report which states that the poor growth rate in sectors which specifically employ women workers in India is a major cause of low LFPR;

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(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard including the incentives proposed to be provided to such sectors;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to provide assistance to develop other support systems, including mobile creches and day-care centres, that cater to the needs of women workers particularly in the unorganised sector to increase female LFPR; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Allotment of Retail Outlets

*54. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extant policy governing allotment of land for Retail Outlets (ROs) to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) persons of the Oil Marketing Companies;

(b) whether SC/ST applicants are now required to purchase land themselves in a deviation from the earlier policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of applications for allotments of ROs to SC/ST candidates pending with the Government due to lack of availability of land, State/UT-wise; and

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

NCS and MCC Schemes for Employment

*55. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and salient features of the National Career Service (NCS) Scheme and Model Career Centre (MCC) Scheme;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for setting up Model Career Centres in their respective States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the manner and extent to which NCS and MCC have benefitted the job seekers in the country; and

(e) whether the Government has organised job fairs or employment programmes through NCS or MCC during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Prices of Petroleum Products

*56. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase/decrease in the price of crude oil in international market during the last two years and the current year and the number of times the price of

petroleum products came down/reduced in both domestic and the international market during the said period;

(b) the measures adopted/being adopted by the Government to pass on the benefits of low crude oil prices to the consumers, year-wise;

(c) the details of the mechanism adopted by the Government to examine the prices of petrol and diesel fixed by various petroleum companies including private companies in conformity with the variation in the international crude oil prices;

(d) the number of times the prices of petroleum products including petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, PNG and kerosene increased/decreased during the said period along with reasons for hike in the prices despite significant reduction of prices of crude oil in the international market, product-wise; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to control production, import and export of various petroleum products in order to check their prices in the country?

Tourism Hubs

*57. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details along with the present status thereof and the action taken by the Government on such proposals?

Expansion of ESI

*58. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the rules/regulations and the guidelines for registration of workers especially in the unorganised sector under the Employees State Insurance (ESI) scheme;

(b) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch a new scheme for promotion of registration of employers and employees and if so, the details including the salient features thereof;

(c) the number of workers presently availing the facility of ESI scheme and the number of such labourers out of the total number of labourers who are entitled for the said scheme but are not covered thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring in more employees from Public and Private Sectors as well as unorganised sector into the ambit of ESI Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has also enhanced/proposes to enhance ceiling on Medical

Expenditure and if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken by the Government to make the functioning of ESIC more transparent and convenient for all stakeholders?

Linking of Religious and Historical Places

†*59. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to connect all major and small places of religious, cultural and historical importance with various tourist circuits;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the places which have been connected/are proposed to be connected under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has consulted the concerned Central Ministries and other stakeholders in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken in this regard?

Import and Export of Agricultural Commodities

*60. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH
SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's share in the global trade of agricultural commodities is very low;

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

(c) the details of total quantity and value of agricultural commodities like rice, wheat, pulses, sugar etc. imported and exported during the last three years, commodity and country-wise along with the revenue generated therefrom during the said period;

(d) whether the export of such commodities has affected the domestic supply and demand scenario; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper domestic supply?

NEW DELHI;
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ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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45	Part (d); line 3&4: <u>for</u> "meety the norms/guidlines" <u>read</u> "meeting the norms/guidelines"
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ANOOP MISHRA
Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Selfie Accidents

461. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of reported large number of accidents in the country while clicking selfies;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such accidents reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has issued any direction to the States and UTs to mark selfie danger zones at accident prone locations of tourist sites in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Industrial Cluster

†462. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Engineering clusters under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) in the country;

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

(c) the funds sanctioned/allocated/released and utilised so far for the said clusters, State/UT and cluster-wise; and

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(d) the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

BIMSTEC Meet

463. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the creation, members and the objectives of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Co-operation (BIMSTEC) and the manner in which the Government would help keep the influence of India in the region;

(b) whether the Indian gambit to the BIMSTEC was well received by the Members and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BRICS' outreach to the BIMSTEC during the recently held meeting of BRICS leaders in Goa was beneficial to India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the recent Chinese offer of large quantum of funds to Bangladesh is likely to alter the country's equation with India and if so, the details thereof?

Steel Consumption

464. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita steel consumption in the country is 060 kg. as compared to global average of 225 kg. if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether steel consumption in rural areas of the country has increased during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the extent to which imposing Minimum Import Price (MIP) has been helpful to recover the steel sector in the country; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to promote the steel sector in the country?

Tribal Education

†465. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MADDAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal communities are far behind in Education as compared to other communities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to remove the said imbalance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the budgetary allocation made, released and utilised for tribal education along with the number of beneficiaries therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Scheme-wise?

Increase of Seats in Central Universities

466. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Universities across the country are set to increase their student intake in order to cater to the rising demands and aspiration of people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Universities have been asked to complete the assessment of the needs and preparedness of their institutions in a month;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Digital Degrees

†467. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that it is proposing to make all degrees and certificates digital from the year 2017, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would be done through National Academic Depository to check the problem of fake certificates; and

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

Delay in Stipend

468. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is delay in disbursing stipend to University Grants Commission (UGC) for research students even after scoring Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/National Eligibility Test (NET);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has effected any Budgetary cut for research in Higher Education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Evaluation of NET

469. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce a new digital way of evaluating answer sheets - 'Digi-scoring' for the ensuring University Grants Commission (UGC)/National Eligibility Test (NET) examination for the first time in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the special features of the proposed digi-scoring;

(c) whether the same procedure is likely

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to be followed in all other recruitment examinations in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pan India e-Auction of Tea

470. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been persistent problems arising out of implementation of pan India e-Auctions of tea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has held discussions with all concerned to sort out the issues; and

(d) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting along with the decision taken for the smooth implementation of Pan India e-Auctions of Tea?

Expansion of CNG/PNG Network

†471. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing network of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)/Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the country including the number of households/ industrial units covered in each of the cities under this network, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has

received proposals/demands from various States for increasing CNG/PNG coverage in their States particularly backward and small cities from Rajasthan and Karnataka if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target to cover every rural/urban household and provide PNG facility across the country and prepared a roadmap for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with any time-bound action plan envisaged for providing PNG to every household and the achievement made in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has launched 'Urja Ganga' the gas pipeline project to provide PNG in Varanasi and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the similar scheme is likely to be launched in other parts of the country, State/UT-wise?

Fund for Tamil Nadu

472. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from various State Governments pending funds committed in the approved plan of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme during the last three years despite the States having submitted all necessary documentation well in time and having met all their commitments and performance parameters;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to expedite the release of the same;

(c) the total Education Cess collected during the last three years, year-wise and the distribution of the same to various States/UTs during the corresponding periods; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Union Government to avoid any shortfalls in approved central share release under SSA?

Vacant Seats in Premier Institutes

473. SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Committee to suggest measures to avoid vacancies during admission in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and other Central Government funded technical institutions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether at the end of joint counselling during this year there were many vacancies in IITs and other Central Government funded technical institutions and in National Institutes of Technology; and

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

New Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

474. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State; and

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

Vacancy in National School of Drama

475. SHRIMATI APARUPA
PODDAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many posts of professors and teachers are lying vacant in premier cultural institutes like National School of Drama (NSD) and if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the status of NSD from the present status and if so, any draft has been made in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the admission/seat capacity of NSD from 26 to any higher number per year and if not the the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to open branches of NSD in other parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Lesser known Places of Historical Significance

476. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI
LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being taken to highlight places of historical significance that are less-known and convert them into tourist spots; and

(b) if so, the places identified so far; and

(c) the details of work done in this regard?

Non-availability of Natural Gas

477. SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from various sectors of the economy regarding non-availability of natural gas in the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply/allocation of natural gas to various sectors, sector-wise;

(b) whether there is any deficit of natural gas production in the country thereby increasing the dependence on import of natural gas and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to remove demand and supply mismatch during the said period;

(c) the details of production of oil and gas by various companies during the said period in the country along with the average production cost of domestically produced crude oil and natural gas both by public/

private sector companies, upstream/private company-wise;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote natural gas in the country including preparation of plan to enhance the exploration and production in hydrocarbon sector and increase production of oil and gas in the country;

(e) the objectives of 'Gas 4 India' campaign launched by the Government recently along with the current status of said campaign and the targets achieved therefrom; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Gas Grid for laying pipeline for transportation of natural gas across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Employment through Employment Exchanges

478. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educated youths registered in various employment exchanges who are unemployed/underemployed or have disguised employment, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to create additional job opportunities to provide employment to at least educated unemployed youth ;

(c) whether the Government has any scheme/programme to provide training and then employment to uneducated youths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the said schemes during the last three years?

Renovation and Development

479. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures for the renovation and development of various Fine Arts colleges in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for the renovation and development of various Fine Arts colleges in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Welfare and Safety of Workers/ Labourers

†480. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers/labourers working in various industries/institutions in the country State/UT-wise and company-wise;

(b) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for the safety and welfare of these workers and if so, the details thereof along with the number of workers benefiting therefrom, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints of exploitation of

workers in various companies/institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise including Delhi;

(d) whether there is any proposal to review the labour laws keeping in view the various problems being faced by the labourers across the country; and

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

Kendriya Hindi Nideshalaya

†481. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the voluntary organisations that were given grant by Kendriya Hindi Nideshalaya during the last three years along with the amount of the grant, year-wise; and

(b) the details of the works done by the said organisations to promote Hindi during the said period, State-wise?

Geo-Spatial Technology

482. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to implement Geo-Spatial technology for better implementation of monitoring of Central Schemes;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
 (d) the details of the Institutions/
 individuals/organisations which are key
 stakeholders in this initiative?

Rajiv Gandhi Udyami Mitra Yojana

†483. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
 AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes
 to pay the pending amount of claim of
 Rs. 19.05 lakh to Rajasthan under Rajiv
 Gandhi Udyami Mitra Yojana;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Laying of Natural Gas Pipelines

484. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
 PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
 AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Petroleum and Natural
 Gas Regulatory Board has granted
 permission, to GAIL for laying and
 expanding natural gas pipeline along the
 Surat-Paradeep route and if so, the details
 thereof along with the progress made in
 this regard, so far;

(b) the status of the expression of
 interest made by H-Energy Private Limited
 for laying and operating natural gas pipeline
 on the Contai-Paradeep-Dattapulia route ;

(c) whether the Government has noticed
 that lack of availability of natural gas
 pipeline infrastructure in Odisha is
 affecting the ability to establish CNG
 stations as a measure against vehicular
 pollution and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps taken by the
 Government to ensure the availability of
 natural gas, pipeline infrastructure and
 establishment of CNG stations in Odisha
 in a time-bound manner?

Obesity Levels among Students

485. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has
 directed Universities to collect Body Mass
 Index (BMI) and ban junk foods in
 campuses in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government is of the
 opinion that the ban would control obesity
 levels and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any
 data about the current obesity levels among
 the university students and if so, the details
 thereof?

Community Colleges

†486. SHRI HARINARAYAN
 RAJBHAR:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any community college schemes during the last three years;

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

(c) whether it has been implemented in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Gas Reserves in Vashista Gas Field

487. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vashista and S1 Gas fields located in Krishna Godavari (KG) offshore basin have started operations and if so, the details thereof along with per day production target fixed and achieved by the Government during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the estimated reserves in the Vashista and S1 Gas fields located in Krishna Godavari (KG) offshore basin; and

(c) whether the Government has fixed/ laid any pipeline for transmission of gas from these fields to an onshore terminal and if so, the details thereof along with the price fixed for the gas extracted from the said fields?

**Production and Import of Natural
Rubber**

488. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total production, consumption and import of natural rubber in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a sharp rise in the import of natural rubber during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Rubber Board has data about the cost of production of 1 kg natural rubber and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are any differences in the production of rubber in various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Licensing Policy for Tobacco Items

489. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a licensing policy for tobacco in a bid to control consumption and bring the largely unregulated business of products such as gutka and pan masala under some sort of Government watch;

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

(c) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has started internal discussions on the policy implication of licensing for the sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Level Entrance Test

490. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to conduct national level entrance test for B.Ed. course in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Exhibitions by KVIC

†491. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) organises exhibitions in different parts of the country to promote the sale of KVIC products;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of exhibitions organised and total expenditure incurred in this regard during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the extent to which such exhibitions have helped in increasing the acceptability and sale of KVIC products in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to organise such exhibitions in backward areas of the country also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Exploration of Iron Ore

492. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the research and development activities and the exploration of iron ore being undertaken by the public sector steel companies in the country;

(b) whether the exploration of iron ore is limited and the major portion of domestic consumption of steel is met out through imports;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target for increasing domestic steel production by additional exploration of iron ore and undertaking research and development activities and if so, the details thereof?

Reserved Posts

†493. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of reservation in jobs for the Other Backward Classes/Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Ministry and the Departments/institutes under the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether there are vacancies for Other

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Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Ministry and Departments/institutes under the Ministry and the work is being outsourced; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the numbers of persons engaged through outsourcing, post-wise in the Ministry and public undertakings, companies and institutes under the Ministry during the said period?

Export of Non-Basmati Rice to China

494. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has stopped import of non-basmati rice from India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of export of non-basmati rice to China in the last five years before it stopped importing the said product, year-wise and variety-wise;

(c) whether China has taken any decision to allow market access to India's non-basmati rice and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the position of China with regard to import of pharmaceuticals from India?

Construction of Slurry Pipelines

495. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes

to construct slurry pipelines in the country through which iron ore can be transported at a lower cost as compared to Railways and road ways; and

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

Privatisation of Higher Education

496. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has the largest higher educational system in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to privatise the higher education system as in the developed States of the world; and

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

Promotion of Tourism in Marwad and Brij Area

†497. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote tourism in Marwad and Brij area in Rajasthan including eco-tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance provided for the development and conservation of tourist places in these areas; and

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(d) the schemes formulated for development of facilities at tourist places in these areas?

National Artistes Welfare Fund

498. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a National Artistes Welfare Fund and Artistes Pension Scheme and Welfare Fund for the welfare of cultural artists of various fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds released, allocated and spent under these schemes during the last three years;

(c) the number of artistes benefitted under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the financial assistance of artists and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the provisions of financial assistance under Welfare Fund of Artistes Pension Scheme is under review and if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for Promotion of Folk Artists

‡499. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of centrally sponsored schemes being run at present to promote folk artists and music of Bihar; and

(b) the amount of funds spent under this scheme and number of persons benefitted therefrom during the last three years?

Returning of Awards

500. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many renowned literary writers had returned awards given to them for their exemplary work in the field of literature;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the names of the writers who returned their Sahitya Academy awards during the last three years;

(c) the total number of Sahitya Academy awards dispersed during the last three years;

(d) whether the Academy had passed a resolution urging writers not to return their awards; and

(e) the number of writers who reconsidered the Government's request and accepted back the awards they returned?

Ban on Import of Chinese Toys

501. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed a ban on the import of toys from

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China due to the reported toxic contamination which is harmful to children;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the period for which the said ban has been imposed; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such imports and also to protect the indigenous industry?

Inoperative EPF Accounts

†502. SHRI BAHADUR SINGH
KOLI:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for classifying an EPF account as inoperative;

(b) the total number of inoperative EPF accounts as on date and the total value of money deposited in these accounts;

(c) whether annual interest for the money in these accounts is credited regularly and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the action taken/being taken to pay the due amount to the eligible persons; and

(e) whether there is any provision for the employees to withdraw from PF account in any part of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Trade Centres

†503. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of trade centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the time by which these trade centres are likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Production and Export of Gems and Jewellery

†504. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of production and export of gems, jewellery and diamonds and the volume of their export during the last three years in the country;

(b) whether the production and export of old jewellery, diamond, pearls has increased or decreased during the last three years; and

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

Foreign Direct Investment

505. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR
JENA:
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRI G. HARI:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms for various sectors and also to include certain public sectors under its ambit in the country;

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

(c) the details of the FDI received in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, sector-wise?

Free Books and Uniforms in Schools

506. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of any State Government providing free books and uniforms to the school students in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has considered providing free books and uniforms to students in schools run by institutions under its purview; and

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

Social Security for Workers in Informal Sector

507. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring around 40 million people who are

working in the informal sector under social security; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with time by which the decision is likely to be taken and implemented?

Merger of Oil PSUs

508. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make merger of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited with a refining corporation such as Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the benefits likely to be extended to such companies after completion of said mega merger?

Gandhi Heritage Circuit

509. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal with revised detailed project report (DPR) has been sent by Government of Gujarat for development of the Gandhi Heritage Circuit covering server components under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal?

**Verification of Caste/Community
Certificates by AICTE**

510. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All Indian Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to verify the caste/community certificates submitted by the students who got Engineering seats under reserved category across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the AICTE has already instructed all institutes across the country to verify the said certificates; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons to verify the certificates?

Project Mausam

511. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and detailed outline of Project Mausam with its expected time of commencement and completion along with the cost of the project;

(b) the details of the status of implementation of Project Mausam;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the project during

the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the goals that the Government seeks to achieve by the said project;

Industrial Incentives to Telangana

512. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide any industrial incentives to the State of Telangana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any request from State Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government in this regard?

Winter Timings of Schools

513. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the timings of the schools in winters especially in cold areas like NCT of Delhi for the primary classes as the early

morning timings pose a potential health hazard for these children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Foreign Faculty in IITs

514. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to recruit foreign faculty at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the discussions have been held with all concerned in this regard to allow foreign faculty in IITs; and

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

Exports from SEZs

515. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports from SEZs has declined/got affected during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with total exports from SEZs during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether imposition of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT)/Dividend Distribution Tax on SEZs has affected the growth, investments, employment and exports from SEZs and if so, the details

thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the goods manufactured in SEZs when sold in the domestic market are levied an import duty which places them at a disadvantage compared with goods imported through free trade agreements and if so, the details thereof along with its impact on SEZs both domestically and in its exports;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to bring down the tariffs and MAT levied on SEZ units that sell goods in the domestic market and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(e) whether the Government has given more time to certain developers of SEZs to complete their projects and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measures taken or being taken by the Government/Export Promotion Council for Export Oriented Units and SEZs to boost exports from SEZs and resolve the issues therein?

Language Teachers

516. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers of various Indian Languages (other than Hindi) have been engaged in schools in Hindi speaking States/UTs;

(b) if so, the number of such teachers working in all the school in country, language/State/UT-wise as on date;

(c) whether the Government proposes any new strategy to develop all Indian languages in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue from e-Commerce

517. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue from e-Commerce Companies has increased during the last three years in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Revenue from e-Commerce Companies has increased this year in comparison to last year in Karnataka State and if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the total volume of business done by all the registered International and National online e-Commerce Companies during the last three years?

Quota for IIM Faculty

518. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY

KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to implement quota reservations in the appointment of faculty in Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and other Central Institutes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the timeframe set for the implementation of the same?

Branded Fuels of Oil Companies

519. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil companies are incurring huge expenditure on advertisements for promoting branded-fuels only and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, OMC-wise;

(b) whether the said companies claimed huge losses in the sale of oil during the said period and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints about petrol pumps in certain parts of the country not keeping stock of normal petrol and encouraging/urging the customers to switch to branded fuels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government against the erring dealers, State/UT-wise?

Export Strategy

520. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI

GEETHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government in bringing out a Logistics Performance Index to rank States along with its implementation status;

(b) whether the States are cooperating with the Centre for setting up common facilities like testing labs and training institutes as well as to ensure packaging and storage support to the Indian Industry;

(c) the names of States which have prepared their export strategy and the steps being taken for the remaining States/UTs to expedite their export strategies;

(d) whether services of IT and ITeS had an overwhelming pre-dominance in India's services exports but were largely restricted to the US and EU markets and are therefore vulnerable to changes imposed by these two trading blocks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in tackling such situation in future?

Usage of Indigenous Steel in Infrastructure Sector

521. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL
इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken some new initiatives to promote usage of only indigenous steel for infrastructure and construction projects of the Government in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal is likely to be extended to Public Sector Undertakings and State Governments also and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which both the producers of steel and its users would benefit from the said initiatives?

Fee in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†522. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the fees of the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

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

(c) the time by which the increase is proposed to be implemented?

Delay in Appointment of Directors

523. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to turn the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) into world class institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that half of the IIMs in the country are without directors for many months now, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take action on the names shortlisted by the selection committees; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Export of Cash Crops

†524. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance for export of certain cash crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of these crops;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to frame a uniform policy for promotion of export of cash crops in the country; and

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

Plastic Recycling Industry

525. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to come out with a plan to assist the plastic recycling industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has invited the All Plastic Recyclers Association to present their case during the Make in India week held in Mumbai in February, 2016; and

(d) if so, the suggestions given by the Association in the said meeting and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Broadband in Tribal Residential Schools

526. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide broadband connectivity in tribal residential schools to facilitate video-conference facilities to provide better education to students;

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

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to set up a training centre in the State to provide training to teachers who are in Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) whether to Government proposes to increase the salary of teaching staff working on contract basis and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Building Grants and Studio Theatres

527. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds to projects under the scheme for building Grants and Studio theatres;

(b) if so, the status of release of funds under the scheme for building grants and studio theatres; and

(c) the details of the number of projects completed under this scheme so far?

Enhancing Efficiency of Steel Plants

528. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the operational efficiency of the Steel plants to meet the rising domestic demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of Steel imported during each of the last three years, country-wise?

Immunity to Tribal from Indian Law

529. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaint of murder of a child by a Jarawa tribesman has been reported;

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

(c) whether the tribesmen enjoy immunity from Indian Law and the Government does not interfere in their social life; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Industries

†530. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial and non-financial assistance given to the industrial establishment by the Government to set up new industry in the country including Narmada and Bharuch districts of Gujarat during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of such industrial establishments in the State of Gujarat which have got benefits therefrom; and

(c) the production made by these industrial establishment during the said period?

Re-Evaluation of Marks

531. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Central Board of Secondary Education proposes to discontinue the practice of re-evaluation of marks for all subjects from 2017; and

(b) whether it is also a true that an internal committee is examining the issue of how to deal with the genuine complaints in the case of the CBSE is going ahead to discontinue the said practice?

Quality of Higher Education

532. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI: SHRI JANARDHAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

SHRI ALOK SANJAR: SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has

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prepared many programmes to bring improvement in higher education in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are some such areas in the country where colleges are affiliated to such universities which are situated at distance of more than 200 km from those colleges including in Uttar Pradesh etc.; and

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to establish new universities in such far flung areas in the country and if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise?

Setting up of Seva Kendras

†533. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a new scheme like Kisan Seva Kendras for sale of petroleum products at panchayat level;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide special concession on diesel to the farmers for cultivation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the norms adopted for the distribution of gas under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana?

Marble Export

†534. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of marble exported during each of the last three years and the current year and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;

(b) whether the export of marble has declined recently;

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

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to promote export of marble and growth of this industry in the country?

Contribution of Universities to R&D

535. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any status report on the contribution of Indian Universities and other higher education as well as research bodies in Research and Development activities in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any ranking based on contributions to Research and Development to such institutions; and

(c) if so, the details of the breakthroughs recorded, achieved and published related to Research and Development by the top ten among these institutions during the last two years?

Closure of Salt Commissioner Offices

536. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a decision has

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

been taken by the Salt commissioner to close down its offices and bring down the operation in metro cities like Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of employees likely to be affected therefrom;

(c) whether Government has prepared any plan to accommodate these surplus employees elsewhere; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Industrial Units under NEIIPP-2007

537. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial units registered under NEIIPP, 2007, as manufacturing sector or service sector in respect of various subsidy schemes under NEIIPP, 2007, sector-wise, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of units with subsidy higher than Rs. 30 crore, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the sunset clause for the scheme is proposed to be extended beyond 31st March, 2017 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the alternative plan of the Government in this regard?

Setting up of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

538. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals for setting up of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas from the State Governments including Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of schools established and expanded by the Government State during the last three years State/UT-wise?

International Quality Education

539. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian students have been performing poorly in the international evaluation tests such as Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality education that match the international standards;

(c) whether the Government is planning to participate in the next PISA survey; and

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

Technical Institutes of Excellence

540. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made to establish a number of new engineering colleges of

standard quality (technical and excellence) as part of "Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA); and

(b) whether the Government has synergised vocational education within higher education under RUSA and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the allocated budget for building these vocational training institutes and indicate the number of such institutes that are coming up during the year 2017?

Incredible India Tourism Investors Summit

†541. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently organised a three day "Incredible India, Tourism Summit 2016";

(b) if so, the names of companies which have invested for the development of tourism sector in the incredible India Tourism Investors Summit, 2016 and the amount of investment;

(c) the name of the tourist places proposed to be developed with the said amount;

(d) whether the Government proposes to develop any new place in the country including in Uttar Pradesh as Naimisharanya a pilgrimage site of international repute by declaring it a tourist place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government proposes to do so?

Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat Scheme

542. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted an assessment of the success of the Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of achievements of the programme since its inception;

(c) the challenges faced in the implementation of the programme on the ground and details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle these challenges; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the implementation of this programme since its inception, State/UT-wise?

Assistance under IIUS

†543. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the central assistance allocated and actually released to Industrial Infrastructure upgradation Scheme and for export infrastructure development and allied activities during the last three years;

(b) the outcome of the paid assistance given;

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(c) whether any efforts have been made to set up any industry on the basis of the availability of raw material in any district of Maharashtra during the last three years; and

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

Meeting of India-US TPF

†544. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the outcome of the 10th India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF) meeting held in New Delhi last year;

(b) the details of points/issues raised and focused in the said TPF meeting; and

(c) the details of trade and service sectors in which the United States and India have given their consent for Joint Action Plan?

Advice to States on R&D

545. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised the State Governments to build research institutes in the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received from the State Governments in this regard during the last two years?

Vocational Institutions

546. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred by the Government on establishing vocation/professional institutions with the help of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the country during the last three years as on date, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of above institutions functioning in the country, scheme-wise and State-wise during the said period?

Pulses Import Trade

547. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that large scale contract defaults and forced renegotiation of prices for import of pulses by private players has sent negative signals about India towards market and hurting the image of trade and country at large;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government for regulation and monitoring of pulses import trade in order to protect the country's image?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Funds for new Kendriya Vidyalayas

‡548. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of funds released by the Government for establishing the newly sanctioned Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in various States/UTs including Bihar;

(b) whether any deadline has been set by the Government to start the said schools at the earliest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Autonomy based on Performance

549. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering linking the autonomy of higher education institutions to their performance as measured by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to divide universities into three categories on the basis of their NRF ranking, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the first would be most autonomous while the last would require more regulations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allotment of LPG Distributorships

550. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1677 Retail Outlets and 326 LPG distributorships are pending for issue of Letters of Intent to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities in the country; and

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

National Policy on Safety

551. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and objectives of the National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at Work Place;

(b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the said policy during each of the last three years; and

(c) the other initiatives taken/being taken by the Government for developing national preventive safety and health culture in the country?

Bilateral Trade through North-East Corridor

552. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved in bilateral trade through north-east corridor with Asian countries under the Look East Policy;

(b) the estimated trade happened during the last three years through North-Eastern border;

(c) whether the Government is considering to increase the trade volumes and trading partners through this corridor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Dumping of Rubber

553. KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether polybutadiene rubber is being dumped by China, Iran, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and Singapore in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the interests of domestic industry against such cheap imports?

Admission in State Engineering Colleges

†554. SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current number of engineering colleges functioning till date in the States, place-wise along with the college-wise annual intake of students therein;

(b) whether the Government has any agency for monitoring the admission process in these engineering colleges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Unnat Bharat Programme

555. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch a new scheme for connecting higher educational institutions with the rural development processes under the 'Unnat Bharat' Programme;

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

(c) the present status of the said scheme and the timeframe for its implementation; and

(d) the details of Higher Educational

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Institutes (HET) which have adopted villages for development, State-wise/ Institution-wise details thereof?

KVIC Schemes

‡556. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the KVIC to promote Khadi industry in the country;

(b) whether there is any scheme for providing Bank loan on lower rates of interest to small khadi weavers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any instructions have been issued by the Government regarding use of Khadi in Government offices/departments and if so, the details and the compliance status thereof?

Weather Forecast for Tourists

557. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, in coordination with Indian Meteorological Department and State Governments, contemplated providing accurate real-time weather forecast, as against daily forecast, to tourists visiting famous tourist places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rebate in Luxury and Service Tax

‡558. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal measures taken by the Government to promote tourism during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has taken note that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) has mooted a proposal to bring down the luxury and service tax to promote tourism; and

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

Capital Grants/Viability Gap Funding for GIGL and GITL

559. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for providing capital grants/ viability gap funding for GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) along with grant of license for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis on the lines of support provided to GAIL Jagdishpur-Haldia project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Rejection of Indian Products by
USFDA**

560. SHRI E. AHAMED:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Indian products have been rejected by the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) during the last three years;

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

(c) whether the Government has investigated in-depth the grounds on which these Indian products were rejected by USFDA;

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

(e) the details of products of various countries rejected by India during the said period?

Children's ability to read Hindi

†561. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken notice that fifty per cent of the students in Class V are not able to read Hindi books prescribed in Class II curriculum as per a survey conducted in rural schools by a voluntary organisation and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government

to improve the situation; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to constitute any Inquiry Commission to prepare a report in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Productivity of Steel Industry

†562. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several indigenous iron and steel companies are finding it difficult to safeguard their existence in the country;

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

(c) whether the annual per capital labour productivity of steel in the country is amongst the lowest in the world;

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

(e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the productivity of steel industry?

Export of Basmati Rice

563. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV :
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI DHANANJAY

MAHADIK:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL

VIJAYSINH

SHANKARRAO:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

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वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum and value of basmati rice exported from the country to various countries including Iran during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether Iran has banned import of Indian basmati rice for the past four months and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to send a delegation to Iran to protect its big basmati rice market and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the exports of basmati rice from the country particularly to Iran?

Mines Safety

564. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:
DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fatal accidents and casualties occurred in mines including underground mines and the compensation paid to the next of the kin of the deceased during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise;

(b) the number of cases investigated along with the nature of irregularities detected during the said period, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of cases registered against the companies/persons for violation of mines safety norms along with the action taken against the guilty during the period, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Director General of Mines Safety inspects the mines including coal mines regularly to ascertain the safety of mines and regular health check ups conducted to identify prevalence of occupational diseases like Silicosis in such workplaces; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the other measures including conducting of regular safety audits taken/being taken by the Government to prevent accidents in mines in the country including Eastern Coalfields Limited?

Dual Degree Courses

†565. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":
SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has

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permitted foreign universities to offer dual degree courses in the country in agreement with higher education Institutes;

(b) if so, the names of such foreign universities along with the details of courses offered by these universities;

(c) whether the Government has also permitted the foreign universities to award degrees under distance learning in different courses in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is formulating a policy to grant permission to foreign universities for setting up universities in the country;

(e) whether the Government has allowed foreign universities to offer degrees in different disciplines through distance education in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Labour Courts/Tribunals

†566. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:
SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labour courts/tribunals set up in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of industrial disputes received, disposed of and pending in

various labour courts/tribunals during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure for early disposal of the pending cases in labour courts/tribunals?

Establishment of IEDS

567. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved cadre review and formation of the Indian Enterprise Development Service (IEDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner and extent to which this is likely to help in achieving the goals/visions of start-ups India, stand-up India and Make-in-India programmes in the country?

Ashram Schools

568. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
NOOR:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored scheme "Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan" along with the number of Ashram Schools in the country, State/UT-wise;

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(b) whether the Government is aware of the certain reports about Ashram schools providing inadequate diet resulting in prevalence of malnutrition among students studying therein and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of monitoring and vigilance mechanism put in place by the Government to monitor the administration and functioning of Ashram schools in the country;

(d) whether any irregularity have been reported come to the notice of the Government during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to further improve the functioning of Ashram schools in the country?

Shala Asmita Yojana

569. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the 'Shala Asmita Yojana' and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of information likely to be tracked through the said programme;

(c) the details of authority/department/organisation responsible to maintain the academic repository under the said yojana;

(d) the criteria to access this academic repository and the recourse the students will have in case there is a discrepancy in their data uploaded; and

(e) whether the competent authority will be mandated to inform students in case their data is hacked/misused considering the lack of privacy laws and the recourse the students will have in such cases?

ESI facilities in Kerala

570. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the service of ESIC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made/proposes to make any arrangement for speciality treatment of insured persons who come under the nine feeder dispensaries of Paripally ESI Hospital due to the takeover of ESIC Hospital, Paripally, Kollam, Kerala by the State Government and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received proposal from the State of Kerala seeking permission to establish AYUSH unit under ESIC at Chavara, Kollam, Kerala;

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government/ESIC thereon; and

(f) the details of AYUSH units established under ESIC in the country at present, State/UT-wise?

Trade Agreements

571. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI KESINENI NANI:

SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the bilateral trade agreements/Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) signed by India till now with other countries/regions/trading blocs;

(b) whether the quantum of trade with these countries/regions/trading blocs has increased after signing FTAs with them and if so, the details thereof along with the total trade carried out with them during the last three years;

(c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to spread awareness amongst business community about FTAs and the possible benefits to them in order to boost trade;

(d) whether the Government has decided to review its FTAs with its partners and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of exporters and other stakeholders thereto and its impact on country's trade deficit;

(e) whether India and European Union (EU) are negotiating a Bilateral Broad Based Trade and Investment Agreement/FTA and if so, the details and the current status thereof; and

(f) the likely impact of said FTA on domestic textile industry along with the excepted steps to meet the demand of textile industry in the absence of FTA?

Report on Student's Suicide

572. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate an action plan in the light of Justice (Rtd.) A.K. Roopanwal Commission Report on Rohit Vemula's suicide;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Export of Marine Food and Products

573. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:
SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of marine exports in the country along with the total quantum and value of marine food and products exported from India during the last three years, product and country-wise and the foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) whether there is a decline/growth in the export of marine food and products during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to boost the said export;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation from Lakshadweep Administration to export special tuna fish from Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Marine Products Development Authority has initiated any project in Lakshadweep to improve the

fishing export sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to protect the small and marginalised shrimp farmers in light of growing competition from Thailand and Vietnam?

Aadhaar Card Centres in Schools

†574. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to facilitate students, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is considering to set up Aadhaar facilitation centres in schools across the country;

(b) if so, the names of cities where the said Aadhaar Facilitation centres are likely to be set up State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and

(c) the time by which the centres are likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor?

Education among the Disadvantaged

†575. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has tried to ascertain the factors affecting the growth of education among Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes dominated and poverty ridden areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any mechanism has been set in place to improve the level of education and facilities in these areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities in Schools

†576. SHRI PANKAJ

CHAUDHARY:

SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR

REDDY:

SHRI JANARDAN SINGH

SIGRIWAL:

SHRI RAGHAV

LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that most Government schools at all levels in the country are lacking basic amenities like drinking water, toilets, electricity, playgrounds, etc. despite the strong remarks by Hon'ble Supreme Court and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated/ disbursed by the Government for providing basic amenities in schools during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise ?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Quality of Human Resource

†577. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is of the view that the country lacks quality human resources;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to solve this problem?

Digital Museum

578. ADV. CHINTAMAN
NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a digital museum related to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi and Lokmanya Tilak in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry is seeking help of other ministries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Budget earmarked for Conservation of Heritage Sites

579. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some old and historical buildings in the country have been listed in the category of heritage sites;

(b) if so, the names of those buildings which come under the category of World Heritage Sites and Indian Heritage Sites; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked for maintenance of such buildings during the last three years?

Ban on Import of Exotic Skins of Reptiles and Furs of Animals

580. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Animal Rights Activists/Government Departments have made several representations seeking ban on the import of skins of exotic reptiles like crocodiles and alligators and furs of certain animals including foxes and minks which are used to manufacture leather or for fur clothing and accessories;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government on these representations;

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(c) whether banning such imports is not likely to affect manufacturers of leather and clothing accessories and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in the interest of manufacturers of leather and clothing accessories?

Demand and Supply of Natural Gas

†581. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and consumption of gas and quantum of natural gas imported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the basis on which the price of the gas manufactured indigenously and imported gas is determined;

(c) the reasons for not determining uniform prices for gas and for supplying gas to industries in various States at different prices;

(d) whether the Government receives a part of its revenue from the manufacturing and supply of indigenously manufactured gas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocated on Conservation of Monuments

†582. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA
ALIAS HARISH
DWIVEDI:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sites identified as protected monuments/temples/forts/heritage sites in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of protected monuments/temples/forts and heritage sites lying in dilapidated conditions and on the verge of extinction due to lack of proper maintenance along with the action proposed to be taken for restoration of these monuments, State/UT and monument-wise;

(c) whether the ASI has received proposals from various State Governments in this regard and if so, the status of those proposals;

(d) the monument/temple/fort/heritage site/museum-wise details of the financial assistance granted and expenditure incurred for the conservation, protection and establishment during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that the funds provided are insufficient and the ASI is facing resource crunch for protecting these sites and if so, the steps taken to ensure availability of sufficient funds for this activity?

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Skill India Mission

†583. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide special facilities/ services/assistance to universities under the Skill India Mission across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of budget provided for this purpose and the number of universities identified under this mission?

Study on Entry of Foreign Universities

584. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study through the National Institutions for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog regarding setting up of foreign universities with country;

(b) if so, the various routes being considered to permit entry of foreign education providers and the details of the laws to regulate the operation of such universities in the country; and

(c) whether there are concerns pertaining to foreign universities not abiding by the rules in India and being accountable to the law as per their original location and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Ombudsmand for Private Universities

585. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cancelled the recognition of any deemed universities in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of such universities, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of students undergoing their studies in such universities;

(d) whether the Government has ordered the private universities and colleges to appoint ombudsmen and committees to solve various problems faced by the students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the list of ombudsmen appointed by the deemed and private universities?

Closure of Colleges

†586. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seats of engineering colleges are not being filled completely and if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(b) the total number of engineering colleges closed during the last three years and the reasons for such closure;

(c) the number of seats filled so far in the existing colleges;

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(d) whether the Government is contemplating to close down those colleges where a large number of seats remained vacant during the last three years; and

(e) the number of pending proposals/applications with University Grants Commission (UGC) or All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) for opening of new engineering colleges in the country?

Casual and Contract Labourers

†587. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of casual and contract labourers are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the industry/sector-wise casual labourers deployed during the last three years;

(c) whether the honorarium being given to the contract labourers is less than the honorarium given to the MGNREGA workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to fix minimum wages for all such categories of workers in the country and formulate welfare schemes besides providing pension and insurance facility to them and if so, the details thereof?

National Child Labour Project

588. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and the current status of the National Child Labour Project Scheme;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by various States thereunder during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the total number of child labourers rescued and rehabilitated during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) the names and details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) through which the said schemes have been implemented along with the details of funds provided to such NGOs in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the guidelines made for rehabilitation of child labourers in the country during the said period; and

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for Women Workers in AP

589. SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is running any specific schemes or programmes aimed at improving the status of women workers in Andhra Pradesh;

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the total funds allocated by Union Government and the fund spent by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the said purpose during the last three years, scheme/programme-wise?

Smart Class

590. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has any Plan to install "Smart Class Setup" among the entire Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has implemented any steps to increase computer literacy among school teachers, administrators and students, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds spent on the said programme during the last 5 years;

(d) whether these steps have led to an increased use of computers and ICT in schools across India and details thereof; and

(e) the number of schools which have benefitted from such steps and details thereof?

Transfer of Teachers

†591. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:
SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of transfer policy of the Government for the teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country including measures taken as part of the policy to address regional disparities amongst the schools;

(b) whether the Government proposes to give relaxation in certain specific cases for transfer to deemed vacancy in Navodaya Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the employees in said Vidyalayas covered by the transfer policy, State/UT-wise?

Boosting Farm Exports

592. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to create an institutional mechanism to address all inter-ministerial issues related to market access and export facilitation for agro products in order to boost farm exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is trying to get new markets for the export of various commodities like mangoes and grapes and if so, the details thereof;

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(d) whether these proposals are pending for want of appropriate documents prescribed by the importing nations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Demand of Petroleum Products

†593. SHRI RAM KUMAR
SHARMA :
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rise in crude oil prices in the international market is a result of/has been attributed to production cuts by oil producing countries and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether India is out of the largest importer of crude oil in the world and if so, the details thereof along with rank of India as importer of crude oil as compared to other countries;

(c) whether the demand of petroleum products including diesel/petrol which had risen sharply during the last two years reportedly got affected by demonetisation recently and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the steps taken to increase the

production of crude oil and petroleum products to meet the domestic demand including finalisation of a blue print to cut oil imports and target fixed in this regard along with developing alternative fuel economy to ensure energy sufficiency in the country;

(e) the quantum of petroleum products including crude oil and natural gas produced and consumed during the last three years and the current year and steps taken to bridge/remove the demand and supply gap, product-wise;

(f) the quantum of crude oil imported from various countries including Middle East Countries and foreign exchange and rupee spent thereon during the said period, country-wise including Iran and Saudi Arabia; and

(g) whether the Government proposes to review the oil import policy and invest in Saudi Arabia and Iran to import oil through pipeline and if so, the details thereof?

World Class Institutions

594. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:
SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has any proposal to establish world class institutions for higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress thereon, State-wise including Bhubaneshwar in Orissa;

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Literacy

595. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that as per the Education for all- Global Monitoring Report of the United Nations a considerable number of adults are illiterate in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is also aware that the female literacy initiative is under performing in terms of quality education in comparison to other neighbouring countries and it ranks low in global indices of female literacy rate and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the current percentage of illiterate people in the country State/UT-wise

particularly in Maharashtra along with the States where illiteracy is high;

(d) whether it is a fact that unemployment among educated people is also one of the reasons for illiteracy along with the other reasons and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to promote literacy programmes in the country, specially for female and children along with the funds sanctioned/ released for the purpose during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise?

Cashless Transactions

†596. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government considers it beneficial to make all the transactions in business and industrial sector cashless;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the benefits likely to accrue as a result of adopting the said mode of transaction especially in business and industrial sector;

(c) whether the customers are likely to pay commission on each transaction under the said system; and

(d) if so, the maximum and minimum rate of commission likely to be fixed in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

New Policy to Promote Tribal Culture

‡597. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy to keep tribal culture alive;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reference to Gujarat;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start new project to promote tribal culture in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has earmarked funds for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

(b) whether there is acute shortage and mismatch in the demand and supply of LPG cylinders in several States and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove the shortage and appoint sufficient of LPG distributors in such States to meet the demand, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of cases of inadequate door to door service/irregular and delayed home delivery, black-marketing, diversion of cylinders for commercial purpose, overcharging for LPG, underweight/pilferage of gas reported/noticed by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the number of said cases identified against the distributors/officials involved therein and raids conducted to detect/expose such irregularities along with the action taken thereon including cancellation of distributorship during the said period, State/UT-wise?

LPG Consumers

‡598. DR. NEPAL SINGH:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:
SHRI PRATAPRAO
JADHAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG consumers in the country and the steps taken to increase LPG coverage ratio in all rural/urban areas including to appoint LPG distributors at Panchayat/village level in proportion to target fixed in this regard, State/UT-wise;

Rehabilitation of Tribals

599. SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tribals affected/displaced due to various developmental projects especially National Water Projects in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of complaints received by the Government against the scheme of resettlement and rehabilitation of such displaced tribals including tribals who are displaced from Devamacchi Reserve Forest, Karnataka and the action taken by the Government thereon during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for better and proper rehabilitation/resettlement of such displaced tribals across the country and the extent of success therefrom?

Scrap-based Steel Production Units

600. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring a policy for setting up of scrap-based steel production units across the country; and

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

Cheap Steel Imports

†601. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has brought or proposes to bring more steel grades *i.e.* cold reduced low carbon sheets and strips, hard drawn wire and cold rolled strips under the quality control order, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has imposed 57 per cent anti-dumping duty on the steel imports to provide relief to the domestic steel industry, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has imposed different amount of anti-dumping duty on the steel imports from the different countries including China and Thailand, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, country-wise; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government to protect and promote the domestic steel industry?

Arrival of Foreign Tourists on e-Visa

†602. SHRI HARIOM SINGH
RATHORE:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:
SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign tourists visiting the country is on steep rise after launching of e-tourist visa scheme;

(b) if so, the number and status of tourist inflow in the country along with their nationality and the revenue earned therefrom, during the last three years and

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the current year, country-wise including dignitaries visited India on official business;

(c) whether the Government is going to capitalise this advantage and attract more tourists by extending e-visa facility to more countries in the world;

(d) whether the Government is taking any steps to simplify rules for foreign tourist and to provide them better services and security in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken in this regard?

Steel Production

†603. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:
SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:
PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:
ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel production and demand has declined during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the expected percentage growth of steel production and consumption during the current year;

(c) whether the steel imports declined and exports increased during the last year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the steel industry and its associated mining and metallurgy sectors

have got major investments during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to boost steel production and consumption in the country?

Ban on Polythene at Museums and Monuments

604. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned the use/possession of polythene at memorials/museums in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring strict regulations with penal provisions of fine and punishment for violation of norms including polythene use at memorials; and

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

Common Course for School Education

605. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:
SHRI C.R. PATIL:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce common course in all the National and State Education Boards in the country and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether it is a fact that the Government is pushing more and more schools to follow CBSE syllabus or start CBSE schools in the country to have uniform syllabus in all the schools and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the applications for starting CBSE schools in the States including Andhra Pradesh are pending for clearance from the Government and if so, the details thereof during the last three years along with the reasons thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the status of such applications, State/UT-wise and the time by when such applications are likely to be approved?

Vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†606. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of teachers and other posts lying vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fill the said vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas of country particularly in the newly established Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said vacancies are likely to be filled up by the Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is a shortage of subject teachers in many Kendriya Vidyalayas adversely affecting the education of students and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

Vacant Faculty Positions

607. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are vacant faculty positions in Jawahar Lal University (JNU) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to fill the vacant faculty posts in the near future and if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the details of the timeline for implementation of aforesaid proposal?

Socially Disadvantaged Students

608. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to nurture Education among the

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

orphan and HIV affected children residing in different child care institutions and orphanages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to financially support to promote the education at all levels and for the securing of the future and rehabilitation of such children along with scholarships for higher education among other benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New National Steel Policy

609. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame a new National steel policy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this would boost the coking coal supply aimed at achieving increased domestic availability of wash coking coal and to reduce import; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Book Fair

†610. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a book fair was organised in Delhi this year in a joint venture of National Book Trust and Trade Development council of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of publishers from around the country who participated in the said fair;

(d) whether foreign publishers also took part in this book fair and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the theme of the Book Fair was 'Manushi', which was meant to portray the variety of books written on and by the women writers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Private Universities

†611. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow the set up of private universities in various parts of country including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the rules and regulations under which these universities are allowed to function in separate fields; and

(d) the details of the grants given by the Government for setting up of such universities?

Expenditure Incurred on National Museum

612. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) the expenditure incurred on the National Museum in New Delhi during the last five years;

(b) the details of any new acquisitions in historical artefacts during the last five years;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of artefacts on display in the museum and if so, the details thereof;

(d) Whether the Government has any plan to repatriate artefacts currently housed in museums abroad, specifically the British Museum and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government plans to borrow these artefacts temporarily from foreign museums if the repatriation of those artefacts are not possible and if so, the details thereof?

Review of Functioning of Tobacco Board

613. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of Tobacco Board located in Guntur Andhra Pradesh along with its other offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the said review is likely to be conducted by the Government?

Ban on Indian Poultry Products

614. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saudi Arabia has banned imports of poultry products from India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether India's poultry exports to Saudi Arabia are costly compared to those from Brazil and America and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is likely to consider creation of bird flu-free zones to help shipments of poultry from regions declared safe and prevent export from sensitive zones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sachar Committee Report

615. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes, as per the recommendation of the Sachar Committee report, to link madarsas with higher secondary school boards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry intends to recognise the degrees from madarsas for eligibility for entrance exams like defence, civil and banking examinations, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Norms of UGC on ad-hoc Teachers

†616. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the vacant posts, both teaching and non-teaching, in various Central Universities of the country and the steps being taken by the Government for making regular appointment on such posts along with the reasons for delay in filling up of these posts;

(b) the response of the Academic Council of the University of Delhi to the new norms of the University Grants Commission regarding the Ad-hoc teachers employed in the Delhi University for last many years;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the Ad-hoc teachers are apprehended to become deprived of permanent jobs in case the norms of the UGC are implemented; and

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

Indian Tourism Network with South East Asian Countries

617. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to link Indian tourism network with south east Asian countries to create gain from strong tourism in south east Asia *via* an integrated southeast Asia and India tourism circuit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the obstacles that prevent India from taking trans national tourism venture?

Eateries at Heritage Sites

†618. SHRI CHANDRAKANT

KHAIRE:

SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use the land belonging to the cultural heritage sites for the purpose of setting up eateries etc. at a specified rate while ensuring that no damage is done to cultural heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make the said cultural heritage sites more attractive?

Yoga in Schools

†619. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for introducing yoga in all the schools of the country;

(b) whether some States are not adopting yoga programme and if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor;

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(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint yoga teachers in each schools of the country and if so, the details thereof and the criteria proposed to be adopted by the Government for making these appointments?

Skill Development Centres in Universities

620. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken any decision to open skill development centres in universities and other higher educational institutions in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh and the time by which these centres are likely to be set up?

Teachers in IGNOU

621. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that in view of severe crunch of teachers in universities, the Ministry has increased the age of superannuation of 'classroom teachers' from 62 to 65 years and the definition of 'classroom teacher' in this regard;

(b) the details of Centrally funded higher education institutions in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether it is not a fact that Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) teachers mandate/duty is to prepare/edit curriculum and they are never involved in classroom teaching since the concept of IGNOU is distance learning;

(d) whether IGNOU Act permits Board of Management to take any decision even without amending the IGNOU Act and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, whether Ministry is aware that IGNOU has increased superannuation age from 62 to 65 on its own and if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Strengthening of ASI Office in Bhubaneswar

622. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen Archaeological Survey of India Offices in the country particularly at Bhubaneswar with required laboratory facilities and technical manpower for issue of non-antiquity certificate in time in order to boost export oriented handicraft industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the time by which the said process will be completed?

Promotion of Retail Sector

623. SHRI KAMAL NATH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently decided to adopt a three-pronged approach to revitalise country's retail and wholesale trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a regulatory body is likely to be established for national internal trade (retail and wholesale) and a Board for internal trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives therefor along with the extent to which common men are likely to be benefitted therefrom?

Schools for Child Labourers

†624. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of special schools (Child Labour Rehabilitation-cum-Welfare Centres) operational in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided and utilised by these special schools during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring child labourers into the main stream of education?

Brain Drain

625. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking several initiatives to reverse brain drain from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is aware of the reasons for which youths of the country are migrating to other countries and if so, the details thereof?

Production and Export of Khadi

626. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN

REDDY:

SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI

PAATLE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of khadi products exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the production, sale and export of khadi products, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for setting up khadi industries in the rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide fresh financial subsidy to khadi industries in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

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Self-financing Engineering Colleges

627. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed a number of violations and malpractices in various self-financing Engineering Colleges in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also noticed that students were forced to even commit suicide due to the said developments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to appoint a high level agency to monitor the functioning of the self financed engineering colleges and if so, the details thereof?

**Adarsh Smarak Programme for
Upgradation of Monuments**628. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government announced 'Adarsh Smarak' programme for restoration of ancient monuments in the country and if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the scheme;

(b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has identified some monuments to be developed as Model

Monuments and to extend tourist amenities under Adarsh Smarak Programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of monuments identified and included in the list of Adarsh Smarak in various States/UTs of the country, State/UT-wise along with the funds allocated to implement this programme;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals for inclusion of monuments from various State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the proposals, State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

POSCO Steel Plants

629. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether POSCO, the Korean Steel Company has cancelled the memorandum of understanding to set up a mega Steel plant in Odisha;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware about the plan of POSCO to set up Steel plant in other regions of country rather than Odisha;

(d) if so, whether all the clearances from the Union Government had been provided to POSCO to set up the Steel Plant in Odisha; and

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

Foreign Trade

†630. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed norms for import of toys/equipments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to carry out an amendment in Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act to impose quantitative restriction on goods imported from China and impose penalty on traders violating the said law;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with its current status;

(d) whether the profit earned from foreign trade has registered an increase during the past few years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase India's foreign trade?

Inter-disciplinary Higher Education

631. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to develop inter-disciplinary education in higher education in the country;

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

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

Model Schools

632. SHRI SULTAN AHMED:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has deferred/shelved the proposal to set up Model Schools on Public Private Partnership model in Non-Educationally Backward Blocks across the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Model schools that have become operational across the country including in the State of West Bengal, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of Model Schools approved and amount sanctioned in the State of West Bengal?

Single Teacher Schools

633. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are a large number of schools in the country are run by a single teacher and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that schools have the prescribed student-teacher ratio;

(c) whether it is a fact that the teachers of schools also perform duties other than teaching;

(d) if so, the measures taken to ensure that the teachers whose primary job is to

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teach are able to fulfil their duties without the interruption all other duties allocated to them; and

(e) the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill vacancies of school teachers in the country?

Scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribes

634. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased/proposes to increase the level of funding for the 'Scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribes' owing to the increase in number of districts having more than 25% ST girls population;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated to these new districts since Caste Census data was made public;

(c) whether the Government has increased the funding in consonance with increase in population of STs during the last year; and

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

Setting up of Refilling Plant

†635. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG bottling plants of various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) operating in the country, OMCs/location/State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up gas refilling plant in various parts of the country including certain locations in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the supply of gas is likely to be done from the said gas refilling plants, State/UT-wise?

Share of Companies to Workers

†636. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to provide share of companies and factories to the labourers working in these companies and factories is under consideration of the Government; and

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

Employment Opportunities for Technical and Arts Graduates

†637. PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether only a small percentage of the students who get graduate and post

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graduate degrees every year in the country in technical and Arts streams manage to get jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulate any action plan to tackle the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Export of Spices

638. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of spices has not shown considerable improvement in the country despite having good demand abroad;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute additional Boards for the promotion of spices and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total earning of the Government from exports and indicating the percentage of earnings in it from the export of spices?

Caste Based Discrimination

639. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed

major concerns related to cast based discrimination and resultant student or teacher facing harassment in the universities in the country;

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

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

Recruitment in NIOS

640. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recruited the fresh Directors, Dy. Directors etc. in National Institute of Open School (NIOS) during the last 5 years; and

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

No Detention Policy

641. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

DR. K. GOPAL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

SHRI NALIN KUMAR

KATEEL:

DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'No Detention Policy' has become contentious issue due to deteriorating learning outcomes of students;

(b) if so, whether the Government is

reviewing to scrap the policy considering its adverse consequences and recommendation of the State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that Vasudev Devnani Committee has recommended that a child should be given a chance before detention from class Fifth onwards and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to bring amendments in the Right to Education Act in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Import of Firecrackers

†642. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of firecrackers were imported from China till October, 2016; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New Central Universities

643. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently established or is planning to establish new Central Universities in the country to provide facilities of higher education, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the access to higher education in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enrolment of Students

644. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently reviewed the enrolment of school students in rural areas in all the States in the country especially Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the education standard of primary and secondary in the country specially in rural areas; and

(d) the details of funds spent for improving the quality of education through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat during each of the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duties

645. SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN: SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes

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to impose anti-dumping duty on certain variety of Steel products imported from China and the European Union players to safeguard domestic steel manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the list of steel variety being considered for imposition of anti-dumping duty;

(c) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of glazed/unglazed porcelain/vitrified tiles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures being taken to help the domestic industry?

Promotion of Khadi

646. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modernise the khadi industries to boost the production and sale of khadi clothes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce minimum wages in the form of Income support scheme and other incentives to attract more workers, specially women to take employment in khadi production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the States which have seen/reported an increase in number of workers entering into khadi production enterprises in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Establishment of Libraries in the Name of Pandit Deen Dayal

647. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN: SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to establish libraries named after Pandit Deen Dayal in various parts of the country;

(b) whether the Government is considering to open such libraries in various States of the country including kerala and Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the number and locations, of these libraries State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to extend support to individuals for opening private libraries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Medical Tourism

648. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO: SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY: SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE: SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI: SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL: SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken

special measures and has implemented any special schemes/policies to promote medical tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the States/UTs identified for the promotion of medical tourism sector;

(c) whether the Government has set up any mechanism to provide special facilities and guidance to the tourists who come to avail medical facilities and if so, the details thereof along with the details of facilities being provided by the Government;

(d) the details and the total number of tourists coming to India for medical treatment, country-wise along with the revenue generated therefrom during the last five years, year-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to develop any Medical tourism hub in the South India and if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Khadi Products

649. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:
SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:
SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of Khadi products has seen a spurt during the last three years and the current year in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularise khadi products and increase its share in the

markets in the country and the extent of success achieved therefrom; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make khadi products available at affordable prices in the country?

Promotion of Conventions to Promote Tourism

650. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO
RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Tourism Industry is expecting to overtake the IT sector in the country by 2020 in terms of economy and employment generation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Tourism is regional and each State needs to create special packages to sell its advantages to generate income and employment;

(d) whether the Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether India too has the advantage of attracting foreign students and that potential needs to be tapped and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Rationalisation of Labour
Laws**

651. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated/proposes to initiate a process of simplifying, rationalising and amalgamating the 44 labour laws into 4 codes and if so, the details and the current status thereof;

(b) whether the new labour policy proposes to uphold the interests of the labourers by ensuring better social security, safety of organised/unorganised labourers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for better and effective implementation of Labour Laws, compliance under various laws as per the international treaties and conventions in place in this regard?

Bonded Labour

652. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:
SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether forced and bonded labour system continues to persist both in the urban/backward and rural areas despite its abolition in the country;

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

(c) the number of cases reported under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, along with the action taken by the Government against the guilty during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) the number of bonded labourers identified, released and rehabilitated along with the funds provided to the States under the Bonded Labourers Rehabilitation scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to completely abolish bonded labour system in the country?

Model Shops and Establishments

653. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and current status of Model Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Bill, 2016;

(b) whether this provides for liberty to States for fine tuning the Model bill while making Acts to suit their requirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this Model bill gives freedom to operate for 365 days in a year and opening/closing time of establishment, women to be permitted employment during night shift, the provision of shelter, rest room, ladies toilets, adequate protection of their dignity and transportation etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Entrance Examination

654. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJI RAO:

SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level meeting by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) was held in New Delhi recently and if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives thereof and the details of the participants in the meeting along with the outcome of the issues discussed in the said meeting;

(b) whether the Government has decided to hold single Entrance Test in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States have objected to the single entrance test plan for engineering colleges including private institutions across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring transparency and reduce the burden on students of having to appear in several entrance tests for engineering examinations; and

(e) whether the Government is also considering making an exit test mandatory for students, who are passing out of college

to assess their skill sets and if so, the details thereof?

Festival of India

655. SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the festival of India is being organised by the Government in Ghana from January 25 to March 16, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated along with the expenditure likely to be incurred during the said festival;
- (c) the activities organised along with the artists and artisans who have participated/are participating in the festival;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to organize such type of festivals in other countries in near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Indian Culture in the world?

Export of Curry Leaves

656. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity and value of curry leaves exported from India during the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) whether the European Union(EU) has banned the import of curry leaves from India due to multiple pesticide residue found in the curry leave consignments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such items of other countries banned by India due to pesticide residue, country-wise;
- (d) whether India is likely to resume export of curry leaves to EU after a gap of three years and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to resolve the matter with the EU; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of vegetables including curry leaves after strict checking including lab tests and Agmark certification?

**Crude Oil Production by
OPEC**

657. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM
GAIKWAD:

SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that the organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has agreed to cut output of crude oil recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some non-OPEC producers have also agreed to cut output of crude oil production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the likely impact of the said decision on Indian economy as well as on consumers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard and also to stabilise the price of crude oil in the country?

Welfare of Labourers

†658. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:
SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/programmes being run by the Government for the welfare and upliftment of labourers/workers in the country;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study/survey on the conditions of the workers in their workplace; and

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve their overall conditions including safety, health and working conditions at workplaces?

e-Ticketing at Monuments

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

Will the Minister of CULTURE

संस्कृति मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched e-ticketing facility at Monuments to provide an online booking facility for foreign and domestic visitors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this facility is introduced in all the monuments and if so, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* the number of monuments of ASI where fees are charged from visitors to visit the monuments;

(c) whether the Government is also in the process to procure hardware to have

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computerized facility for the sale of e-tickets at monuments and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has launched a portal in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Export Infrastructure

660. SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning a scheme to help States to build their export infrastructure by providing financial support and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the States are likely to be ranked on their performances in providing logistical support to companies and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is devising means to fund the infrastructure requirements of States for trade under Trade Infrastructure for export scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to help States to build their export infrastructure; and

(e) whether the Government has made any study on the export competitiveness of various States and if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise along with the measures taken to enhance their export competitiveness?

Transaction Fee on Digital Payment on Petrol Pumps

661. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumers are being charged transaction fee on transactions made through debit and credit cards at various petrol pumps in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the mechanism/criteria fixed/laid down by the Government to bear the said cost by the customers/petrol pump dealers;

(c) whether the Governemnt has discussed/taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance and if so the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage consumers for extensive use of debit/credit cards at various petrol pumps in the country to promote cashless transactions?

Sports Education in Schools

662. DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to make sports compulsory in schools and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) the details of various schemes implemented by the Ministry along with such schemes which are helpful in making sports interesting for the students;

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposal for construction of swimming pools has been postponed and it is now to be completed in the next financial year and if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) whether the Government is also considering to provide concessions to students in academic performance on account of achievements in sports and if so, the details thereof?

ESIC Medical Colleges

†663. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA :
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of medical colleges

running under the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the country along with the total number of workers covered thereunder, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the ESIC/Government proposes to set up new Medical Colleges/ Super Speciality Hospitals in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified and funds allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of the facilities available in such medical colleges/super speciality hospitals along with the number of persons benefited therefrom during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the ESIC hospitals have adequate medical facilities to cater to the needs of their beneficiaries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps being taken by the Government to augment the same?

Expansion of EPF Ambit

664. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI :
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:
SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring in more employees from Public and Private sector as well as unorganized sector into the ambit of EPF;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is considering to make employee's contribution to EPF optional for certain sectors like textile and apparel workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken by the Government for welfare of such workers; and

(e) whether the Government is also considering to hike the wage ceiling for availing EPF benefits and if so, the details thereof along with its likely impact on the EPF scheme?

LPG Connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

†665. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
DR. BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ
SAHU:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:
SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:
SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI CHANDRAKANT
KHAIRE:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI
GEETHA:
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:
ADV. CHINTAMAN
NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/criteria laid down to provide gas connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and the number of free of cost connections provided to BPL families under PMUY and CSR scheme of Oil Marketing Companies since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has achieved the target to provide gas connection to every BPL/poor household particularly in those States/UT where LPG coverage is less than the national coverage;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to increase the LPG coverage and remove the shortfall across the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether LPG distributors have requested the Government not to exert pressure on them to provide connection under PMUY citing serious safety and security concerns involved in implementing and providing LPG connections under the scheme and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with safety parameters prescribed by the Government for installing an LPG connection to BPL families under PMUY;

(e) the number of cases of BPL beneficiaries identified who have been reportedly deprived of availing the benefits of the scheme due to wrong filing of data

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entry and other reasons and the action taken by the Government to rectify the data and provide connection to the intended beneficiary, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the number of people who have voluntarily given up the LPG subsidy so far, State/UT-wise, including Karnataka?

DBT for Kerosene

†666. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
DR. A. SAMPATH:
SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARASWATI:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch the Direct Benefit Transfer in Kerosene (DBTK) and if so, the details thereof along with the norms/criteria and number of States covered including quantum of funds transferred under DBTK so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is mandatory or optional for the State Governments to increase the commission of wholesale kerosene dealers and if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations/circular issued by the Government in this regard and the number of States who have increased the commission of wholesale kerosene dealers, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the kerosene quota allocated to various States including Madhya Pradesh is sufficient to meet their demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of kerosene quota allocated/consumed by various States during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether there is any proposal to cut the subsidy for fishermen and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the Government has noticed any shortage of kerosene in backward/rural areas wherein people depend on kerosene for lighting their houses and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure adequate and regular supply of kerosene in such areas, State/UT-wise?

DBTL for LPG

667. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:
SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism/guidelines prescribed for the Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG Scheme (DBTL)/PAHAL for LPG consumers along with the aims and objectives of the scheme and the extent to which the scheme has been successful in achieving its aims and objectives;

(b) whether linkage of Aadhaar Card with consumers bank accounts is mandatory under the Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG (DBTL) Scheme for all the LPG consumers to avail LPG subsidy

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and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of LPG consumers who have linked Aadhaar number to their bank accounts, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent leakages in subsidy of domestic LPG cylinders for non-domestic applications after receipt of the subsidy by consumers in their bank account;

(d) whether the DBTL subsidy scheme has been helpful/successful in curbing fraudulent LPG distribution system and if so, the details thereof along with the number of fraudulent/ghost/fake connections identified and cancelled and action taken against responsible persons including the quantum of subsidy saved as a result thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of LPG consumers who have voluntarily given up their LPG subsidy so far and whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to do away LPG subsidy from rich/higher income bracket people and if so, the criteria fixed/study undertaken by the Government to determine the subsidy formula in this regard, State/ UT-wise?

Internship for Students

668. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for project oriented internships for college or school students in different ministries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is planning to make reservations for students belonging to SC/ST and OBC categories in such internships also; and

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

Teacher Training and Quality of Education

†669. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that there is an urgent need to improve the quality of teaching in schools in the country and if so, whether the Government has any proposal to focus on both improving physical infrastructure and methodology of teaching by providing proper training to teachers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quality of primary education is declining due to rampant corruption in many States including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and if so, the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to improve the education system in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to coordinate with the States for improving primary education and re-open the teacher training centres in all the States and if so,

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the time by when these are likely to be done ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government also provides any funds to State Governments for teacher training programmes and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh ; and

(f) whether the said funds have been fully utilized by the State Governments and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

FDI in MSME Sector

670. SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:
SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to promote foreign direct investment in small and medium enterprises and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction;

(b) whether the Government plans to allow ownership to be transferred to an Indian partner after a specific period of time in the FDI industry and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government intends to re-orient the National Manufacturing Policy to promote Smart Manufacturing as per the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Commerce and if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive Development of Tourism

671. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:
SHRI C.R. PATIL:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a tourism plan for the comprehensive development of tourism in the country with the support of State Governments/UTs;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details of the steps taken by the Government for the development of tourism in various States along with the tourist spots/places identified by the Government for development of tourism infrastructure;

(c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken any efforts to make budget hotels and to increase the facilities for tourists in various States/UTs including Lakshadweep and Jharkhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Maternity Leave

672. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the time span of the compulsory

paid maternity leave from 12 weeks to 26 weeks in private organizations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to amend section 4 of the Maternity Benefits Act, 1961, to ensure that women employed in various public sector undertakings receive the same benefit; and

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

Performance of Steel Sector

673. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

Will the Minister of STEEL

इस्पात मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of iron ore and finished steel produced, consumed and exported during each of the last three years, value-wise;

(b) whether the domestic steel industry is suffering from fall in profits and turnover due to the shortage of iron ore and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of iron ore to the domestic steel industries and discourage the export of raw iron ore?

Jagdishpur-Haldia Gas Pipeline

674. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to fund a certain percentage of the

Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dharma gas pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of areas and places including industrial and domestic transport sector likely to be benefitted from the said pipeline;

(d) whether any expansion plan has been chalked out by the Government to cover Northern States and for export or import of gas from Nepal and Bangladesh from this pipeline; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard so far?

Setting up of Refineries

675. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has tied up with Sri Lankan Government for setting up refineries in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the IOCL proposes to make similar move in other SAARC countries also and if so, the details thereof?

Assistance for Cold Storage Facility

676. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to strengthen cold storage and warehousing infrastructure facilities in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount of funds sanctioned for this purpose?

Funds for Backward States under RMSA

†677. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the educationally backward States of the country including Rajasthan are being provided funds for the purpose of library, laboratories etc. under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);

(b) if so, the details of funds granted by the Government to States for basic facilities in Government schools under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise, including Karnataka;

(c) whether it is a fact that under the said programme, the drinking water facilities in schools in several States are poor and if so, the details thereof and the time by when this is likely to be resolved; and

(d) whether the Government has received complaints that funds provided to the Government schools for the maintenance and upkeep of toilets etc. are

insufficient and if so, the details thereof and remedial action taken in this regard?

Proposals Received for the Development of Tourism Sector

678. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM

पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala for the Development of Tourist circuits and Destination Development Schemes;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred along with the progress and achievement made so far in this regard?

Educationally Backward States

679. KANWAR SINGH
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States which have been identified as educationally backward in the country;

(b) the criteria adopted for the identification of such States;

(c) the reasons for such backwardness; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

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**Allotment of Land for
Industries**

†680. SHRIMATI SAVITRI
THAKUR:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding allotment of land and capital investment for industrial units under 'Make in India' in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated employment likely to be generated therefrom State UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines prohibiting the use of arable land and land on which local people have their houses in for establishment of new industries/factories and for using waste land for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

**Industrial Corridor
Projects**

681. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial corridor projects already sanctioned and under consideration of the Government in the country.

(b) the progress made on execution of these projects so far. project-wise; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Industrial Corridor Authority on the lines of NHAI for speedy implementation of the said projects and if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment

682. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH :
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:
SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI
PAATLE:
DR. BANSHILAL
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CHAUDHURY:
SHRI D.K. SURESH
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN :
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:
SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment is on the rise in the country during recent years and is reportedly at an all time high at present and if so, the details thereof along with the employment generated both in organised and unorganised sectors during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for eradication of unemployment in the

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country and the achievements thereof during the said period, year and State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether any survey/study has been conducted to ascertain employment and unemployment situation in the country and if so, the details and the findings thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh along with the follow-up action taken/being taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government has identified or proposes to identify certain core sector that can create high employment growth in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove unemployment/ create more employment opportunities in the country?

Welfare of Construction workers

683. SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO :
SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

श्रम और रोजगार मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the money so collected by levying 2% cess on all construction work by the Government has been fully utilised for the welfare of construction workers:

(b) if so, the money collected and spent on welfare of workers during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has issued/ proposes to issue Universal Account Number (UAN) to construction workers for getting benefits under provisions of Employees Provident Fund Act: and

(d) if so, the details thereof State-wise along with the other measures taken by the Government for welfare of construction workers?

Syllabus on Shivaji

†684. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT books for class seventh, tenth and twelfth in Maharashtra contain only a small reference regarding Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has received any memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government with regard to the said memorandum and the steps taken for including detailed description of the life and history of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the NCERT syllabus?

Impact of Demonetisation on Commerce and Industry Sector

†685. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of demonetisation on commerce and Industry sector of the country:

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(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof: and

(c) the special measures taken/being taken by the Government to safeguard the Commerce and Industry Sector from the impact of demonitisation?

Development of International Buddhist Circuit

686. SHRI C.R. PATIL:
SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM
पर्यटन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received by the Government from various States including Gujarat under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of International Buddhist Circuit covering the various places in those States:

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

(c) whether any such project is being considered as a special project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and that its planning and implementation is being supplemented by accessing funds from various international Multilateral Agencies; and

(d) whether the Government has identified an international funding agency for financing the project and if so, the details of those agencies?

Unapproved Education Institutions

†687. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many educational institutions in the country are offering admission in Diploma and Degree courses without getting prior permission/approval from MI India council for technical Education/University Grant Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the State/UT-wise details of the action taken by the Government against such institutions/erring persons during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to cancel the status of such institutions violating the terms and condition of recognition and affiliation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Out of Schools

688. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that freshly released census 2011 data has revealed that a large number of children do not go to school at all in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that many Indian children are forced to earn a livelihood even as they attend schools and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that the increasing cost of education is one of the reasons for the piling number of students who do not go to school; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that free education is provided to such students?

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Forest Right Titles

†689. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS

जनजातीय कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefits available under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 have been provided to the forest dwelling communities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(h) the number of claims for distribution of titles/patta received under the Act and the number of titles/patta out of them distributed, rejected and pending indicating the total number of claims disposed off in percentage terms, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the collective claims have also been considered under the said Act, and if so, the number of collective claims received during each of the last three years; State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the provisions of the said Act have not been implemented in all the States across the country; and

(e) if so, the details and the implementation status thereof, State/UT-wise along with steps taken/being taken by the Government for its better effective and

expeditious implementation in all the States in the country?

Library Policy

690. SHRI PR. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that library support staff have not been provided as prescribed in the New Library Policy and Procedural Manual approved by KVS and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the facilities for temporary teachers and non teaching staff like librarians in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) etc.;

(e) whether the Librarians and other non teaching staff are given extra works/duties like taking primary classes, making lab/class room arrangements in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the vacancy position in KVs in the country in Teaching and Non-Teaching staffs as well as Librarians, State/UT-wise?

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