

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, March 30, 2022/ 9 Chaitra, 1944 (Saka)

(Ministries : Cooperation; Education; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions -- 15

Lateral entry at Professor level

286 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) is contemplating to allow lateral entry in teaching at Professor level without any PhD degree or NET in various Universities and degree colleges; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Steps taken to improve job potential for women

287 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the actions taken to improve job potential for women in the country;
- (b) how many women are benefited under Micro-Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Scheme; and
- (c) whether Government has done evaluation study of benefits accrued to women due to MUDRA?

Star rating system for cars

288 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan so that our country has its own star rating system which would test the cars under varied parameters;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) apart from the safety of the occupants, what measures are being proposed for the safety of the pedestrians and all the other vulnerable road users?

Social security pension to senior citizens

289 **Shri John Brittas:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is paying social security pension to eligible senior citizens who are deprived of any other kind of Central/State pensions;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount and the terms and conditions for payment of the same;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is proposing to increase the present amount;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Admissions through Union Minister's discretionary quota in KVs

290 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of admissions recommended through Union Minister's discretionary quota in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), year-wise, during the last three years;
- (b) whether Union Minister's admissions quota for KVs follows reservation policy for SC, ST, OBC and EWS;
- (c) if so, the number of admissions recommended under each reservation category over last three years;
- (d) if not, the number of admissions which went to reserved categories even if Minister's quota was not exercised as per reservation policy;
- (e) whether Member of Parliament (MP) quota follows reservation policy, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of admissions across reservation categories under MP quota?

Child marriages in the country

291 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the prevalence of child marriages in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal of considering the issue of child marriage under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any survey to determine the prevalence of child marriages in the preceding three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any guidelines or directions have been issued to tackle the issue of rise of child marriages during the pandemic, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds spent for advertisement of BBBP

292 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of funds spent by Government for the advertisement of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' (BBBP) scheme during the year 2021-22;
- (b) whether it is a fact that more expenditure has been incurred on advertisement of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme during the year 2021-22 as compared to 2020-21; and
- (c) the details thereof, State-wise?

Central University of Tamil Nadu

293 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details with regard to Government approved budget and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Central University of Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (b) whether any upgradation of infrastructure or faculty is proposed;
- (c) the number of colleges affiliated to it and the number of students who have passed out and graduated from the University;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to establish more Central Universities across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu for the year 2022 ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of Greenfield Highway at Krishnapatnam Port

294 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) by when the Ministry planned to construct Greenfield Highway at Krishnapatnam Port with an estimated cost of ₹ 462 crores and also a road from Nellore town to Krishnapatnam Port, with an estimated cost of ₹ 360 crores, the details thereof;
- (b) the present status of the above mentioned roads;
- (c) whether there is any cost and time overrun; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of dependents of CAPF

295 Shri Abdul Wahab:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has the data of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers who passed away while on duty during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government had received any proposal to rehabilitate the dependents of the security forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken up by Government in this regard?

Funds allocated for the welfare of tribals

296 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for the welfare of tribals during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of the expenditure made in that regard, State-wise?

Funds allocated under MGNREGS to Andhra Pradesh

297 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has fully allocated funds that were earmarked to the State of Andhra Pradesh in the financial year 2021-22 for implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Huge gap between sanctioned and operational AWCs and MAWCs

298 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge gap between the number of sanctioned and operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and Mini-Anganwadi Centres (MAWCs) in the country during last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) whether a large proportion of the said Centres are operating/running from rented buildings/semi-pucca buildings/open/partially covered spaces and do not have basic amenities such as toilets, potable water, separate kitchen, medicine kits, etc.;
- (d) if so, the number of such centres in the country, State-wise/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken to provide them the basic facilities?

Funds for Mid-Day Meal Scheme

299 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated to the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the allocated fund to different States has been reduced, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how much fund has been utilised out of the fund allocated to MDMS during the last three years, State-wise and by when the amount reduced for the scheme will be restored for the benefit of marginalised sections of the school children all over the country, the details thereof?

Admission under CwSN category

300 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has collected data on the number of vacant seats in private schools under the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) category;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons identified for such vacancies including whether such children are admitted under general category; and
- (d) the steps taken to address the same?

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