

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, February 9, 2022/ 20 Magha, 1943 (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

Vacant seats in premier engineering colleges

76 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of vacant seats in IITs, NITs and IIITs during the last two years; and
- (b) the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to ensure that seats are allotted to deserving candidates?

Institutions for PwDs

77 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of institutions for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) set up by Government for the convenience of PwDs during the last three years;
- (b) the details of total number of such institutions in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of benefits that can be availed by the PwDs from these institutions?

Upgradation of NHs from Ghazipur to Hajipur

78 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has announced the upgradation and four laning of National Highways between Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh and Hajipur, Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of present status thereof along with the details of present status of land acquisition for the same?

Irregularities under PMAY-G in Odisha

79 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding large scale irregularities in

the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in the State of Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would go for a full-scale enquiry to find out all faults and irregularities, get it corrected and ensure that the pro-poor ambitious scheme of Government is not derailed in Odisha; and

(d) the details of action, including criminal action, taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the culprit officials for the irregularities caused willingly and deliberately?

Financial assistance to Polytechnics and ITIs

80 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of the Ministry under which polytechnics/ITIs in various States are provided financial assistance, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of polytechnics/ITIs in Maharashtra which were provided financial support under such scheme during last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry provides any funds for revising the syllabi of polytechnics in consultation with local industries; and

(d) the details of Maharashtra Polytechnics in particular, who were funded for this cause?

Reduction in LWE incidents

81 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) has reduced substantially;

(b) if so, the highest number of incidents of LWE violence in a year and the number of incidents of LWE violence in 2021;

(c) the highest number of death of civilians and security forces in the incidents of LWE violence in a year and the number of death of civilians and security forces in the incidents of LWE violence in 2021; and

(d) the interventions of Government for prevention of LWE?

Moral education in schools

82 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no defined syllabus of moral education in primary schools;

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

(c) whether there are any detailed plans to include such subjects at the higher education level as well?

Use of drugs among women and children

83 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that the incidence of use of drugs is rising rapidly among women and children in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the steps proposed by Government to control it;
- (c) the number of women and children detained for selling/using drugs during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance provided to de-addiction centres during the said period, State-wise?

Implementation of Programmes under NEP

84 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government in selecting and empowering Institutions of Eminence in the country;
- (b) the details of the steps taken to facilitate and enable world-class global educational institutions to set up campuses in the country; and
- (c) the budgetary allocation targeted towards the implementation of different programmes under the National Education Policy for the academic year 2021-22?

Death of parents during COVID-19

85 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 2 lakh children lost either of the parent during COVID-19 and are facing severe problems in order to survive;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect such children?

E- portal to monitor implementation of village Panchayat schemes

86 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan for creation of e-portal for monitoring implementation, evaluation, monitoring and quality control on schemes meant for execution of village-level schemes for better transparency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether State Governments are also being encouraged for the establishment of such portals for honest implementation of schemes in villages; and
- (c) the priority areas of development identified for villages as per the current needs of the people, especially in view of the economic prosperity of the villagers?

Underweight and stunted children in the country

87 Shri Kapil Sibal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 35.5 per cent of children below the age of five in the country are stunted and 32.1 per cent are underweight;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the progress made towards Government's target of reducing stunting to 25 per cent by 2022 and how Government proposes to meet this target?

Income limit for OBC/EWS

88 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- whether the annual income limit for the EWS group of General category for availing the benefit of reservation has been fixed at ₹8,00,000/-;
- the annual income limit currently fixed for the creamy layer section of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- whether the Constitution of India gives the mandate to prescribe different yardsticks for economic parity of two communities within same country; and
- the year, since when the annual income limit for creamy layer section of OBCs has been kept unchanged?

Children beneficiaries under ICDS

89 # **Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

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

- the number of children who have benefited from Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), the world's largest program being run by Government for the holistic development of children, during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise;
- the number and the details of the participation of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the implementation of this programme, State-wise; and
- the annual budget earmarked for the said scheme?

Admission test for Undergraduate programmes in Delhi University

90 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- whether Delhi University has decided to conduct admission test for admission to Undergraduate programmes rather than marks obtained in the respective Board examination and if so, the details thereof;
- whether there is a proposal to give due weightage to the Board examination results while finalising the admission list like certain percentage for Board examination results and certain percentage for admission test; and
- whether Delhi University is prepared for introducing the four-year degree programme from next academic year and if so, the details of such initiatives like course curriculum, teachers' training and orientation, infrastructure and other logistics required for such changes?

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