

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

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Harnessing of atomic energy capacity

1761. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has been lagging behind in harnessing atomic energy capacity for various reasons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to meet atomic energy capacity?

Agreement for setting up of nuclear reactor

1762. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed agreements with new companies for setting up Nuclear Reactors in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the reactors to be supplied under the agreement is installed in any other part of the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for buying untested reactors?

Power generation from nuclear power plants

†1763. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power generated by the nuclear power plants situated in the country, location-wise; and

(b) whether Government has ensured sufficient and continuous supply of fuel for these plants and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Targets for expansion of atomic energy

1764. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that targets for expansion of atomic energy have been set by Government;

(b) if so, the details of these targets and by when these are being decided to be achieved;

(c) whether the dependence of the country on the import of fuel would increase, to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the percentage of supply of fuel to be met with imports?

Measures to meet targets for nuclear power

1765. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to meet the target set for nuclear power generation by the year 2022; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to improve research and development practices in nuclear energy?

Indo-Japan nuclear agreement leading to NSG membership

1766. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Japan signed agreement for cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy, recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would increase the chances of opening doors for India to commission nuclear reactors by global entities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would push India's claim for membership of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and if so, the details thereof?

Funds under NLCPR for North-East

1767. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crores of rupees under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) plan fund are lying unutilized towards development of States of North-East including Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details of funds released since 2005 and pending amount with the centre since inception thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 10 per cent of the budgets of the Central Ministries are earmarked for NLCPR, if so, details of allocation since 2005 therefor, Ministry-wise; and

(d) proposal of Government to release funds and the recommendation of the 2nd Administrative Reform Commission thereon?

Research on earthquake risk mitigation

†1768. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether special emphasis was laid on seven core research areas under Twelfth Five Year Plan to promote research work related to mitigation of earthquake risks

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which yielded positive outcomes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the research work on earthquake risk mitigation during the last two years has been expedited and made more comprehensive than before and if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of forecast system of IMD

1769. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) is planning to shift next year to a forecast system that relied on a supercomputer led dynamical weather modeling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IMD's weather forecast has been proving wrong constantly in recent times;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even the IMD's forecast for August, 2016 went wrong; and

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

Prediction of severe cold during current winter season

1770. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists have predicted severe cold during the current winter season, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of Government's preparations to protect our citizens, army personnel on the border and agricultural crops?

Safety of Indians in Syria

1771. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps have been taken for the safety of life and property of Indians in Syria, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of any cases of missing/abduction of Indians in Syria in the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has provided the people, who have returned from Syria, adequate financial aid and employment opportunities, if so, the details thereof?

Blocking of Brahmaputra water by China

†1772. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of partial blocking of water of Brahmaputra river by China regarding which apprehensions of large scale water crisis in India in future are being expressed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of times China has reduced the flow of the above water during the last three years and its effect on Indian territory; and

(c) the number of dams constructed/ being constructed by China on river Brahmaputra and the details thereof?

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China's support to counter cross border terrorism

1773. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to garner China's support to persuade Pakistan to desist from sponsoring cross-border terrorism, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the response of China in this regard?

Effects of new foreign policy

†1774. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allied countries like Russia, Nepal and Sri Lanka are getting distanced from India owing to its current foreign policy, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the reasons for which the allied countries of India are getting distanced from it?

India's permanent membership of UNSC

†1775. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries in the world who are not in favour of India's becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), the details thereof; and

(b) the number of countries which have been supporting India's membership to the UNSC from time to time, the details thereof?

Partnership with Sri Lanka on important areas

1776. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a discussion had been held with Sri Lanka for potential India-Sri Lanka partnerships in areas such as transport, energy and infrastructure, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that India and Sri Lanka are also negotiating a trade deal, the Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement, if so, the details thereof?

Proposal by Sri Lanka to end "Bottom Trawling" fishing

1777. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lanka has made a proposal to end "Bottom Trawling" fishing in the coastal waters between the two countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that Joint Working Group has been set up between the two countries to negotiate fishermen issues, whether any points of agreement have been finalized;

(c) what steps Government taken take to have such arrangements with all countries with whom India shares coastal waters; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce friction between India and other countries over fisheries and fishermen?

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Removal of difficulties in getting passport

†1778. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering seriously to reduce the difficulties and paper work in getting passport so that the difficulties being faced by the common man in getting passport could be removed;

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that it would not be misused by the people and there would be no compromise in terms of safety; and

(c) if so, the details of the norms proposed to be relaxed by Government?

Fall in consumer price index

1779. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumer price index (CPI) for September has fallen to a 13-month low but overshadowed by the fall in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in August by 0.7 per cent for the second month;

(b) whether the implication of the fall in IIP is serious because it signals that IIP may not pick up because private investment is still not happening; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps Government is taking to spurt private investment?

China's objection against visit of US Ambassador to Arunachal Pradesh

1780. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has protested against the recent visit of US Ambassador to India to Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China has in the past objected to the visit even by Indian leaders to Arunachal Pradesh claiming it is a disputed region; and

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue with the Chinese Government, and if so, the response received by it?

Revival of dialogue with Pakistan

1781. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to revive the dialogue process with Pakistan at any level of the Government if so, the details thereof?

Raising of Baluchistan issue in UNGA

1782. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India raised the Baluchistan issue at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and invited its attention to the Pakistan's role in perpetuating the worst form of state oppression in Baluchistan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what was the reaction of other nations thereto?

Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism Treaty

1783. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry urged the United Nations General Assembly to adopt

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the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism Treaty without further delay;

(b) whether this issue had been hanging fire for several years; and

(c) if so, what effective steps the Ministry is taking to co-opt like-minded countries to muster support for the Treaty?

Procedure for choosing logo for BRICS summit

1784. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the logo of the BRICS summit held in Goa in 2016 what does the logo symbolise;

(b) the procedure adopted to choose the logo;

(c) whether suggestions were invited for selecting the logo; and

(d) what is the name of the participant whose suggestion/proposal was accepted and the words used by the participant to describe his logo-proposal, the details thereof?

Financial and other assistance to States for making cities slum free

1785. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any new schemes to make cities slum free and to supply suitable shelter to the poor in the urban areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to raise the quantity of financial and other

assistance to the States for implementing the schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Houses made under Slum Development Scheme

†1786. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses made, State-wise, under the Urban Slum Development Scheme in the country in the last three years *i.e.* 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and the targets and work plan proposed for the years 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the details regarding Housing Construction Agency and the financial assistance provided/to be provided for this purpose; and

(b) with reference to the above, the details of house to be constructed under 'Smart Cities' declared in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

Self Help Groups under SJSRY

1787. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed under Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) in each of the last three years;

(b) the number of such groups formed this year since May; and

(c) the total credit advanced to such SHGs by the banks?

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Superannuation of IGNOU teachers

1788. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are superannuating at 65 years instead of 62 violating Ministry's Notification No. 1-32/2006-U-II/U(i), dated 31st December, 2008 and also is in violation of Section 25(4) of IGNOU Act, 1985 and also 17 (9);

(b) whether it is a fact that Board of Management has not taken note of this in its recent January meeting;

(c) how this situation has arisen and what the Ministry is doing to rectify the gross intentional mistake done by IGNOU authorities; and

(d) what steps the Ministry has taken to punish the culprits?

Consultation over No-Detention Policy

1789. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education recently held its sixty-fourth meeting on the issue of deteriorating learning outcomes and the No-Detention Policy, if so, what was the outcome of the meeting;

(b) whether the Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs), National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT), National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) and National Council For Teacher Education (NCTE) have been consulted as to whether they are in favour of retaining

or scrapping the No-Detention Policy provision of the Right to Education (RTE) Act and the reasons for their position; and

(c) if so, the details of the responses received from those institutions?

Substandard technical education by Private Universities

1790. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state how does the Ministry wish to tackle the proliferation of Private Universities which are providing substandard technical education to the youth who may not benefit from education at all, the details thereof?

Action plan for children of Kashmir valley

1791. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any special action plan for the children of Kashmir valley where schools are either closed or burnt down thus making their future bleak, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government proposes to take to protect the rights of the children of Kashmir valley?

Burning of schools in Kashmir

1792. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, of late, incidents of burning of schools in the Kashmir valley have increased which is the direct attack on the right to education of the children of Kashmir valley, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to repair the burnt schools and open them for students within a time-frame?

Budgetary allocation of the Ministry

†1793. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget provision of the Ministry and the financial budget of Central Government in the last three years *i.e.* 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 and during the year 2016-17 and the status of expenditure during the said period, year-wise; and

(b) the action taken so far by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry after the declaration in the financial budget of the year 2016-17 of the Higher Education Financing Agency and the details of the time bound action plan for the implementation of the scheme?

Liberalised regulation for proposed world class institutes

1794. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has asked the Ministry to further liberalise regulations for the proposed world class institutes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the recommendations made by the NITI Aayog in this matter and the hindrances in incorporating them;

(c) the details of the institutes identified for emerging as world class institutes; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make the proposed world class institutes to work with a free hand without any

interference of Government bodies like UGC and AICTE in their working?

Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III) in Odisha

1795. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to include Government Engineering Colleges in the country under World Bank assisted Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III), if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from State Government of Odisha to include Government Engineering Colleges *i.e.* - Parla Maharaja Engineering College (PMEC) Berhampur, (Government College of Engineering (GEC) Kalahandi, Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology (IGIT) Sarang and Government College of Engineering (GEC) Keonjhar under the above said World Bank programme, if so, the details thereof?

Lack of skills and knowledge of engineering graduates

1796. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of students getting enrolled in engineering colleges has been dipping due to a near-stagnated job market;

(b) whether one out of three engineering graduates is not getting campus placements due to lack of required skill and knowledge of specific jobs; and

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(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Engineering graduates lacking required skills for jobs

1797. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of students graduating from engineering institutes do not have the required skills and knowledge for specific jobs;

(b) whether the present engineering courses do not meet the practical requirement and expectations of companies offering placement; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Education in Hindi medium

†1798. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide education from primary to higher level in Hindi medium rather than English medium, if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

Reducing weight of text and note books

1799. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that students in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV) and CBSE schools are forced to carry unbearable weight while going to school in the form of text and note books;

(b) whether Government is aware that Kerala High Court had directed the State Government to lessen students' load by dividing each text book into two halves to be carried in the first and second halves of the year; and

(c) whether Government will consider this as a model to be adopted in KVs and recommend it to other States?

Behaviour of teachers with students in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1800. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) generally behave very rudely with their students;

(b) whether in the context of children below 18 years, their rights have been assured through the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act and commissions are formed at national and State levels, if so, whether Government would set a model by ensuring that teachers in KVs behave with students imbibing the essence of the Act; and

(c) whether Government would be sincere to the act by reorienting teachers instead of giving circulars to that effect?

Funds for specially-abled children

1801. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an announcement was made to provide Special Scholarship for specially-abled children in Mann Ki Baat dated 4th November, 2014, if so, details of the compliance in terms of number of State/UT-wise number of

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beneficiaries, month-wise amount disbursed, during the last two years; and

(b) whether it was also announced that additional funds will be given to Kendriya Vidyalayas and Central Universities to erect special infrastructure for the specially-abled children, if so, details of the compliance in terms of number of State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries, month-wise amount disbursed, during the last two years?

CBSE text books for class one to five

1802. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private and central schools are using CBSE text books from 6th class onwards only, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private schools are squeezing exorbitant fees towards text books from 1st to 5th class as there is no mandatory rule to use CBSE text books for these classes, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government was in receipt of any complaints about this matter earlier; and

(d) whether Government would introduce CBSE text books from 1st class onwards to curtail collection of exorbitant fees towards schools books, the details thereof?

Training to teachers of engineering colleges in Uttar Pradesh and Assam

†1803. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has started quality

improvement programme in technical education to impart training to teachers of engineering colleges, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the teachers of engineering colleges of Uttar Pradesh and Assam have been trained through above or any other programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the above training is helpful to improve the quality of teaching and research in engineering colleges?

Reservation in admission for ST students in Manipur University

1804. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of ST students admitted in Manipur University is in compliance with the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 as amended by Parliament in 2012; and

(b) if not, the details thereof?

Digital Gender Atlas for promoting girl education

1805. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a Digital Gender Atlas to identify areas/pockets which are poor in girls education, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government was able to identify such areas/pockets since its preparation including in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the remedial plan

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proposed to be undertaken in those areas/pockets to promote girls education; and

(d) whether Government proposes to divert fund from 'Nirbhaya Fund' for promoting education in these areas/pockets?

Standard of education in Government schools

1806. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite spending crores of rupees on Government schools the standard of education has not improved, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is making any plan to improve the standard and quality of education in Government schools, if so, the details thereof?

Literacy rate of physically challenged

†1807. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate of physically challenged among the total literacy rate of the country, village and urban area-wise details thereof;

(b) the literacy rate of physically challenged women and men in rural and

urban areas, the special action plan formulated by Government to increase the rate of literacy among the physically challenged, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of physically challenged persons who have taken admission in primary, secondary, higher secondary and higher education during the last two years, and the number of the physically challenged who have dropped out of education, the details thereof?

Quality of students coming out of colleges

1808. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increasing gap between education and employability and many of industrial persons complained about the quality of students coming from colleges; and

(b) whether one of the reasons behind the above mentioned issue is that 50 per cent of faculty working in colleges are on contract?

Drinking water in schools

1809. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the schools having drinking water on their premises and the total per cent of schools who do not treat drinking water which may be chemically and bacterially contaminated, the steps taken, State-wise?

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Enrolment in primary and middle schools

1810. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of enrolment in primary and middle schools in the country during 2015 and current year, State-wise;

(b) whether in some States, primary schools enrolment has fallen in the current year as compared to previous year; and

(c) if so, the details along with the reasons for this fall in enrolment and whether any report from the State Governments has been sought by the Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

High drop out rate in rural areas

1811. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of drop out prior to completion of high school is on rise specially in rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the school drop out rate of girls at secondary level is higher compared to primary level particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of enrolment and pass percentage of students in primary and secondary schools during 2015 and the current year, State-wise?

Approval for private universities

1812. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has held any meetings for evolving parameters to approve private universities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof during the last three years along with the decision taken in this regard so far?

Scholarships under PMSSS for Jammu and Kashmir students

1813. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scholarships under Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) are being provided to the students of Jammu and Kashmir undergoing training outside the State;

(b) whether Government plans to increase the number of such scholarships to seven thousand instead of five thousand in a year; and

(c) whether the students seeking admission under the management quota shall also be made eligible for such scholarships as per the past practice?

Pending applications for registration of schools in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1814. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has received a

number of applications for registration of all kinds of schools from the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the academic year 2016-17, if so, applications still pending for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana separately;

(b) what steps CBSE would take to clear and approve all such applications to help the backward areas get access to schooling and not lose an academic year;

(c) measures proposed to fast-track all such pending requests and applications; and

(d) plans to modify, improve and install better electronic administration system in CBSE?

Admission of B.Tech. students directly into Ph.D

1815. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is proposing a new research scholar scheme to admit 1000 B.Tech. students directly into Ph.D;

(b) if so, the details of the new scheme and criteria being adopted for identifying the students; and

(c) to what extent this would help in reducing the shortage of faculty in IITs, NITs, etc.?

Funds for promotion of Telugu language

1816. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has three deemed to be universities for promotion of

Sanskrit and there is also Central Institute under the Ministry to promote Tamil language;

(b) if so, the reason that in spite of Telugu being declared as a classical language there is neither deemed to be university nor there is any Central Institute under the Ministry for this language; and

(c) the reasons that Tamil language has been given ₹ 9 crores, ₹ 8 crores and ₹ 12 crores in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively whereas Telugu has been given just ₹ 4 crores in the above three years put together?

Ad-hoc faculty in Central Universities

1817. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of faculty members are working on ad-hoc basis in various Central Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of ad-hoc faculty members university-wise; and

(c) whether Government has set any time-frame to appoint permanent faculties in such positions?

Text of draft education policy from RSS education documents

1818. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft education policy has portion exactly lifted from Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) education documents, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

Teachers involved in private tuitions

1819. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of teachers belonging to Kendriya Vidyalayas are engaged/involved in private tuition; and

(b) if so, what initiatives/actions have been taken to crack down against such teachers?

Anti-terrorism materials in school syllabus

1820. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce and include anti-terrorism materials in the school syllabus to create awareness about terrorism;

(b) if so, details of the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the alternative measures to create awareness about terrorism amongst the students community?

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jharkhand

1821. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and the number of students enrolled in the country as a whole and in Jharkhand in particular;

(b) what is the criteria for assigning Kendriya Vidyalayas to individual States; and

(c) the total allocation for Kendriya Vidyalayas for Financial Year 2016-17 and how much thereof is for KVs in Jharkhand?

Internal monitoring of Grants-in-Aid expenditure

1822. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 95 per cent of all plan expenditure in the Ministry is under the Head of Grants-in-Aid;

(b) what arrangements other than Utilisation Certificate and audit by the CAG, both of which are externally exist within the Ministry to ascertain whether this huge expenditure is being incurred for the intended purpose; and

(c) whether the Ministry is satisfied with its internal monitoring of Grants-in-Aid expenditure?

Collaboration with foreign universities

1823. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has facilitated Indian universities run by both Government and private to tie up with foreign universities for conducting academic courses and research programmes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the MoUs signed in this regard, university-wise; and

(c) whether Government has constituted or reconstituted the various committees with regards to the higher education and research, if so, the details thereof?

National Academic Depository

1824. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to establish National Academic Depository (NAD), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the object of the depository and by what time the depository would be operationalised?

Higher Educations Financing Agency for State funded institutions

1825. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agency such as Higher Education Financing Agency established for development of high quality infrastructure in Centrally funded premier institutions, would be extended to State funded premier institutions;

(b) if so, whether there would be creation of new and separate agencies for each State; and

(c) if not, why is there no impetus of States to create such agencies for themselves?

Kindergarten classes in Government schools

1826. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to introduce Kindergarten classes in Government schools under New Education Policy (NEP); and

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

Satellite campus of Central Universities in J & K

1827. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to extend the institutional base of Central Universities recognising the need for higher education in Jammu & Kashmir by setting up the satellite campuses; and

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

Measures for improving quality of education in Government schools

1828. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that enrolment of children in schools has gone up but the quality of education especially in Government schools is abysmal;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the precise reasons for the bad quality of education and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Diversion of funds from SSA and RTE

1829. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impact of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), implementation of RTE

Act and Mid Day Meal Scheme has been below par in some of the States across the country including Punjab;

(b) whether it is a fact that funds provided under the scheme are not being utilized fully or are being diverted for some other uses;

(c) whether it is also a fact that schemes have failed to control students dropout rate in Government schools; and

(d) if so, whether Government would formulate necessary action plan according to States/UTs and not just rely on omnibus policy interventions?

Implementation of Committee report on working of AICTE

1830. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a number of committees in the last decade (2004-2014) to study and suggest ways and means on working of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) the major recommendations accepted for implementation by Government during the decade;

(c) whether Government constituted another Expert Committee under the chairmanship of Shri M.K. Kaw in 2014 to go into the details of functioning of AICTE and make recommendations to bring improvements in its functioning to meet the future challenges; and

(d) important recommendations of the Committee and by when Government is likely to implement them?

Indian Revolutionaries termed as terrorists in text books

1831. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Revolutionaries believing in armed struggle during Indian Independence Movement are termed as terrorists in different schools text books of a number of States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what remedial measures have been taken in this regard?

Picture of PM in advertisement of Reliance Jio

1832. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Reliance Jio has used the picture of Prime Minister in full page advertisement in various newspapers and on electronic channels while launching of Reliance Jio service, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether PMO has permitted the Reliance Jio to use the picture of Prime Minister in the said advertisement;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the law which permits Prime Minister to become brand ambassador of a private company; and

(d) if not, the details of action PMO has taken in this regard?

Measures to enhance reach of AIR broadcasting

1833. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is undertaking various measures to enhance the reach of AIR broadcasting services to every nook and corner of the country in order to provide balanced, informative, education oriented news through its News Services Division (NSD), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would augment its broadcasting infrastructure to achieve this, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Running of news reel in cinema halls

†1834. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to run news reel in cinema halls of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard so far; and

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

Films of Chhattisgarh in International Film Festival

†1835. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of films in Chhattisgarhi language shown in International Film Festival;

(b) the steps being taken to promote films of Chhattisgarh at international level; and

(c) whether Government has provided any financial help for the films of

Chhattisgarh shown and proposed to be shown in International Film Festivals, if so, the details thereof?

Accountability mechanism for Mann Ki Baat

1836. SHRI MD. NADIMUL

HAQUE:

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any accountability mechanism for statements made in the programme, Mann Ki Baat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Print Media Advertisement Policy, 2016

†1837. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Print Media Advertisement Policy, 2016 of Government is being followed, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the criteria prescribed for advertisement in small, medium and big newspapers respectively in Print Media Advertisement Policy of Government category-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that advertisement is not being given to various newspapers on the basis of criteria of Print Media Advertisement Policy, 2016 by DAVP and various ministries, if so, the reasons therefor?

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Regulation of news channels

1838. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any definite plans to regulate and restrict the 24/7 news channels from repeatedly telecasting news/videos which create panic and unrest among the common public and affect the peace and communal harmony in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the total number of 24/7 News Channels at present in operation, language-wise; and

(c) whether Government has constituted or reconstituted various committees with regard to the broadcast and internet journalism, if so, the details thereof?

Age relaxation in Government and semi-Government services

†1839. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for giving five years age relaxation to candidates of all categories for their entry in Government and semi-Government services keeping in view the universalization of education and increasing number of unemployed educated youths in the country; and

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

Number of single women serving in Central Government

†1840. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of single women serving in the Central Government, and the details of single women serving in rural and urban areas, State-wise;

(b) the number of women who have been deputed in areas far away from their families, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate rules for appointment and transfer of single women working in all the ministries, the details thereof?

Cases pending with CIC

1841. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of cases are pending with the Central Information Commission (CIC);

(b) if so, the details of such cases as per the latest available data and the cases filed during the year 2016;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 33 per cent of the cases were rejected/returned for various reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken for speedy disposal of the pending cases?

Scam in SSC Examination

†1842. SHRI LAL SINH VODODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Examination scam has come to light;

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(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take strict steps to check such scams; and

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

Administrative reforms in All India Services

1843. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has any plan to effect administrative reforms in All India Services;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government would also consider appointing specialists in those senior positions which require specific domain knowledge and technical expertise; and

(d) if not, whether Government has evolved any other mechanism to address this aspect?

Information on schemes undertaken by ministries on the website

1844. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognizes that despite Right to Information Act, 2005, ordinary citizens do not have readily available information on various schemes undertaken by various ministries as mandated by Section 4 of the Act;

(b) whether Government is cognizant of the fact that various ministries do not have properly functional and updated website portals; and

(c) if so, what steps Government aims to take to improve this situation?

Relaxation of two years for appearing in CSE

1845. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has provided additional two years provisionally for appearing in Civil Services Examination (CSE) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to continue with this relaxation and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of administrative reforms implemented by Government

1846. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major and new administrative reforms that have been implemented by Government post 2014 and what were the objectives behind implementing these reforms;

(b) what has been the noteworthy impact of these reforms; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any impact assessment of the Bio-metric attendance system introduced in Union Government offices, if not, whether Government would consider conducting any such study?

Effects of cases slapped on bureaucrats

1847. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases slapped on bureaucrats both serving and retired for decisions they had taken have

created a sense of insecurity and have slowed down the decision making process at the top level of bureaucracy;

(b) whether Government agrees that bureaucrats should be enabled to work freely, fearlessly in taking decisions; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government proposes to insulate bureaucrats from litigation while in service and after retirement for decisions taken by them in the course of discharge of their duties?

Assessment of equivalence of employees

†1848. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till now the assessment of equivalence of the employees working in Insurance, Banks, Public enterprises and several other sectors has not been established and thus no checks and balance are there to debar their children from Government jobs while getting the benefits of creamy layer clause;

(b) the sectors having employees where equivalence/analogous status thereof has not been finalised;

(c) whether in the event of non-assessment the employees under creamy layer are left out that leads to a loss to OBC candidates who are otherwise economically backward; and

(d) the details thereof?

OBC candidates deprived of reservation due to coming under creamy layer

†1849. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of candidates belonging to Other Backward Castes deprived of reservation benefit in the process of appointment to various posts due to their coming under creamy layer;

(b) whether any proposal is being contemplated to enforce the creamy layer factor in promotion process also;

(c) whether Government would also consider to determine a creamy layer for the candidates of general category so that economically weaker people can get chance in Government jobs; and

(d) the details thereof?

Science examinations conducted by NGOs

1850. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry in association with any NGO is conducting science exams/practical lessons for school students in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of such activities along with the names of NGOs?

Objectives of Technology Development Board

1851. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) when was the Technology Development Board (TDB) established and what were its objectives;

(b) whether the TDB is progressing satisfactorily towards achieving its set objectives; and

(c) if so, the details of its achievements?

Funding of project for development of new varieties of cereals

1852. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Bio-technology has funded a project to develop new varieties of cereals which use nitrogen more efficiently and produce more, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to translate developmental biology into innovation in nitrogen use of Indian farmers by connecting developmental research, crop breeding, agri-technology and extension work?

Introduction of Bt. and non-Bt.cotton seeds

1853. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is planning to introduce 21 varieties of Bt. cotton seeds and 8 varieties of non-Bt. cotton across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how above seeds are different from the existing Bt. cotton seeds and how cost effective they are?

Number of patents applied

1854. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why in India, the number of patents applied as far as research is concerned, is less as compared to China, UK and USA and whether the condition is same for patents certified;

(b) what steps Government is going to take to improve the performance; and

(c) how it would be monitored and whether continuous changes in policy would be made till we reach comparable to China, UK and USA?

Experiment on cloud seeding technology

1855. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cloud seeding technology in some parts of the world has been effectively used by the scientists to curb the menace of air pollution; and

(b) if so, whether the same has been experimented upon by Indian Scientists, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality of scientific publications

1856. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's output of scientific publications has increased but their quality is skewed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there seems to be no visible output at the highest

level regarding the attention it needed to give to various social and economic challenges; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's scholarly output rose to 1,06,065 papers in 2013 from 62,955 papers in 2009?

Integration of skill development with education and employability

1857. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to provide financial assistance to every State/Union Territory to integrate skill development with education and employability of youths;

(b) if so, the details of the funds provided so far or to be provided to State Government/Union Territories for the purpose during 2016-17; and

(c) whether the State Government/Union Territories have set up skill development units in their respective States for developing skill among the youth, if so, the details in this regard?

Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training Office in Odisha

1858. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to create more Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training Centres in the country during the current year;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has received proposal from the State of Odisha to open Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training Office, if so, the details thereof?

Linking of skilling programme with agriculture sector

†1859. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to link its key programmes like Start-up India, Skill India and Stand-up India with agriculture sector and also considering to conduct training programmes for farmers in packaging, procuring, and distribution of agro-products so that job opportunities could be provided in agriculture sector also; and

(b) whether farmers would be provided training in infrastructure technology and e-commerce etc. under Skill India so that farmers may have access to global markets, the details thereof?

Specific skill development programme for North Eastern region

1860. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has

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introduced/proposes to introduce new courses in Skill Development Programmes according to the need of North Eastern Region (NER), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether courses relating to organic farming, floriculture production, eco-tourism, forest related industry, fruit processing, horticulture etc., have been introduced; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons benefited from it during the last two years?

Skill Development Centres in Assam

1861. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing funds to NGOs for setting up of Skill Development Centres for youths in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds sanctioned to NGOs in the current financial year in Assam, district-wise;

(c) the number of youths and the trades in which they have been trained in these centres during the last three years along with the students given job placement; and

(d) how many NGOs have been selected for funding to open/start Skill Development Centres in Assam?

Skill Development Centres in Telangana

1862. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up about 50 Skill Development Centres in Telangana to encourage enthusiastic youth to become entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released for the purpose so far; and

(c) the number of centres opened/proposed to be opened in the State?

Achievement under PMKVY

†1863. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target to set up 1500 Skill Development Centres in the country has been fixed for the year 2016-17, if so, the number of Skill Development Centres set up and by when the remaining would be established;

(b) whether a target to develop the skills of one crore youths has been set for the next three years, if so, the details of progress made so far; and

(c) whether any review with regard to the programmes and achievements thereof under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), has been made so far, if so, the details thereof?

Jobs to people trained under PMKVY

1864. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have completed training as of today under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY); and how many of them are provided with jobs; and

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(b) whether Government has evolved an effective mechanism to ensure that the jobs are provided to the people who have completed the training within a stipulated time, if so, the details thereof?

Skill development of women

†1865. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme is being run by Government for the skill development of women;

(b) if so, the details of these schemes, and the number of women from Chhattisgarh who have enrolled for this programme; and

(c) the percentage of women out of the above who have secured good jobs?

Skill Development Centres in Jammu and Kashmir

1866. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is laying special emphasis on skill development; and

(b) if so, total amount earmarked for the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the financial year 2016-17, along with the total Skill Development Centres to be established in Jammu and Kashmir?

PMKVY in Punjab

1867. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided by Government through Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for Punjab in the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of beneficiaries employed under this scheme, district-wise?

Poor quality of training by trainee partners

1868. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 17.58 lakhs persons skilled, only 82,000 have been placed so far, reasons for low placement numbers, the average cost of training for these candidates;

(b) whether due to poor quality of training imparted to some trainees, they have not been able to complete and receive certificate of training, if so, measures taken to remedy this; and

(c) whether a large number of Trainee Partners (TPs) have failed to perform and have swindled away resources in the name of training and Government has failed to take suitable action for imparting poor quality training by them?

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**Meeting of Governing Council of
Skill Development India
Mission**

1869. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings of Governing Council of Skill Development Mission have been convened so far;

(b) how many people have been imparted skill training in the last two years as compared to the target set for this purpose;

(c) whether Government has initiated steps for better coordination between Skill India and Entrepreneurship Promotion Programmes such as Start-up India and Stand-up India; and

(d) how many Model Skill Centers have been established in various districts as compared to the target fixed?

**Skill Development Centres in
Tamil Nadu**

1870. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Skill Development Centres in Tamil Nadu and the number of such centres set up in the last two years and in the current year; and

(b) the number of persons and the skills in which they have been trained in these centres?

Funds for ITIs

†1871. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the subjects in which training is being imparted through the ITIs for the skill development of the youth of the country, the list thereof;

(b) the number of ITIs running in various States of the country, the list thereof;

(c) whether these ITIs are completely funded by the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the amount provided by Government to States from the financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17, the State-wise details thereof?

**Construction work of Central
University in Bihar**

†1872. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the construction work of the Central Universities declared in Bihar;

(b) by when these universities would be fully operational;

(c) the Prescribed norms for these universities; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the completion of the construction work of

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these universities is being delayed due to the procedural obstacles/meagre allocation of funds?

not maintain their accounts properly and do not get them audited?

Hostel facilities in Tamil Nadu

1873. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the construction activities undertaken by Government to augment the hostel facilities for boys and girls belonging to all categories in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of the amount released in this regard to Tamil Nadu during last three years?

NGOs registered and in-operation

1874. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs are registered and are in operation under the Ministry currently;

(b) how many of such NGOs are provided with funds for running their NGOs and programmes;

(c) whether the accounts of such NGOs are registered with the Ministry and are properly audited annually by the authorized Chartered Accountants empanelled with the Ministry;

(d) if not, what is the procedure for the NGOs to get their accounts audited; and

(e) the actions proposed against those NGOs who do not follow the norms, do

Separate Disability Department in States

1875. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether certain States do not have separate Departments to look after the welfare of PWDs;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to impress upon States/UT Governments to have separate Disability Department to address the concerns, issues, problems and difficulties of the PWDs so as to bring them in the mainstream of the society?

Steps to bring legislation on social security

†1876. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/proposes to take steps to bring in a suitable legislation for providing facilities such as social security to the senior citizens of the country, for their help and welfare including payment of pension, provision of house and healthcare; and

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

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Different caste in different categories in different States

†1877. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various castes are treated as belonging to Other Backward Classes, Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes and General category in different States;

(b) the number of castes which are in General category in one State and the same castes is in another category in other State and the State-wise details of such people falling under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to make all categories equally applicable throughout the country; and

(d) the details thereof?

Action plan on drugs abuse

1878. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the request of the Central Government, several States and Union Territories have not devised any strategy/ action plan to curb the drug abuse, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of States/Union Territories who have submitted their action plans; and

(c) the role of National Consultative

Committee on De-addiction and Rehabilitation (NCCDR) in drug abuse prevention?

Aids and Assisted Living Devices for senior citizens

1879. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the scheme for providing Aids and Assisted Living Devices to Senior Citizens below poverty line and the total budgetary allocation for the scheme;

(b) whether Government perceives that there is lack of awareness among the senior citizens about the scheme; and

(c) if so, what measures Government has taken so far to increase awareness about the scheme?

Schemes for handicapped students in Rajasthan

1880. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes, being implemented for handicapped and mentally challenged students below 18 years in all the States particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) what is the present status of these schemes, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked for these schemes in the last three years?

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Budget for running schemes in Rajasthan

†1881. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of the Ministry being run in Rajasthan;

(b) whether budget for all the schemes has been allocated; and

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

Hostel for specially abled boys and girls in Jaipur and Kota

1882. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction and operation of hostel buildings for specially abled boys and girls with a capacity of 50 each at Jaipur and Kota Divisional Headquarters and with a capacity of 25 each at five other Divisional Headquarters in Rajasthan is awaiting administrative and financial sanction from the Central Government;

(b) whether administrative and financial sanction for establishment of care/rehabilitation centres at Jaipur Divisional Headquarters for 100 mentally disabled persons is awaited from the Central Government;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government intends to issue administrative and financial sanctions to these proposals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Grants-in-Aid to Rajasthan under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme

1883. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is administering Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and providing Grant-in-Aid for schools and vocational trainings being run by NGOs;

(b) whether Rajasthan Government had forwarded to Government 57 such proposals for ₹ 6.63 crores in the Financial Year 2014-15 and 50 proposals of ₹ 7.80 crores in the Financial Year 2015-16;

(c) if so, whether Government intends to issue administrative and financial sanction to these projects under the DDRS; and

(d) if so, by when, if not, the constraints therein?

Welfare scheme for senior citizens of Jharkhand

1884. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens;

(b) the funds released by Government to each State particularly to Jharkhand under these schemes;

(c) whether Government has received requests from State Governments Particularly Jharkhand for more fund; and

(d) the number of old age homes functioning in each State?

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Putting GSAT-19E into Orbit

1885. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is working on to put into orbit GSAT-19E, an indigenous communication satellite that would weigh about 3.3 tonne payload;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the satellite assembly and launching process of the GLSV Mk-III are at advanced stages; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ISRO's target was to take the payload capacity beyond four tonnes in the coming years while concentrating on the launch of Chandrayaan-2 in less than two years, if so, the details thereof?

Progress of Chandrayaan-2 mission

1886. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of Chandrayaan-2 mission and whether test flights are under way, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether orbiter with payloads which would orbit around the Moon would collect all scientific information, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time it is proposed to be launched?

Per capita monthly expenditure

1887. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average per capita monthly

expenditure of rural and urban population as per the recent survey of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO);

(b) whether as per the recent survey of NSSO, there has been a continuous decline in spending on food in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the percentage of spending on food out of the total expenditure during each of the last three years and the current year and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Steps to tackle the problem of congestion in urban areas

1888. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to tackle the problem of congestion in urban areas;

(b) whether the Ministry is going to improve city bus systems and finance metro system; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to promote public transport?

Third list of Smart Cities

1889. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced the third list of smart cities;

(b) if so, the cities selected for the development as smart cities, State-wise;

(c) the number of cities of Maharashtra selected for smart cities in the three lists announced so far; and

(d) the number of projects under implementation in the cities identified in the first list so far?

**State Annual Action Plan of
Karnataka for AMRUT**

1890. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) with respect to AMRUT allocations for the current year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the SAAP has been approved by the Ministry?

**Release of Central assistance to
Karnataka under AMRUT**

1891. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released the entire Central assistance of ₹ 1258.54 crore to the Government of Karnataka under AMRUT for 2015-16; and

(b) if so, the details of funds released, sector and city-wise?

**Illegal construction on DDA land in
Rohini Sector-23**

†1892. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that basic facilities have not been provided by Delhi Development Authority (DDA), so far in Rohini Sector-23, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the action plan being

formulated by the DDA for the development of this sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that houses have been illegally constructed on DDA land in Sector-23, Rohini which are yet to be removed by DDA; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to remove the illegal occupations?

**Ranking of cities on the basis of
Swachh Bharat Mission**

1893. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently released rankings based on Swachh Bharat Mission for all Class 1, 2 and 3 cities;

(b) if so, the details of the rankings;

(c) the details of indicators taken into consideration while ranking them; and

(d) the details of other findings of the survey?

**Amount allocated and spent under
Smart City project in Maharashtra**

†1894. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons of delay in the works related to public transport system, laying of power cables under public lighting system, laying of underground telephone wires, solid waste management, Information system, Wi-Fi, pure drinking water, sewage system, installing solar and LED lights according to smart city plan in Maharashtra; and

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(b) the total amount allocated and spent under smart city project in the last three years in Maharashtra?

Proposal of Uttarakhand for making smart cities

†1895. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received by the Ministry from Uttarakhand for making more smart cities;

(b) if so, whether the proposals are on the stage of being sanctioned at present;

(c) the amount released so far for cities of the State selected earlier, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry is monitoring the expenditure on the smart cities, if not, the reasons therefor?

Roll out of Real Estate Regulation and Development Act

1896. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keen to roll out the Real Estate Regulation and Development Act in the country that makes it mandatory for builders to pay 12 per cent interest to home buyers for delay in handing over the flats; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Making DDA flats disabled friendly

1897. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has not converted all its old constructed multi-storey flats

disabled friendly by installing lifts and ramps to avoid harassment to disabled persons;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to make DDA flat disabled friendly;

(c) whether there is not much of space left in the backyards of MIG flats in Dwarka etc. for parking vehicles and the space is congested; and

(d) whether DDA is not planning suitably the flats so as to leave proper parking space for vehicles and for installing lifts and ramps to avoid harassment to disabled persons?

Conversion of leasehold flat to freehold

1898. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government directed DDA in April, 2014 to convert leasehold flat to freehold;

(b) if so, the reasons for issuing such a direction and how many persons applied under the scheme for change to freehold; and

(c) whether there was any proposal to direct DDA to exchange freehold flats in respect of senior disabled/paraplegic persons who have submitted medical certificate from Government hospital and the reasons for issuing such directions?

Target for construction of public toilets under SBM

1899. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target to construct individual,

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community and public toilets during 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2016, under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM); and

(b) the total number of individual, community and public toilets constructed during the above period under Swachh Bharat Mission?

Solid Waste Management projects in West Bengal

1900. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major portion (75 per cent) of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is simply dumped at the disposable sites without being processed and treated;

(b) if so, why the Ministry has not taken steps to deal with garbage menace;

(c) why is that out of 42 projects sanctioned for Solid Waste Management, only 12 were completed; and

(d) what are the current schemes undertaken by Government in order to deal with municipal solid waste, the details thereof, State-wise, including that of West Bengal?

Progress of National Urban Livelihood Mission

1901. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a review of the progress of the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with

the success of the Mission, State-wise; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to fix the issues and gaps in the implementation of the Mission?

Allotment of flats to the residents of jhuggi camps

†1902. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flats allotted by the Delhi Government in 2013 to the residents of jhuggi camp in Taimur Nagar, Indira Gandhi Camp-I and II;

(b) the reasons for not giving possession to the residents of the said camps who had been offered flats in Dwarka and Baproula; and

(c) the reasons for delay in possession of the said flats and by when these slum dwellers would be given their flats, the details in this regard?

Notices for illegal construction in Lodhi Colony

†1903. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether allottees of Type-III Government accommodation, CPWD employees and their contractors in Lodhi Colony, New Delhi and its adjacent areas, have done illegal construction/encroachment and whether Estate department has issued notices to allottees for demolishing unauthorized construction, the details thereof;

(b) action taken by department so far to demolish above unauthorized constructions, the number of illegal

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constructions demolished and number of those yet to be demolished and by when they will be demolished, details thereof; and

(c) guidelines issued by the Ministry regarding illegal construction in Government quarters, details of departmental action in above matter?

Norms for certification of city as smart city

1904. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms formulated for certifying a city as smart city and the details of proposals received by Government from various States for selection of cities to be developed as smart cities, State-wise;

(b) the details of cities selected so far, State-wise and the criteria for selection along with the time by which other cities are likely to be selected;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised for smart city projects so far, city-wise and the funding pattern thereof; and

(d) the details of projects taken up/likely to be taken up in selected cities, city-wise?

Development of small cities

1905. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India would

have seven mega cities by 2030;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in all the cities and towns in the country the population has been increasing and the infrastructure remained without any growth;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need to develop our small cities and towns to prevent migration to mega cities; and

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

Waste management under toilet construction scheme

1906. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether toilet construction in urban areas of some States is in progress;

(b) if so, the details of the progress of construction in each State;

(c) whether waste management component of the programme has made any headway;

(d) if so, which are the leading States in this respect; and

(e) what steps Government is taking to rein in laggard States in this mission?

Metro projects in Madhya Pradesh

1907. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to support funds and develop Metro Rail in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stages

at which the plans are today and for which cities in the State;

(c) whether Government has finalized the funding of the Metro Rail Projects, if so, when these funds would be received and what are the broad terms of its repayments, whether these funds would be repaid by the Centre or the State; and

(d) whether there is an outright proposed for grant from Union to State to develop these Metro projects?

Infant deaths under five years

1908. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the study conducted infant deaths under five years of age is high and rampant in India only;

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

(c) the details of the remedial measures being taken by Government to curb these deaths?

Beti Khilao components in Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

1909. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress/achievements made under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme;

(b) the districts so far covered under this scheme, State-wise and by when all the 600 and odd districts in the country are going to be covered under this scheme;

(c) whether Ministry is thinking of adding 'Beti Khilao' component to the above scheme for overall development of girls and women;

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

(e) the details of money under Nirbhaya Fund sanctioned, released and spent on this scheme, district-wise?

Online registration of child abuse cases

1910. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any Helpline/Control Room in order to register the cases of child abuse online;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such complaints are being received online in the Control Room?

Schemes for empowerment of women and development of children in North Eastern region

†1911. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes for empowerment of women and development of children running in North Eastern region through NGOs, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has established any mechanism to monitor the work being done in North Eastern region by NGOs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of beneficiaries of various schemes in the last two years and current year, State-wise; and

(d) whether these schemes have been helpful in improving the living standards

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of beneficiaries, if so, the manner in which it was assessed and the results thereof?

Agreement with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Integrated Child Development Services

1912. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Integrated Child Development Services, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the main features of the MoC and States covered under the programme?

Special laws to protect women

1913. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to implement various special laws relating to women protection;

(b) whether Government has made a study why despite stringent laws, cases of crime against women are on the increase, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the progress of implementing scheme of 'One Stop Centre' to provide integrated support and assistance to women, with details; and

(d) whether implementing agencies are sensitized over implementation of women safety laws, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Women Protection Centres

1914. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Women Protection Centres for providing safety and security to women have been established in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the measures taken for monitoring women in these protection centres;

(c) whether cases of harassment in women protection centres have been reported during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, along with the action taken thereon?

Dip in sex ratio

1915. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sex-ratio at birth has dipped by three points in the last two years across the country;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken under 'Beti Bachao, Beti Badhao Aandolan' in order to save girl child;

(c) the details of programmes undertaken across the States, with special reference to West Bengal; and

(d) a comparative State-wise details of sex-ratio for the last three years?

Opening of 'One Stop Centre' in every district of State

†1916. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Government has gone ahead with opening 'One-Stop Centre' in Delhi for women's safety;

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(b) by when the proposal to open 'One-Stop Centre' in every district of State, which is to be funded by the Ministry, would be fulfilled;

(c) whether Government would provide more facilities/services to the female victims of rape, molestation, dowry and harassment etc. at these centres, in addition to medical, legal, psychological facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in sexual harassment cases

1917. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increase in the number of cases of sexual harassment, exploitation of women in various professions and rape cases in rural and urban areas of the country; and

(b) the preventive and punitive actions proposed by the Ministry to protect the victims and punish the guilty?

Regularisation of Anganwadi workers

1918. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking to regularise Anganwadi workers all over India;

(b) whether there is any similarity in payment of honorarium for Anganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to streamline payment?

Child marriages in Tamil Nadu

1919. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of child marriages in the country in the last two years and in the current year, State-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to sensitise people and dissuade them from practising child marriage?

Observation homes for juvenile offenders

1920. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of observation and special homes presently functioning for juvenile offenders in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken note of non-availability of such homes and lack of basic facilities/infrastructure in existing homes and if so, the details thereof along with the funds provided by Government for their infrastructure development during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether Government has received proposals from States/Union Territories for construction of such homes, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon and funds provided for the purpose during the said period, State/Union Territory-wise?

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