

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 3, 2016/Phalguna 13, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Parliamentary Affairs; 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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Poor quality of primary and secondary education

*76. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards poor quality of primary and secondary education in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to reform primary and secondary education syllabus and evaluation system and if so, the details thereof?

Reservation for OBCs in private sector

*77. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has recommended the Government to enact a legislation to make it mandatory for private sector entities to reserve 27 per cent of all hiring for people from the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) due to the dwindling job opportunities in Government and public sector enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

CCTV cameras in schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay High Court has recently directed the State

Government of Maharashtra to install CCTV cameras in all Government schools of the State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to install CCTV cameras in all the schools throughout the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide Central grants to Maharashtra for the purpose, if not, the reasons therefor?

(b) whether it is also a fact that some district authorities reported inflated expenditure figures and showed released money as utilized under the scheme; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that 12 district authorities of six States inflated the figures of expenditure by ₹ 35 crores by showing the entire advance of ₹ 100.17 crores released to the implementing authorities as utilized, and if so, the details thereof?

Low literacy rate in Telangana

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

(a) whether the literacy rate is dismal in the newly carved State of Telangana, particularly in Karimnagar district, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government would consider launching a special literacy mission to change the scenario, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would provide a special package to Telangana to overcome its low literacy level *vis-a-vis* Andhra Pradesh?

Violation of GFR under MPLAD Scheme

*80. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been instances of blatant violation of General Financial Rules (GFR) under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS);

Occurrence of dyslexia among children

*81. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the occurrence of dyslexia among children is a cause of concern;

(b) if so, whether Government is seized of this issue and whether any mapping has been done of dyslexic children; and

(c) whether there are any plans of providing assistance and help to such children and whether the parents too get any assistance to rear dyslexic children in a proper way?

Discrimination in selection of smart cities

*82. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that non-transparent methods, discrimination and political consideration are being adopted in the selection of areas for development as smart cities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for not selecting any cities in some States, particularly in States ruled by opposition parties; and

(c) the tangible initiations being taken by Government in defence of its proclamation of list of smart cities?

Achievements in employment generation

†*83. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the remarkable achievements made in the field of skill development and entrepreneurship, year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what are the details as to generation of employment opportunities annually in relation to each of the fields as referred to in part (a) above; and

(c) what are the details of the participation for attaining the targets set under the 'Make in India' Programme in relation to parts (a) and (b) above?

Conviction rate under POCSO Act

*84. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conviction rates under the Protection of Child from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 for the year 2014-15 was a dismal one per cent of the total 9000 cases reported;

(b) whether Government has recorded or plans to conduct a review of the reasons

for such low conviction rates under the POCSO Act;

(c) whether Government intends to conduct a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the POCSO Act, 2012, in the light of the above data; and

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

Improving process for first time passport applicants

*85. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced two major changes that would fast track the process for first time passport applicants as well as make it more convenient to secure an appointment at the local passport seva kendra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that citizens would be granted a fresh passport under the normal category within a week if their applications are accompanied by three documents, if so, the details thereof?

Persons from Kerala detained in jails of Western Africa

†*86. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that four persons of Kerala are detained in the jails of Western African country, Togo due to non-possession of job visa/work permit;

(b) whether any request from Kerala Government has been received for the release of the above persons; and

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(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for the release of the above four persons?

institutions and the budget provisions made or proposed to be made?

Age waiver for widows in exams

*87. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sought age waiver for widows allowing them to sit for competitive exams for Government and PSU jobs and tax rebates for single married women who are separated, divorced or widowed having children; and

(b) Government's decision, if any, taken in the matter?

Educational institutions under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014

*88. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the educational institutions proposed and established, separately, under the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the measures taken to establish all these institutions;

(c) the progress of establishing these institutions and the present status; and

(d) whether any time schedule has been drawn up for establishing all these

Passing of Women Reservation Bill

*89. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to get the pending Women Reservation Bill passed;

(b) if so, time-frame and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any plan to provide 50 per cent reservations for women in urban-local bodies; and

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

Establishment of new Central Universities

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

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

(b) if not, how does Government propose to enhance the access to higher education in the country and the details thereof?

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