

## RAJYA SABHA

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### 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; 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)

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Civil Nuclear agreement with Japan and France**

800. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of our civil nuclear agreement with Japan and France; and

(b) what is the future course of civil nuclear energy plans along with amount of energy generated and price per unit to be charged from public?

(a) the details of progress made by Atomic Mineral Division in identifying Uranium mines in the country during the last three years and the number of Uranium mines functioning in the country as on date, location-wise; and

(b) the details of the funds released for Uranium mining during 2013-14 and 2014-15 showing the quantum of Uranium explored, mine-wise?

#### **Value added products from Rare Earths**

#### **Identification of Uranium mines**

801. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

802. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any specific plan to produce value added

products from Indian Rare Earths, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the Rare Earth products produced in the country at present; and

(c) whether Government is planning to modernise Rare Earth Units in the country, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Leakage in Kudankulam nuclear plant**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that work in Kudankulam nuclear plant had to be stopped recently due to some leakages; and

(b) whether any nationwide safety and security audit of nuclear plants has been conducted after this incident and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Launching of Nuclear Insurance Pool**

804. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the launch of India Nuclear Insurance Pool (INIP) with a capacity of ₹ 1,1500 crore on 12th June, 2015, many fuel suppliers across the world have shown interest in Nuclear Power Projects in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the projects which are under way right now?

#### **Safety standards for Uranium mining**

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

(a) whether Government has set up any

safety standard for Uranium mining in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government makes aware the mining labourers of adverse effect of Uranium on human health; and

(c) whether the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) provides protective gears to Uranium mine workers?

#### **Projects implemented by BARC in Gujarat**

806. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question no. 776 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2011 and state:

(a) the number of projects being implemented by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Gujarat in agriculture and other sectors, sector-wise details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds spent on these projects, so far, project-wise and year-wise, since their inception;

(c) the outcome and benefits accrued due to implementation of these projects in Gujarat; and

(d) whether BARC is working in Gujarat for converting sea water for use of industrial or for irrigation purpose, the details thereof?

#### **Nuclear Liability Law**

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

(a) whether many countries have expressed their concerns regarding the nuclear liability law;

(b) if so, what is Government's stand on this regard;

(c) whether Government plans to amend the law or water it down to address international concerns; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **NLCPR funds allocated to NE States**

808. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) funds are allocated to North Eastern States for all round development of the region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many projects have been retained for funding from NLCPR funds in the current financial year; and

(c) how many projects have been selected for funding from NLCPR funds in the current financial year and how much funds have been released so far, project-wise?

#### **Modern facilities in border States of North-East**

†809. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop all the border States of North East through modern facilities specially like education, health services and trade, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the names of projects initiated in this regard and the result thereof so far, the State-wise and project-wise details thereof?

#### **Assessment of infrastructural constraints in N-E Region**

810. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the various socio-economic challenges and infrastructural constraints being faced in the North Eastern Region, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the North Eastern Council (NEC) has taken any steps for development, if so, the details thereof and the achievement made in this regard?

#### **Block-level weather forecast**

811. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a survey conducted by National Council of Allied Economic Research, the agriculture specific forecasts of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) have been found reliable by more than 93 per cent for Indian farmers;

(b) whether more than one million active fishermen along India's coastal districts rely on IMDs marine weather forecasting for operational ease; and

(c) whether agromet services presently served by 130 field units covering 633 districts are being expanded to provide block-level weather advisory from the present district level weather forecasts; and if so, the details thereof?

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#### **Issuing of summer advisory**

812. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time in its history, the India Meteorological Department would issue a summer forecast for April, May and June; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IMD officially expunged the word drought from its vocabulary, months after it correctly forecast one of India's severest monsoon deficits last year, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foreign Secretary Level talks with Pakistan**

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

(a) whether India and Pakistan have agreed to put off Foreign Secretary level talks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that both Governments could not arrive at a decision to hold the next round of Secretary level talks, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Prime Minister stopping in Pakistan**

814. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL:  
SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had stopped in Pakistan while returning from Russia;

(b) if so, whether it was a scheduled or an unscheduled programme, the details in this regard;

(c) if it was a scheduled programme, why was it kept secret;

(d) the reasons and developments that led to visit at such a short notice; and

(e) the discussion that took place between PM of Pakistan and our PM?

#### **Boats seized by neighbouring countries**

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Indian fishermen apprehended and fishing boats seized by forces of other neighbouring countries, including off the Gujarat coast by Pakistan and on the Indian Ocean, off the Tamil Nadu coast in the last three years;

(b) the action taken to get them back to Indian territory, including fishing boats/ trawlers; and

(c) whether any meeting has been fixed with the authorities from the other country for amicable settlement of the issue, in the interest of fishermen, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Indian sailors in jails of Nigeria**

816. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 11 Indian sailors are still jailed in Nigeria, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action has been taken for their release?

**Negotiation on fishermen with Sri Lanka**

817. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has negotiated with Sri Lanka to customarily allow the fishermen from Tamil Nadu to use the Sri Lankan waters further affirmed by the Memorandum of Understanding between two countries which has settled in three round talks of both countries' fishermen and officials taken place from 2010 to 2014; and

(b) if so, the barriers in bringing back 55 boats seized by Sri Lanka and stopping recurring arrests of Indian fishermen by Sri Lanka?

**Talks with Pakistan despite tension**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite of tension with Pakistan, Government is considering to continue talks; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the change in the stand of Pakistan by the visit of Indian's Prime Minister to Pakistan and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Crimes committed under 498A**

819. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that Indians committing offences under Section 498A and fleeing foreign countries and also committing offences in foreign land remains scot free without punishment;

(b) if so, what steps Government of India contemplates to take to protect the harassed women and bringing such elements to book and face trial according to our laws;

(c) the details of such cases registered in the last five years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(d) the efforts being made to bring back the offenders?

**Synchronizing foreign policy with domestic development plan**

†820. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to synchronize foreign policy with domestic development plans and whether it has been in major focus in many foreign visits of Prime Minister, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the achievements made so far in regard to synchronizing foreign policy with domestic development plans have been as per expectations, if so, the details thereof?

**Post of Punjabi language officer in missions abroad**

821. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has created a post of Joint Secretary (Sanskrit) and Hindi Attache in Indian missions abroad, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a proposal to create posts of Punjabi language officers on the lines of Joint Secretary (Sanskrit) and Hindi Attache, if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is a fact that Punjabi speaking diaspora is in large numbers in Europe, Middle East, America and Asia Pacific, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of IFS (A) and IFS (B) officers who qualified 10th with Punjabi as a subject?

#### **Hike in hardship pay for posting in troubled countries**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering hiking hardship pay for its officials posted in various troubled countries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the countries pay up to 35 per cent extra salary based on the hardship its employees face on account of safety, isolation, housing, climate and local inflation; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has set a ceiling of 35 per cent of the foreign allowance as determined by UN indices for that country?

#### **Indians deported from US**

823. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM:  
SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian students were deported from US recently if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken up this issue with the US Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the response received from the US Government?

#### **Relations with Pakistan after Pathankot Air base attack**

824. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government with respect to relations with Pakistan, in the backdrop of attack on Pathankot Air base attack;

(b) whether the dialogue between India and Pakistan can be uninterrupted and unintermittible; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost trade between two nations or to intensify people-to-people contact?

#### **Chinese submarine lurking near India**

825. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Chinese submarine is reportedly lurking in waters around India, if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Objectives of Know India Programme**

826. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives behind the Know India Programme and how it has performed so far;

(b) the amount of money spent both by the Centre as well as States on this programme during the last five years;

(c) whether any review has been made to ascertain usefulness of the programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to merge Know India Programme with Study India Programme?

**Time taken in police verification for passport**

827. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that average time taken by State/Union Territories in police verification to issue fresh passports is 36 calendar days whereas prescribed time line is 21 days;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to reduce the number of days to issue fresh passports;

(c) whether Government would come forward to take necessary steps under "Digital India" scheme to minimize the number of days in completing police verification; and

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

**India's foreign policy towards Iran**

828. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be a recalibration in India's foreign policy related to Iran now that international sanctions on Iran have been removed, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether India would have active engagement with Iran in economic arena now if so, the details thereof?

**Production targets set by BHEL**

†829. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production targets set by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the production targets achieved in last two years and the current financial year;

(c) the details of the posts lying vacant from 2014-15 in BHEL and whether these posts have been filled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when these posts are likely to be filled?

**Surplus land held by PSUs**

830. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surplus land held by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in Jharkhand and other States across the country; and

(b) whether Government has a comprehensive plan to develop these surplus lands with the help of private players, Government PSUs or on PPP mode or/and any State's Housing Board's multi-storied flats, if so, the details thereof?

**CPSUs running in losses**

831. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about a dozen

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Central Public Sector Undertakings including BHEL are running in losses;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that making losses is a habit of these CPSUs;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the losses and the profits made by these CPSUs during the last five years; and

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken to make these CPSUs at par or above with the private/MNC players in the field of their expertise?

#### **Revision of policy towards heavy industries**

832. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise its policy towards heavy industries and public enterprises, the details thereof;

(b) how far the existing policy has helped to achieve the objectives set by Government; and

(c) whether Government has reduced the number of industries reserved for public sector and if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Closure of HMT watch factory, Ranibagh**

†833. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether final decision has been taken to close the HMT watch factory situated

at Ranibagh in Nainital district of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether the employees working therein have been accommodated elsewhere, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intends to establish any other industry at this site?

#### **Delay in implementation of projects for Puducherry**

834. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects have been approved for Puducherry under BSUP, IHSDP and RAY;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as of December, 2015, out of 1326 dwelling units, only 600 have been occupied and the remaining are either yet to be constructed or not fully completed for occupation;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing the project; and

(d) by when the remaining dwelling Units are going to be completed and given to the beneficiaries for occupation?

#### **Scheme for home for homeless in Assam**

835. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce a scheme for land for landless and house for houseless, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether any proposals from States are pending with Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government on the request of Assam for providing home for homeless?

**Category of persons entitled for  
'House for all'**

836. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started the initial process of constructing houses under the Government's ambitious scheme of 'House for all by 2022' and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the category/class of persons enlisted for getting such house; and

(c) the type of houses Government is planning under this scheme?

**Sardar Patel National Housing  
Mission**

837. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of Housing of approximately 20 million units for the urban poor;

(b) if so, whether Government has planned Sardar Patel National Housing Mission, streamlining multiple housing schemes and projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many units have been built/proposed to be built under Rajiv Awas Yojana, the details thereof?

**National Policy on Urban Street  
Vendors**

838. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has comprehensively revised the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the objectives of the revised policy;

(c) whether street vendors selling tobacco products also come under the purview of this policy; and

(d) whether health hazards and spread of waste by these vendors have been considered and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Status of affordable housing scheme**

839. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of progress of affordable housing scheme in the country;

(b) the details of loans so far given under affordable housing scheme in the country since implementation of the scheme, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are few takers of the scheme in tier II and tier III cities; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to push this scheme?

**Slum redevelopment**

840. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether project developers participating in slum redevelopment under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana are required to provide transit housing to slum residents during the construction period;

(b) if so, whether Government has issued guidelines for this and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the number and current status of slums approved for redevelopment under this scheme?

#### **Rehabilitation of slum dwellers**

841. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Indian cities have become big conglomeration of slums off late;

(b) if so, the percentage of population living in these slums in the cities with a population of 10 lakhs or above; and

(c) the action Government plans to take to decongest these cities and rehabilitate the slum dwellers?

#### **Standardization of documents in all real estate projects**

842. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for ease of acquiring house projects by poorer sections of society, given the major housing crisis in the country; and

(b) whether any steps are proposed to be taken for standardization of documents in all real estate projects?

#### **Standard of primary education**

843. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of some recent independent studies in the field of primary education which suggest that the standard of primary education in the country is far below the global standards; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

#### **Scheme for weak students**

844. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering a new scheme for weak students who are prone to depression due to non-performance;

(b) if so, the details of implementation of this new scheme including the institutions that would be a part of this scheme; and

(c) whether the Ministry is considering a similar scheme for school going students, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Additional funds under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme for Rajasthan**

845. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Rajasthan has requested Government for allotment of additional funds of ₹ 2284.10 lacs under the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme towards the cost of food grains for payment to the FCI; and

(b) what is the present status of the action on the said request and by when the funds would be released?

**Pali and Prakrit languages as a subject in central university**

846. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any central universities have Pali and Prakrit languages/literature as a course of study or as a subject; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the salient features of the course of study?

**Universal quality education to children**

847. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of surveys have revealed that the quality of education at all levels continues to be poor leaving a large section of the country so called educated manpower ill- equipped to participate in a globalised market economy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are proposed to be taken to provide universal quality education to the children of our country?

**Proposals for establishing Deemed Universities**

†848. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of proposals received by the University Grants Commission during the last two years for establishing Deemed Universities, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of Deemed Universities approved to be set up during the last two years, the details thereof?

**Primary health care as a part of school curriculum**

849. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Ministry has proposed to the HRD Ministry to include primary health care as a part of the school curriculum, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this would help Government to create awareness as students are the best vehicles to do so and if so, by when it would be implemented?

**High price of books in private schools**

850. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the school books of private and Government schools are on the same pattern in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the prices of private school books are too high in comparison with Government school books published by NCERT?

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**New education policy initiative for making people employable**

851. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating a new policy initiative to change education system to realize Indias demographic dividend as working population are not employable and most industries, service sector and agriculture is struggling with scarcity of potential workforce; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Minority educational institutions in country**

852. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria for minority educational institution/university in the country;

(b) the details of the number of minority educational institutions in the country, State-wise under the Central Government; and

(c) the details of the central universities which have minority status, State-wise?

**Drinking water in schools of Himachal Pradesh**

†853. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry grants crores of rupees to States every year for basic

facilities in Government schools under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);

(b) whether it is a fact that under RMSA, Government has found drinking water facilities in schools in Himachal Pradesh very pathetic;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than five dozen schools in many districts of Himachal Pradesh do not have drinking water facility; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof and by when this problem would be resolved?

**Institutions under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**

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

(a) the details about the universities/institutions, which have joined the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) and the respective themes/projects they are associated with;

(b) the details of the progress made in such projects taken up under UBA; and

(c) the details of the non-Governmental organizations and private/autonomous/charitable institutions collaborating in UBA State-wise?

**Contribution of Indian Universities in research and development**

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

(a) whether Government has any status report on the contribution of Indian universities and other higher education as

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well as research bodies in Research and Development;

(b) whether Government has any ranking based on contributions to Research & Development to such institutions; and

(c) if so, the details of the breakthroughs recorded, achieved and published related to R&D by the top 10 among these institutions in the last two years?

#### **Promotion of sports in schools**

†856. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any scheme to improve the deteriorating condition of sports in the schools throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued to conduct a nation-wide campaign for training and promotion of sports; and

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

#### **First aid training to students and teachers**

857. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to impart first aid training to students and teachers in schools of Maharashtra and rest of the Country; and

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

#### **High charges of hostels for girl students at Delhi University**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that girl students at Delhi University hostels are being charged more than their male counterparts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, hostel wise and the reasons behind this discrimination; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

#### **Assesment of implementation of RTE Act**

859. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE) in all States, if so, details thereof along with obstacles in implementation of said Act;

(b) whether no-detention policy in schools have lowered quality of education, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received requests from various State Governments for additional funds for effective implementation of the Act in their respective States in recent past, if so, details thereof along with action taken on such requests; and

(d) other corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

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**Admission policy in Kendriya  
Vidyalayas**

860. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Vidyalayas were created exclusively for the children of parents whose jobs are transferable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the principle on which the Kendriya Vidyalayas were created has been diluted to such an extent that even the children of Defence forces are finding it difficult to get admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider making it mandatory for the Kendriya Vidyalayas to give admission to the children who have come on transfer and reside near by?

**Action against activists under SC &  
ST Act**

861. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) reasons behind suspension and expulsion of dalit students from hostel of Hyderabad central university and barring their entry to various buildings in the campus in January 2016;

(b) whether any action recommended by the Ministry under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act) against the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists who attacked the screening of 'Muzaffarnagar Baaqi Hain in 2015' and made derogatory remarks about students belonging to dalit community; and

(c) whether any letter/correspondence was made at the instance of the Ministry with the new Vice-Chancellor of Hyderabad University following which he expelled the said dalit students?

**Utilisation of education cess**

862. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected as education cess during each of the last three years in the country including Odisha;

(b) details of the usage and utilizations during last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite levying the cess there has been negligible improvement in quality of elementary and higher education; and

(d) the Steps taken for qualitative improvement in education in the country?

**Facilities for forward and backward  
communities**

863. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any suggestions for reviewing the existing facilities provided to all the categories of students including Forward Communities/ Backward Communities (FCs/BCs) of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has any plans to review such facilities; and

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

**Complaints of financial irregularities in Jamia Millia Islamia**

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

(a) whether Government has received any complaints against Jamia Millia Islamia regarding financial and administrative irregularities in the university's functioning; and

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

**Scholarship and literature in Urdu**

865. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to protect, preserve and promote scholarship and literature in Urdu;

(b) the total number of people in the country who are speakers of Urdu and the State-wise break up thereof; and

(c) the total number of cultural/language institutions receiving aid from Government for promotion of the language, the total amount of funds disbursed for this purpose State-wise?

**Audit of deemed universities**

866. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations permit auditing of deemed universities in the country by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG);

(b) if so, details of regulations under which CAG can audit deemed universities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that UGC is opposing to the idea of auditing deemed universities since no grant from Government is given;

(d) whether Ministry wants to audit deemed universities, in spite of UGCs opposition; and

(e) how Ministry is thinking of going ahead on this issue in view of (c) above?

**Higher education institution for each Ministry**

867. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of setting up of higher education institutions for each Department or Ministry which are primarily the engines of economic growth; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**School infrastructure for specially abled children**

868. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that school infrastructure constructed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is not friendly to the needs of specially abled children, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard and funds sanctioned for the same during last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of specially abled children enrolled under SSA at all levels, State-wise; and

(d) the detail of schools providing infrastructure friendly to the needs of the specially abled children, State-wise?

**Funds for utensils under Mid-Day Meal Scheme**

869. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the number of utensils compared to students in schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme, is disproportionate, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is considering to revamp its current uniform policy of allocating ₹ 5000 for utensils and make allocation of money according to the number of students in the school, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

**Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Jharkhand**

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

(a) total amount allocated and released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to Jharkhand during financial year 2014-15;

(b) how does the Ministry ascertain that the amounts released are being spent for the intended purpose; and

(c) whether the Ministry received complaints of misappropriation/diversion/ frauds etc. with regard to utilization of SSA funds in Jharkhand?

**Agitation in JNU**

871. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agitation and dharnas were held over the police action in the Jawaharlal Nehru University campus recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether complaints have been received against student's fundamental rights being curbed in the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus to favour a particular wing of students unions, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to bring normalcy in the University and to bring balance among various sections of students unions?

**National Authority for Testing for admission in IITs**

†872. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a National Authority for Testing for admission in IITs and other prestigious colleges, if so, by when this agency is likely to be constituted;

(b) whether it would put additional burden on the students to prepare for another examination; and

(c) the details of other recommendations of Ashok Mishra Committee accepted by Government?

**Scholarship for students in Gujarat**

873. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scholarships provided to students in colleges and schools in the State of Gujarat in each of the past three years, scheme-wise district-wise and year-wise; and

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(b) the details of scholarships provided to SC/ST students in colleges and schools in the State of Gujarat during the said period, scheme-wise and district-wise and year-wise?

#### **Guidelines for volunteer teachers**

874. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce volunteer teachers in schools, if so, the definition of "volunteer teachers";

(b) what are going to be their minimum prescribed qualifications;

(c) whether Government proposes to issue guidelines for the purpose; and

(d) whether any assistance/feedback obtained from Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in this regard, if so, details of the feedback given by them?

#### **Cases against Ministry in Central Administrative Tribunal**

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

(a) the details of the cases, decided against the Ministry by Central Administrative Tribunal, (CAT) Principal Bench during the last one year;

(b) the details of the appeals preferred by the Ministry, before higher courts against orders passed by Principal Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal in the cases decided against the Ministry, during the last one year;

(c) details of cases in which orders passed by Principal Bench of CAT decided against the Ministry has been accepted by the Ministry but compliance of the same has not been made till date; and

(d) the reasons and justification for non-compliance of court orders made in each case?

#### **Schemes for backward regions of country**

876. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) in what way, the schemes, Plans and Programmes of the Ministry are being used as agents of change and development;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Schemes of the Ministry can play a vital role in the development of backward regions of the country; and

(c) if so, in what way it is being done?

#### **Economic package against recession**

877. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the small and medium enterprise of the country are also hit by international recession, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the industries of this sector have been provided facilities under economic package so as to protect them from the effects of recession; and

(c) if so, the total assistance made available to this sector till October, 2015?

#### **Employment generation in country**

878. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MSME sector has been playing an important role in generation of employment in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the targets fixed by Government for generation of employment by the MSMEs sector during last two years so far, State-wise;

(c) the extent to which the target has been achieved during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to achieve such targets during the current plan period?

#### **Promoting entrepreneurship in MSME**

879. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan to promote entrepreneurship in MSME of the country, if so, details of the same;

(b) whether Government plans to provide seed funding and assistance to youth willing to take up entrepreneurship in MSME, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how does Government plan to motivate youth to undertake entrepreneurship in MSME, details thereof?

#### **New Technology Centres in the country**

†880. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running Equipment Cells and Technology Development Centres to provide technological support to the micro, small

and medium industries in the country, if so, the details thereof State-wise ;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up some new Technology Centres in the country; and

(c) if so, the basis of selection of these new centres and names of places where they are going to be set up and by when?

#### **Reply to communications of former MPs**

881. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any guidelines for Government Departments/ PSUs/entities to take appropriate and prompt action and subsequent reply to the communications of former Members of Parliament, if so, the details thereof, and if not, whether Government contemplates to issue such guidelines; and

(b) whether such advisory would also be issued to the State Governments, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Report of Transparency International on corruption**

882. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the latest report of the Berlin based Transparency International, India has improved its ranking to 76th from 84th last year on perceptions of public sector corruption among 168 countries surveyed for 2015; and

(b) whether the closely watched Transparency International Index uses twelve sets of data collected from organizations such as World Bank and the

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World Economic Forum to cobble up a picture of perceptions of business people and experts, and if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Population of slum dwellers**

883. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slum existing in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the population of slum dwellers in India, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) how many slums have been demolished in India since 2010 and the amount of compensation disbursed, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise;

(d) how many slums have been regularised in India since 2010, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise;

(e) the amount of money disbursed for construction of low cost housing in India since 2005 and the number of houses constructed, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise?

#### **Bill on reservation policy in promotions**

884. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of introducing comprehensive bill on reservation policy for incorporating reservations in promotions for the SCs, STs and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBs) ;

(b) whether the Ministry has proposed such legislation;

(c) if so, what is the time-frame for introducing the Bill; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Abolition of Interview for group C and D services**

†885. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any declaration has been made by Central Government to abolish interview for group C and group D posts in Central Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it has been implemented and it is going on smoothly and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fast track clearance of LTC Claims**

886. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to fast track clearance of LTC claims of Government employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new central civil services rules seek to ease the procedural difficulties faced while applying for and settling LTC claims, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Guidelines for nomination of representatives in SCOA**

887. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued

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Guidelines for the nomination of the representatives of Associations/Bodies of Pensioners in Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA);

(b) if so, what are the guidelines and whether many Association and Bodies of Pensioners have been nominated, if so, whether all of them fulfill the norms prescribed; and

(c) the details of these Associations/Bodies along with their organisational profile?

#### **Timely disposal of public grievances**

888. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exists no uniform time-frame across State authorities to dispose off the grievances of public or an individual, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry would frame guidelines for a timely disposal of public or individual grievances lying with the State authorities, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Separate cadre for All India Services for Goa**

889. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Goa has proposed creation of a separate cadre of All India Services for the State of Goa;

(b) whether the subject was ever discussed between the representatives of Goa Government and Government of India;

(c) what was the nature of discussion and what was the stand of Government of Goa in this regard;

(d) the number of States which presently form part of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, Union Territory (AGMU) cadre; and

(e) the details of the present strength of cadre of All India Service as regards State of Goa?

#### **Cases pending before CBI**

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

(a) the total number of cases for investigation before Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

(b) how many of them are pending and the number of cases on which CBI is taking action; and

(c) the types of problems being faced by CBI to expedite the action thereon and who is responsible for that alongwith the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of manpower in Central Government Department**

891. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge shortage of manpower in the Central Government Departments, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the recruitment of staff is not proportionate to the posts vacated by retired employees; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to improve the staff strength in Government departments?

#### **Vacancies in Ministries**

892. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3936 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 2013 and state:

(a) the details of vacancies in various Ministries during the last three years, year-wise and group-wise;

(b) the details of the action taken/proposed by the Ministry to fill up the vacant posts at the earliest, in view of the fact that large number of vacancies not only adversely affects smooth execution of Government policies but also keeps the existing workforce under constant stress thereby affecting their morale; and

(c) the fresh initiatives taken/proposed to keep its workforce motivated and stress-free?

#### **Increasing resources for scientists**

893. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase resources for scientists, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to institute a single body or uniform frame to audit the scientific works of the institutions like Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), if so, the details thereof?

#### **Research projects for inventions by CSIR**

894. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has taken up many research projects for new inventions in various fields for the benefit of the common people;

(b) if so, the details of major projects, undertaken by CSIR in various States, including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last two years; and

(c) the budget allocated for the projects, State-wise during the above said period?

#### **Setting up of Biotechnology Boards**

895. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up Biotechnology Boards in all districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof along with funds sanctioned/spent for this purpose?

#### **Skill Development Centres in Bihar**

†896. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Skill Development Centres set up in Bihar to develop skills and entrepreneurship among the youths;

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(b) the number of youths and names of the disciplines in which these youths have been provided training by these centres, so far;

(c) whether Government makes efforts to ensure that the trained youths get employment; and

(d) if so, the number of such trained youths who have become self employed?

**Prime Minister Skill Development Scheme in backward districts**

†897. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training centres under the Prime Minister Skill Development Scheme are not available in backward districts of the country where they are needed the most;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these centres are planned to be established; and

(c) if not, the number of training centres available at present?

**Financial assistance for startups**

898. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of indigenous enterprises which have started operating during the last one year, State-wise and Sector-wise;

(b) whether Government is promoting social entrepreneurship through additional financial assistance, training and mentorship and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been a considerable increase in the number of startups under Information Technology sector in

comparison to other sectors; and

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to promote startups in other sectors like health, energy etc., if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Demand and supply gap for workforce**

899. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Skill Gap Report, the country needs 119 million more skilled workers by 2022;

(b) whether any assessment has been made about the skill requirements, State-wise, if so, the details of skilled workforce required, sector-wise and State-wise;

(c) the difference between earlier estimates and the new estimates and the plan of action to bridge the gap between demand and supply; and

(d) the amount required for skilling the workforce and how Ministry is planning to pool the resources in the light of low budgetary support?

**Funds for skill development**

900. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) number of boys and girls skilled in the country State-wise, during the Eleventh Plan period, how many would be skilled by the Twelfth Plan period, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been employed, State-wise, so far; and

(c) funds projected in the Twelfth Plan period by Government, and funds so far spent, State-wise in the last three years?

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**Skill India Programme in West Bengal**

901. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that two crore young people enter into work force every year and most of them remain unemployed or marginally unemployed;

(b) the allocation and utilization of funds under Skill India Programme till date, State-wise;

(c) the details of training centres, number of people trained and number of people who have been placed under Skill India Programme till date including State of West Bengal, State-wise, district-wise; and

(d) the allocation and utilization of funds along with the steps taken to promote skill development in West Bengal in the last two years, district-wise?

**MoU for Skill Development Scheme**

902. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being signed between AICTE and Skill Development Committee to implement the Skill Development Scheme, if so, salient features thereof; and

(b) whether it includes utilizing infrastructure of the Engineering Colleges which want to close down for skill development?

**Data related to operation of ITIs**

903. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has direct access to data of the operations of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether information of such data is inadequate to assess the actual training capacity in the country, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether the National Skill Development Association (NSDA) had requested the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) to incorporate new questions to capture details into their household and enterprise survey and if so, the details thereof?

**Goals fixed for National Skill Development Mission**

904. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY : Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether goals have been fixed for the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM);

(b) how does Government proposes to achieve those goals in the coming two years; and

(c) the funds allocated to the NSDM in order to achieve its set goals for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17?

**Financial assistance to backward castes in Maharashtra**

905. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) the details of financial assistance given to the backward castes in Maharashtra for higher education through National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation during the last two years;

(b) the number of persons benefited;

(c) the number of applications received and pending out of them; and

(d) the criteria adopted for selection of persons for such assistance?

**Action after suicide of dalit scholar**

906. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action that the Ministry has taken on the suicide of a dalit scholar of Hyderabad Central University;

(b) whether the Ministry was in contact with the Ministry of HRD;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Benefits of reservation policy to SCs and STs**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has done a survey to assess the benefits of reservation policy among different caste and tribe belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories respectively, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce sub-quotas to distribute the benefits of affirmative action more equitably; and

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

**Expansion of list of disabilities**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to expand the existing list of disabilities;

(b) if so, the details of such disabilities to be included in the list; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to lay down stringent guidelines to ensure a non-discriminatory, equitable system for the disabled persons especially the dwarf?

**Inclusion of castes from OBCs to SCs**

†909. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) the number of proposals for inclusion of castes from OBCs into SCs and from General category into OBCs

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pending with the Ministry at present, State-wise;

(b) if a person belongs to OBC category in a State and his child is born in some other State where that caste is recognised as scheduled caste, whether the child born in this situation would be entitled to get SCs certificate from that State; and

(c) if so, whether the children born in Delhi are entitled to get their caste certificates from Delhi?

**Rise in number of disabled people in the country**

910. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become a home to disabled people in the world and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of disabled people has been rising unabatedly in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to control its upward trend?

**Proposals for construction of hostels for SC/ST and OBC students in Rajasthan**

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

(a) whether Government has received proposals from Government of Rajasthan for construction of hostels for students belonging to SC/ST and OBC, if so, the number of such pending projects and the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government intends to approve these proposals, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Prohibition of employment as manual scavengers in Delhi**

†912. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 is in force in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the survey that had to be carried out by all the three corporations of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council under the said Act to identify the manual scavengers has not been carried out with due apparatus, manner and timeline, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the condition of manual scavengers in Delhi and to rehabilitate them?

**Funds for rehabilitation of manual scavengers in Uttar Pradesh**

†913. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that manual scavengers are unable to get the benefits of various schemes being run for their rehabilitation and if so, the directions issued by Government to implement Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 effectively; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number

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of people in Uttar Pradesh are engaged in manual scavenging and if so, the details of total number of people who got funds for rehabilitation and benefits under self employment projects?

#### **Increase in limit of creamy layer**

914. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Backward Classes has recommended increasing the limit of creamy layer to ₹ 15 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Commission has also recommended dividing OBCs into three groups;

(c) the other major recommendations made by the Commission; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to accept and implement the above recommendations by Government?

#### **Demand for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes**

915. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand of Kapus and Telagas in Andhra Pradesh, Jats in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and Muslims for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes/ Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) if so, whether Government would consider appointing another Commission for taking a comprehensive view instead

of leaving the issue to the States concerned; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

#### **Cases of abuses elderly persons in Delhi and Maharashtra**

916. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that crime against elderly persons is increasing particularly in urban areas;

(b) if so, which schemes have been launched for safety, security, medical care and other facilities for such elderly persons;

(c) how many cases of abuse of elderly persons have come to the notice of Government particularly in Delhi and in the cities of Maharashtra during the last one year; and

(d) the details of action taken thereon?

#### **Request being examined by NCBC**

917. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the requests being examined at present by National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) to include various castes in the Central OBC List as envisaged in Section 9 of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) so far, after receiving such request?

**Reservation for "Dalits" in education and Government jobs**

918. SHRIDEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation available exclusively for "Dalits" in education and Government jobs and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is planning a separate quota for "Dalits" on the same lines as of Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof?

**Deployment of regional positioning system**

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

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is undertaking a project to deploy a regional positioning system for India if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is progress and budget allocated for the project, and the details of the benefit of such project?

**Objectives of Chandrayaan-I project**

920. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandrayaan-I project has achieved its objectives, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the position/objectives of Chandrayaan-II and whether it has been approved; and

(c) if not, by when it is expected to be approved?

**Popularity of Government portal BHUVAN**

921. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons Government portal BHUVAN is not being able to get popularity and be an effective alternative to Google Earth whose all data is parked abroad; and

(b) what are Government's plans to empower and help gain principal position for C-DAC and Survey of India to become modernized and provide an effective Indian alternative to foreign based agencies in their respective fields?

**Launching of satellites in the country**

922. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of satellites which have been launched by India both successfully and unsuccessfully along with their break up according to their purpose into military satellites, commercial satellites and the rest during last three years;

(b) the expenditure incurred on and revenue earned from these satellites, satellite-wise;

(c) the list of existing satellites in use along with their remaining lives, satellite-wise;

(d) whether these satellites are achieving their intended objectives; and

(e) if so, the details of the benefits received along with the details of their beneficiaries, satellite-wise?

**Encouragement of young minds to study space**

923. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plan for encouraging young minds to study space science; and

(b) whether there are any plans to establish an exclusive university for space sciences, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reason and whether this could be considered in future?

**State plans under Smart City Scheme**

924. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of States sought extension for submitting their plans under the Smart City Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the States which sought such extension and the reasons put forth; and

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

**Next list of Smart Cities**

†925. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to issue next list of smart cities;

(b) if so, whether some cities of Gujarat are likely to be included in next list; and

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

**Constitution of Inter-Ministerial Task Force**

926. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Inter-Ministerial Task Force constituted to devise an appropriate strategy and action plan for developing 338 identified towns having substantial minority population has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, how far Government has implemented the action plan in these towns as recommended by Task Force?

**Resources of Smart City projects**

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

(a) whether the smart city project aims to generate the bulk of the resources from the private sector or Government, the details thereof;

(b) whether the first list of smart city programme ignores cities like Mumbai and Kolkata which should have received top priority and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when cities of 23 States who have failed to make to the lists would be included in the smart city project?

**Haphazard development of cities due to increased population**

†928. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of population growth in the mega cities of the country during the last five years and whether this burgeoning population in the cities is leading to a haphazard development of these cities; and

(b) the plans afoot to provide basic amenities to the urban populace and robust development of cities in view of peoples migration to cities and the details thereof?

**Government share in Jaipur Metro Company**

†929. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government is insisting on keeping 50 per cent share in the board of directors and the share capital of Jaipur Metro Company, if so, the reasons for sanctioning only 20 per cent cost of the total financial assistance for phase I of Jaipur Metro Rail Project; and

(b) whether Government is pondering on giving a financial assistance equivalent 50 per cent cost of the project, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Oulgaret Smart city in Puducherry**

930. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oulgaret in Puducherry has been selected as one of the Smart cities in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that it has not been included in the first phase of 20 cities;

(c) the criteria adopted in identifying

the 20 cities that have been selected and how Oulgaret was denied the same; and

(d) the facilities that are going to be provided in the selected 20 cities and how much money is going to be spent on each of the above 20 cities?

**Web-based land inventory system**

931. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring web-based land inventory system with details of Government land owned by Government departments and their affiliated organisations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would also display complete information about land they own, how much has been encroached upon and how much is lying vacant etc.; and

(c) by what time, all the information will be available on the website?

**Use of DDA flats for commercial activities**

932. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several parks/plots/MLU plots of DDA in Delhi have been encroached;

(b) whether it is a fact that a lot of DDA flats/plots/MLU plots are still not allotted, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that residential flats of DDA in Delhi are being used for commercial activities; and

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(d) if so, what steps Government has taken or proposes to take?

#### **Compost from Municipal solid waste**

933. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made it mandatory for private companies to buy compost that is extracted from municipal solid waste;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is finding creative ways to turn mounting municipal waste into national asset; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 45 compost producing plants across the country were almost defunct because private firms were not interested in marketing their products and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of small towns of Gujarat**

†934. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to accelerate the development of small towns in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is also considering development of small towns situated in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the number of such towns to be developed and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Regulator for Metro Corporation**

†935. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to constitute a regulator for metro corporation;

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

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

#### **Integrated solid and liquid waste disposal plan**

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

(a) whether Government has zeroed in on Punjab's low-cost sewage system to manage liquid waste and Tamil Nadu's integrated solid waste disposal plan for the Prime Minister's pet project Swachh Bharat Mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when these systems would be adopted in other States as part of Swachh Bharat Mission?

#### **Monitoring and support in implementation of AMRUT**

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

(a) the city-wise details of funds spent for providing end-to-end support for AMRUT cities;

(b) the city-wise current status of appointing Project Development and

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Management Consultant (PDMC) and preparation of City-wide Concept Plans by such PDMCs;

(c) the details of incentives to be given for reform implementation to cities under AMRUT;

(d) the details of monitoring done at national level including the current city-wise status of appointing agencies for third-party monitoring (IRMA); and

(e) the steps taken and city-wise funds released and spent specifically for individual and institutional capacity building under AMRUT?

#### **Construction of multi-storey buildings in Lutyens Zone**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to construct multi-storey buildings in Lutyens Zone in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of places where construction of multi-storey buildings has been allowed;

(c) whether the construction work of these multi-storey buildings would be awarded to private company; and

(d) whether the construction of multi-storey buildings in Lutyens Zone is likely to damage its landscape of the area and if not, how?

#### **Progress under Swachh Bharat Mission**

939. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether much progress has not been

made under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) (Urban) so far;

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

(c) the achievements made under the SBM (Urban) so far against the set targets; and

(d) the number of cities/towns which have secured 100 per cent achievement in collection and transportation or in processing of solid waste as sought under the said initiative?

#### **Short listing of Panaji for smart city**

940. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Panaji city from the State of Goa, was short listed for being declared as a smart city;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of meetings were organised by Panaji Municipal Corporation for the purpose; and

(c) which were the criteria on which Panaji city failed to be considered for inclusion in the first list?

#### **Constitution projects under HRIDAY scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering to take up construction projects under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme with an outlay of 31 crores in selected cities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) the number of cities selected for this purpose in the country particularly in the State of Jharkhand?

**Improvement in sex-ratio and education of girls**

942. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao programme had seen yielding positive results; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that sex ratio and education of girls had drastically improved in the 100 districts where the programme was implemented which prompted the Government to extend the programme to 61 more districts and if so, the details thereof?

**Poor food at anganwadis**

943. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed to set up 50,000 more anganwadis as against the required six lakhs across the country in order to tackle malnourishment among children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the food provided at anganwadis is uniformly poor across the country due to lack of proper monitoring; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has taken the issue very seriously and also initiated steps to set things right and if so, the details thereof?

**Making the law against child abuse stricter**

944. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children physically and verbally abused in the country including cases of neglect, during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to make the existing law against child abuse stricter by including emotional, neglect and physical abuse as punishable offences; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress made on this account and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Plan to improve juvenile homes**

†945. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out a plan to extensively improve the juvenile homes taking into account their miserable condition, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is not a fact that these juvenile homes have failed to bring about a positive change and desired improvement among the children; and

(c) if so, the stand of Government with regard to bringing sweeping reforms in the condition of these juvenile homes?

**Vacancies for judges in POCSO Courts**

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

(a) the details of the number of vacancies for judges in Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Courts in the country, State-wise and district-wise;

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(b) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that all vacancies are filled, including the timeline by which this shall be accomplished;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that vacancies for judges in POCSO Courts is jeopardizing the objective of the POCSO Act; and

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking to review the capacity of the institutions involved with implementing the POCSO Act effectively?

#### **Shortage of Special Public Prosecutors in POCSO Courts**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that there is acute shortage of Special Public Prosecutors appointed to serve in Special Courts under section 32 (1) of the POCSO Act; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure that Special POCSO Courts in all districts of the country appoint Special Public Prosecutors, including the time-line by which Government would fill these vacancies?

#### **Measures to stop atrocities on women in West Bengal**

948. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal tops the list as far as atrocities on women are concerned;

(b) how many such cases have been reported in the last three years; and

(c) the remedial measures adopted to stop the attack and atrocities on women?

#### **Adoption of special children by foreigners**

949. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of adoption of special children in India is not good and such children are adopted by residents of foreign countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is proposed to attend to this and work out measures to maintain human dignity in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Frauds through matrimonial websites**

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

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a panel to establish regulatory mechanism to control and curb and look into frauds through matrimonial websites, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the efforts made to reduce complaints on account of various kinds of frauds through exploitation of innocent persons by fraudsters on matrimonial websites?

#### **Establishment of Anganwadi Centres**

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

(a) whether Government has established or directed the State Governments to establish more number of Anganwadi Centres in the country, if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) whether any time-limit or target has been fixed for establishing such centres?

**Committee for tracing missing children**

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

(a) whether Government has appointed/proposes to appoint any panel/committee to frame action plans to trace missing children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this direction;

(c) whether the said panel has submitted its report to Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the follow-up action taken by Government thereon?

**Guidelines to adopt children by single parents**

953. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new guidelines governing Adoption of Children, 2015, has increased the child adoption rate, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the revised guidelines for making single parents eligible to adopt through online registration have proved to be productive and if so, the details thereof?

**Global Gender Gap Report**

954. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to poor performance of India, the World Economic Forum (WEF) has downgraded its position in its report "Global Gender Gap.";

(b) whether the Ministry has reviewed all the developmental programme/schemes to assess the reasons for downgrading India's position;

(c) what reformative action the Ministry has taken to regain its ranking in the Global Gender Gap Report; and

(d) how does the Ministry propose to fund the reformative activities and what time-frame has been set to achieve the targets?

**Regularisation of services of anganwadi workers**

955. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ruled out the possibility of regularising services of anganwadi workers and treating them as government servants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rejection was made on two counts that there was no provision and money in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the job of anganwadi workers stands permanent; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to give promotion to anganwadi workers as supervisors for those who have done around ten years of service and if so, the details thereof?

**Malnourished children below three years of age**

956. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 44 per cent of children below three years of age in the country are malnourished and our country houses the largest number of malnourished people in the world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the States where most malnourished children live; and

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

**Pam Rajput Committee on Rights of Women**

957. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pam Rajput Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the salient recommendations contained in the report; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to put the Rights of Women in live-in relationship and single dependent daughters on a legally firmer footing in order to ensure their claim to maintenance?

**Posts vacant in Anganwadi Centres**

958. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres operational in Gujarat against the sanctioned number, district-wise;

(b) the number of vacant posts of anganwadi supervisors and workers in Gujarat against the sanctioned strength, district-wise; and

(c) the percentage of Anganwadi Centres which do not have even the basic amenities such as drinking water and toilet facilities, district-wise?

**Unregistered child care homes**

959. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of child care homes have not been registered in pursuance of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for mandatory registration of all the child care homes across the country?

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