RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015/Agrahayana 12, 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; Overseas Indian Affairs; 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 — 15

MoU signed by BHEL

*46. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of MoU signed by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) in the last three years; and
- (b) whether Government is taking initiatives to increase order to BHEL, if so, the details thereof?

World ranking of Indian universities

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the whole world recognizes the talent of India, Indians and we are playing a leading role in every developed and developing country;
- (b) if so, the status of higher education in the country which is young and talented in comparison to the global scenario;
- (c) whether Government has any data about the world ranking of our universities compared to the global scenario of higher education; and
- (d) whether Government plans to improve the education level of the country and to bring it at par with the international standards, if so, the details thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Technical education in Jharkhand

- *48. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:
- (a) what thrust is being given by the Central Government to bolster technical education in Jharkhand; and
- (b) whether there are any plans to set up ITIs in Jharkhand in general and in Santhal Parganas in particular, if not, reasons therefor?

Education to poor children in Uttar Pradesh

- †*49. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has implemented any new scheme for fulfilling the various requirements for imparting primary and secondary level education to poor children of the backward areas of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of such children studying in Government aided schools of Uttar Pradesh whose poor parents are unable to educate their children/send their children to schools?

Assistance to manual scavengers

- *50. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether according to the socioeconomic caste census data for 2011, there are still 90 lakh households that are engaged in manual scavenging, and the Skill India

- initiative had initially listed scavenger as a job profile;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry is undertaking any measures to move people out of this profession, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any assistance is being provided to the family members of manual scavengers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cleaning projects under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

- *51. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has called off the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan as there is no visibility of cleaning wastage accumulated throughout the country;
- (b) if not, the action being taken to pace up the cleaning project under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; and
- (c) the amount of money that has been spent so far?

Dam on Brahmaputra by China

- *52. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether China has operationalised the biggest dam on Brahmaputra recently in October, 2015, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Chief Minister of Assam has expressed concern over the Chinese dam on Brahmaputra, if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken in this regard;

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether China has started building ten such other dams on Brahmaputra, if so, the details thereof and the reaction and response of Government thereto; and
- (d) whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese authorities, if so, the details thereof?

NCERT books carrying pictures of Asaram Bapu

- *53. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) book for class-III students continues to carry picture and write up about the self-styled Godman Asaram Bapu in the same category as Guru Nanak, Lord Mahavira, Gautam Buddha, Swami Vivekananda, Ram Krishna Paramahans and Mother Teresa; and
- (b) the reason for not making the corrections/removing his photo and references after his imprisonment ever since the registration of rape cases against him?

Allotment of land for schools in Aali village by DDA

- *54. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any proposal has been sent to Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for allotment of land for Girls Senior Secondary School by Delhi Government in Aali village of Okhla Assembly segment under Adarsh Gram Yojana;
- (b) whether DM South East has given his report that the said school is very essential for the village; and

(c) if so, when would DDA allot the land for construction of the said school under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme and Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana?

Promoting R&D in States

- *55. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is considering to set up science centres and zonal systems to support research in all States, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has received requests from many State Governments to promote research and development works in their States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Skill development through universities and colleges

- *56. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has failed to meet its skill development targets in 2014-15, as the higher education department achieved just 24.67 per cent of the skill training target and in 2013-14, it had a meagre success rate of 17 per cent as per official data, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government decided to rope in universities across the country to help implement Government's skill development mission, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked over 700 universities and 35,000 colleges to join the mission, if so, the details thereof?

Delay in issuance of certificate by ITIs

- *57. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is inordinate delay on the part of National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) to issue certificate to those who have completed training from various Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs); and
- (b) if so, the reasons for inordinate delay in issuing certificates, and the steps taken by Government to ensure timely distribution of certificates to students/ trainees?

Ban on migration of women to Gulf

- *58. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Union Government is considering to ban migration of women from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to the Gulf countries to work as house maids, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is aware that such ban would create a spurt in return migration besides swelling the ranks of jobless people in the two States?

New Delhi; <u>The 27th November, 2015</u> <u>Agrahayana, 6, 1937 (Saka)</u>

Creches under Rajiv Gandhi Creche Scheme

- †*59. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of new creches opened during the last three years under the Rajiv Gandhi Creche Scheme, State-wise and city-wise;
- (b) whether there are still no creches in the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, PSEs and the autonomous organisations situated in Delhi; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has issued necessary guidelines to such Central Government Organisations for opened creches for their women employees?

Role of civil bodies under Swachh Bharat Mission

- *60. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether as per one online survey, 71 per cent of more than two lakh netizens from all over the country feel that there is not much change in one year even after Swachh Bharat Mission;
- (b) if so, what is the response of the Ministry; and
- (c) to what extent Ministry has been able to rope in civic bodies and address their capacity gaps in achieving the targets set under Swachh Bharat Mission?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF, Secretary-General.

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