

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

#### Kakrapara and Kudankulam Nuclear Power Projects

481. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of commissioning of third and fourth units of Kakrapara Atomic Energy Project and seventh and eighth units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project;

(b) when would the unit-2 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project is likely to be commissioned;

(c) the capacity of each unit, project-wise and unit-wise; and

(d) what is the total amount for these projects, unit-wise and the amount spent so far?

#### Projects for nuclear power generation

482. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress of projects for nuclear power generation proposed by Government in the last Five Year Plans along with the success achieved in this regard and the names and sites where such projects have been commissioned/are pending during the said period;

(b) the total power generation achieved/expected to be generated by these projects and which States would be benefited from each, plant-wise; and

(c) the reason for total number of nuclear power projects pending for approval from the Government, State-wise?

### **Shortage of nuclear fuel**

483. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of fuel for atomic plants in the the country;

(b) if so, the time by which the country is likely to become self-dependent in the field of atomic fuel; and

(c) the quantity of uranium imported from various countries and expenditures incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year, country-wise and year-wise?

### **Nuclear power plants in Gujarat and Jharkhand**

484. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States where nuclear power plants are functional at present and the quantum of power generated by these plants, State-wise;

(b) the States where nuclear power plants are proposed to be set up and the power generation capacity of the proposed plants; and

(c) whether the State Governments of Jharkhand and Gujarat have sent any proposal for setting up of nuclear power plants in the States and if so, the details thereof?

### **Radiation linked cancer cases**

485. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner India look at the reported first radiation linked cancer case due to Fukushima disaster;

(b) whether a few similar cases of cancer are still awaiting confirmation of a link to accident; and

(c) in view of above, whether the Ministry reconsider its decision about nuclear energy, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Deaths due to radiation related hazards**

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

(a) how many persons have died due to radiation related hazards, accidents and sickness in India's nuclear installation spread all over the nation; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide all the safety kits to people working in such places particularly the uranium mines?

### **Steps to deal with nuclear waste**

487. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the latest records, nuclear energy is cheaper than pit based energy for the final consumer, if so, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has been able to effectively deal with nuclear waste; and

(c) what is the impact of disposing nuclear waste on the overall cost that the final consumer would have to pay?

### **Incentives under NEIPP**

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

(a) the progress of Industrial packages of incentives under North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 for the States of North Eastern Region (NER), including Sikkim, in the last three years;

(b) whether fresh registrations under the Scheme have been suspended; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposed project/scheme for Industrial Development of the Region, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

**Implementation pattern for projects/schemes**

489. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the efficacy of various projects/schemes to support northeast being organized under the aegis of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC), and North Eastern Handlooms and Handicrafts Development Corporation (NEHHDC); and

(b) whether any change in the implementation pattern is being mooted in the projects/schemes to address the growing unrest in the region?

**Advancement in IMD for forecasting calamities**

490. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the technology used by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to forecast and prevent flood situations in the country;

(b) the comparison of the technology used by India *viz-a-viz* Global Standards for the same;

(c) whether Government is planning to improve the current forecasting technology so as to predict and prevent wide scale destruction of floods in the country; and

(d) the proposals, action-taken and committee recommendations that Government has received in the last three years for the same?

**Technology for forecasting natural calamities**

491. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian sub-continent is among the most disaster prone areas in the world and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the India Meteorological Department has been able to forecast natural calamities accurately and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate technology is available in the country to forecast natural calamities such as earthquake, cyclone, drought and floods etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Country's record in predicting rain**

492. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a recent international audit, India's record at predicting the vital rain bearing system is not sufficiently good with an accuracy rate of fifty per cent;

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

(c) whether Government is working on a new monsoon mission aimed at achieving a better skill level by upgrading the model;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent/likely to be spent in this regard; and

(e) whether Government has set up a cloud physics lab in Maharashtra's Mahabaleshwar city in this regard and if so, the details of the achievements made by it so far?

**Expansion of Security Council**

493. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN General Assembly has adopted a text based proposal for the expansion of the Security Council, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is a leading contender for a permanent seat in an expanded Security Council;

(c) whether India is a leading contender for a permanent members backing India's bid for a UNSC seat; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to have support of other countries in this regard?

**Opposition to uniform migration policy at BRICS**

494. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to oppose uniform migration policy at Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) meet in Sochi, Russia, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to push for a liberalised visas regime for 'skilled workers' among BRICS nations to promote business and economic interests; and

(c) if so, the response received by Government thereon?

**Bringing back of dead bodies of Indian died abroad**

495. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons who went abroad for earnings are killed/died due to extreme weather conditions/stressful working conditions, if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to bring back their dead bodies from abroad to our country on time; and

(c) whether any compensation provided to their family members in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**Human rights abuses during Civil War in Sri Lanka**

496. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Investigation on Sri Lanka calling upon Colombo to establish a special court to try the horrific abuses committed by the authorities and the rebels in the last phase of the country's civil war; and

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

#### **Use of atomic bombs by Pakistan against India**

497. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some top ranking Pakistani leaders have threatened use of atom bomb against India in the recent past, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reaction of Government in this regard?

#### **Diplomatic plans for foreign policy**

498. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any diplomatic plan/vision for the next twenty or thirty years;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to have a considered and clear foreign policy with India's short/long term national interests clearly defined?

#### **Extradition treaties with countries**

499. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government signs extradition treaty with other countries;

(b) if so, the details of such treaties signed with other countries and the success achieved so far in extraditing persons; and

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

#### **Border dispute with neighbouring countries**

500. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of border disputes between India and its neighbouring countries including China and Pakistan;

(b) whether a high degree of mistrust continues between India and its neighbours mainly due to border disputes, if so, the steps taken to solve these disputes; and

(c) the details of the policy initiatives taken by Government in last more than one year to have cordial relations with our neighbours?

#### **Status of Passport application**

501. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1711 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July 2014 and state:

(a) the number of applications received for Passport and the number of Passports issued during the last three years, year-wise and the current year; and

(b) the number of applications received during the last three years, year-wise against which passports have not been issued so far, if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in the matter?

**Steps to protect interests of India due to unrest in Nepal and Maldives**

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to protect the interests of India in view of the turbulence occurring in our neighbouring countries Nepal and Maldives;

(b) whether it is a fact that Nepal has made a complaint in UN that India is interfering in the internal matters of Nepal;

(c) whether the relationship of Nepal and India has turned ugly in last two years; and

(d) whether situation on Indo-Nepal border is not normal, if so, the details thereof?

**Nepal going close to China**

503. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY:  
SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:  
SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's relationship with the Himalayan nation Nepal have gone from bad to worse;

(b) whether this is also a fact that Nepal is now moving towards China; and

(c) the actions Government propose to take to mollify Nepal and smoothen our relations with Nepal?

**Diplomatic protection for embassy officials**

504. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government in rape case in which a Saudi diplomat is involved; and

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to avoid such incidents in the future and also to protect Indian domestic helpers and other staff personnel from such misbehaviours from Embassy officials having diplomatic protection?

**MoU during India Africa Summit, 2015**

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

(a) how many dignitaries and countries attended India Africa Summit, 2015, the details thereof along with the names of the countries;

(b) the details of agreements and memoranda signed by Government with various countries during the said Summit; and

(c) whether any promise of aid has been made to the African countries, if so, the details thereof along with names of countries?

**Indian mariners jailed in Nigeria**

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

(a) whether any progress have been made regarding the Eleven jailed Indian mariners in Nigeria; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Blockage of supplies to Nepal**

507. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has taken note of the assertion by Nepal before the UN Human Rights Council that Nepal is likely to witness severe humanitarian crisis if the on-going blockade of supplies is not resolved and lifted;

(b) whether Nepal being a landlocked country depends heavily on India through which seventy per cent of its imports pass through; and

(c) whether India has made it clear that it had not imposed any embargo on supplies to its neighbour and the blockade was due to continuing unrest in Nepal posing threats to the safety and security of Indian transporters?

#### **Issue of Passport in Passport Mela**

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

(a) the total number of Passports issued in 2014-15, State-wise;

(b) the specific steps Government has taken to ensure faster Passport clearances for applicants;

(c) the details of Passport Melas conducted in 2014-15, State-wise and to what extent the above Melas are helping in issuing Passports;

(d) whether there are demands to convert such Melas into temporary Passport centres; and

(e) if so, whether any policy decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Corruptions in houses built by India in Sri Lanka**

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

(a) whether Ministry has come across allegations of sexual favours sought for giving houses built by India in Sri Lanka for Sri Lankan Tamils, if so, the details thereon; and

(b) what action the Ministry has taken on the same?

#### **Prime Minister's visit to UK**

510. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agreements signed by Government in the recent visit of Prime Minister to UK;

(b) the details of the declarations made during the visit; and

(c) whether Government has raised issues related to global terrorism, if so, details thereof?

#### **Declaration during G-20 Summit**

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

(a) the details of declarations made during the recent G-20 Summit; and

(b) whether Government has raised issues to terrorism, cross border terrorism and increasing threat of ISIS to India, if so, the details therefor?

### **National Policy on Capital Goods**

512. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in consultation with industry association and bodies has drafted a National Policy on Capital Goods, which has been envisaged to unlock the potential in the sector and establish India as a global manufacturing powerhouse; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

### **States participation in "Housing for all" Mission**

513. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:  
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) how many States have signed MoU with the Ministry for "Housing for all" Mission in urban areas of their States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these States have agreed to implement six mandatory norms; and

(c) how many cities and towns in these States have been identified for building houses for urban poor and if so, the details thereof?

### **Share of Tamil Nadu in "Housing for all" by 2020**

514. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Class I cities that

have been identified in the State of Tamil Nadu under Phase I of "Housing for all" by 2020 Mission;

(b) the details of the fund earmarked for these cities during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the fund released so far to the State of Tamil Nadu under Phase I of the Mission?

### **Current Status of BSUP, IHSDP and RAY**

515. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the ongoing projects under Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP), Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) and Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) in various States, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been time and cost overruns in many of these projects;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, project-wise along with the revised schedule for completion of the said projects; and

(d) the overall achievement made by these schemes?

### **House to Economically Weaker Sections of Delhi**

516. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is plan to provide house to Economically Weaker Sections in Delhi;

(b) whether Government has provided



and constructed some houses under this scheme; and

(c) the number of dwelling units constructed and handed over to (EWS) people in the last three years till October 2015?

**Unregistered street vendors and hawkers**

517. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of unregistered street vendors and hawkers in the country;

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

(c) the measures taken by the Ministry to create awareness amongst vendors and hawkers to register themselves with their local municipalities; and

(d) the details of total registered street vendors in the country last year, State-wise?

**Cheap house for the urban poor in Gujarat**

†518. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is chalking out any plan to build cheap houses for the urban poor;

(b) if so, whether Government also prepare to build houses for the poor living in the cities of Gujarat State; and

(c) if so, the names of such cities and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacant houses constructed under Urban Housing Schemes**

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

(a) the number of houses constructed under various Urban Housing Schemes that are lying vacant, State-wise and year-wise since 2010;

(b) the number of days houses constructed lie vacant before allocation;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to expedite the allocation of these houses; and

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

**Inclusion of slum population in Uttar Pradesh**

520. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the slum population which have been identified by Government to include in the 1st Phase of 'Housing for All by 2022' from the total slum population of 62,39,965 in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the amount earmarked for this during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the amount spent so far for this purpose?

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**Houses to middle class families in  
Delhi**

†521. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously contemplating to provide houses to middle class families in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is also contemplating to provide houses to the middle class families living in the cities of Gujarat State as well; and

(c) if so, the number and the names of the cities where it is contemplating to provide houses and if not, the reasons therefor?

**National Urban Rental Housing  
Policy**

522. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether accordingly to the 2011 census data 11.09 million houses are vacant in urban areas, if so, the whether the Ministry is considering the draft National Urban Rental Housing Policy's incorporation with the Housing for All Mission as has been suggested by experts;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has any plans of operationalizing or financing this policy, if so, the details thereof and if not, rationale thereto; and

(d) what provisions in the the rental policy are focused on augmenting supply of housing for rent, if any?

**Rehabilitation of poor families**

523. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 2885 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 2012 and state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Ministry, in consultation/ coordination with the State Governments and Ministry of Railways for rehabilitation of poor families residing nearby railway tracks in urban cities to remove slums nearby the railway tracks;

(b) whether the Ministry would take the opportunity of initiating slum-free urban cities, from country's capital Delhi itself taking a cue from the Prime Ministers dream of providing houses to all ; and

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

**MoU for financial support to  
Government agencies**

524. SHRIT. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to build two crore houses in urban areas by 2022;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main hurdle in filling the housing stock is shortage of land in urban areas, stringent land use regulations, inadequate infrastructure to support more housing neighbourhoods, rising cost of construction material, insufficient financing, restricted mortgage financing and rent control laws; and

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(c) whether it is also a fact that around 140 lending agencies had signed Memorandum of Understanding with Government nodal agencies for extending financial support to housing projects under Urban Housing Mission and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cities with Night Shelters**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that thousands of people die every year in various cities due to extreme cold and want of shelter during cold nights;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Ministry to equip the cities with night shelters and provide financial help to States to build them before the starting extreme cold nights;

(c) how many cities in India are equipped with night shelters and steps taken in Delhi to protect the elderly homeless people; and

(d) how many homeless people are there in the country, State-wise?

#### **Indians studying in foreign countries**

526. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the number of Indian students studying in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the details for the last ten years, country-wise?

#### **Shortage of specialized subject teacher**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) scheme there is a shortage of specialized subject teachers for students in Class 10th, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) the details of measures taken by Ministry to direct the schools to recruit subject-wise specialized teachers for class 10th students; and

(c) the details of specialized teachers recruited under RMSA scheme for last three years, State-wise?

#### **Job oriented higher education**

528. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Ph. D. scholars and post graduates are applying for Class IV jobs in various States and most of them are finding it difficult to get jobs in the academics or in the other areas;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any endeavour to make higher education job oriented and ensure jobs or placements for candidates having higher degrees; and

(c) whether Government have assessed the quality of higher education being imparted in various universities, if so, the details thereof?

### **Institute for River Sciences**

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

(a) whether the Government has planned to set up institutions/universities (Institute for River Sciences) for higher studies, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to improve the river literacy and education?

### **Infrastructural facilities in Tamil Nadu**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government gives emphasis on providing toilets in all the schools in the country, if so, the details thereof, including the guidelines given, if any;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide infrastructural facilities in this regard, including the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for this purpose during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise?

### **Caste discrimination in IITs**

531. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:  
SHRI AMBETH RAJAN:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that caste-discrimination, particularly against SC/ST students in the IITs across

the country, had led to increase in number of suicide by SC/ST students studying in the IITs across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any positive steps to arrest this trend so that students belonging to SC/ST category are not humiliated by anybody in the IITs, if so, the details thereof?

### **Reserved teaching posts in IITs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the IIT and Central Universities are short of faculty upto 40 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the teaching posts which are reserved for OBC, ST & SC are not filled in time; and

(c) whether Government will make a adequate system to fill all such vacant posts?

### **Ragging cases in colleges**

533. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ragging cases in the colleges of India, have been going up unabated;

(b) the number of complaints that have been received by the University Grants Commission during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that majority of such complaints pertain to harassment of girls in the colleges; and

(d) if so, the details with action plan to control such harassment?

**Unchecked growth of coaching institutes**

534. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether there is an unchecked growth of coaching institutes all over the country;

(b) whether they are fleecing aspirants by charging a hefty amount of ₹ 2 to 3 lakh as fee per year for the preparation of the civil services exams and over ₹ 1 lakh for AIEEE; and

(c) if so, will Government consider creating a regulatory body to keep a vigilant eye on it?

**List of top educational Institute of world**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that even a single educational institute of India appears in the list of top 200 educational institutes of the world;

(b) the criteria for including these institutes in this list; and

(c) whether Government is making any efforts to include our educational institutes in this list, if so, the details of the efforts made thereon?

**Moral education for students**

536. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to make moral education compulsory in the curriculum from nursery to university level;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to devise appropriate syllabus on the subject in consultation with educationists and spiritual scholars of various religions in order to inculcate moral values in students in the country?

**Panel for New Education Policy**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has constituted a panel for framing new Education Policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) when the Report is likely to be submitted; and

(c) terms of reference given to the panel?

**Funds under SPQEM scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been delays in releasing of funds to Madarsas under Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas, (SPQEM) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether the delay in releasing of funds has led to non payment of salaries to teachers in Madarsas;

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of funds sanctioned and

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released under SPQEM Scheme for last three years, State-wise?

in this regard, if so, the details and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Choice based credit system**

539. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints after the introduction of the Choice Based Credit System;

(b) whether universities are facing a shortage of teachers after this system, if so, the details thereof and corrective action taken by Government;

(c) whether universities have terminated contracts of teachers after the introduction of the Choice Based Credit System due to unpopularity of certain subjects, if so details thereof and action taken by Government to rectify the same; and

(d) whether universities are increasing working hours due to the introduction of the Choice Based Credit System, if so, details thereof and corrective action taken by Government?

#### **Funding pattern of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

540. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to reduce its share of funding in the flagship Sarva Siksha Abhiyan from 65 per cent to 50 per cent and revise funding pattern to 50:50 instead to 65:35, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have raised their concern

#### **Gyandeeep schemes for soldiers**

541. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:  
SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open Univerisity (IGNOU) had signed an MoU with the Indian Army to provide degrees to soldiers through Gyandeeep Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the said scheme has not been implemented properly thereby causing problems to the soldiers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of Right to Education Act**

†542. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States of the country who have not implemented the Right to Education Act after the enactment of the said legislation;

(b) whether private educational institutions and guardians protested against the implementation of the Right to Education Act and cases were lodged in the courts, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to make amendment in the Right to Education Act, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Model School Scheme**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted review of Model School Scheme under which 2500 schools are proposed to be set up under Private Public Partnership in blocks not academically backward, as benchmark of excellence at block level; if so, the result thereof;

(b) the manner in which preference will be given to the eligible institutions from the applications received under PPP, the list of which was circulated by the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will refund the fees deposited by the institutions alongwith their applications?

### **Shortage of Faculty in IITs**

544. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IITs are facing serious shortage of faculty and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether uniform qualifying standards for the faculty in various disciplines have been prescribed for IITs and the institutes of national importance; and

(c) the action initiated to overcome the shortage and availability of faculty?

### **Funding under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)**

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

(a) what are the norms fixed by Ministry for funding of Government technical institution/constituent colleges of Government Universities;

(b) how many Government colleges/ constituent colleges of State Government run universities have been selected for funding under component 7 of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) across the country; and

(c) what are the reasons for exclusion of Government Engineering/professional colleges under component No. 7 RUSA by the Ministry when there is no specific provision under RUSA guidelines to debar such institution?

### **Hike in tuition fee at IIT**

546. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to defer the hike in tuition fee at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT); if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to set up panel to revamp examinations in IITs; if so, the details thereof?

### **Dropouts from Schools**

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

(a) what are number of dropouts from schools during last three years;

(b) how many of such dropouts were due to unsympathetic attitude of school authorities;

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(c) how many children were tortured physically and/or mentally in this process; and

(d) whether Government has taken any action in this connection, if so, in how many cases action has been taken?

**Vacant seats in recognised engineering colleges**

†548. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to put a check on those engineering colleges recognised by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in which seats are remaining vacant frequently due to which it is also considering to derecognise them;

(b) whether AICTE has also made its rule for recognising new colleges stringent; and

(c) the details of rules framed in this regard?

**Compliance for RTE Act**

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

(a) how many schools in India have violated the norms set under the Right to Education Act (RTE), the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether there have been budget cuts that make it difficult for RTE compliance to be achieved in the near future, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that its constitutional obligation, with regards to the RTE, is being fulfilled?

**Level playing field for education boards**

550. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

(a) whether it is true that education boards across the country have demanded to bring in changes in practices that will be common to all of them, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that Government had met members of the Council of Boards of School Education in this regard, if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting?

**German as additional foreign language in Kendriya Vidyalaya**

551. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students in Kendriya Vidyalayas will be able to opt again for German as an additional foreign language in conformity with the National Education Policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that Government has signed a joint declaration of intent with Germany in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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#### **Steps for nutritious mid-day-meal**

†552. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Report of FICCI Research and Analysis Centre, according to which the mid-day-meal provided to the school children is not nutritious and less than the approved weight;

(b) the number of schools in Delhi where mid-day-meal is being supplied by NGOs and the payment being made to them for it; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the mid-day-meal provided to children is nutritious, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Low education level in youth**

†553. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the census data released by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, 32.6 per cent population has not been educated even upto primary school level and 25.2 per cent is educated upto the level of primary school and only 11.1 per cent population is educated upto metric level;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to provide higher education to the youth; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Disaster management lessons in schools**

554. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether school children are being imparted disaster management lessons, both in Government and private schools in the country to meet any kind of eventuality during disasters, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such training is also being imparted to students of all States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such students would be provided with certain gadgets for use during such eventualities, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Charges against Vice-Chancellor of Visva Bharati University**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the charges against the Vice-Chancellor of Visva Bharati University has been proved, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action is initiated, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Basic facilities in schools of rural areas**

†556. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any effective steps to provide basic facilities to such schools situated particularly in the backward and rural areas of the country that do not have proper building/teachers and the schools building is in a dilapidated condition, if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

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(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Number of children out of school**

557. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 60.6 lakh children between the ages of 6 to 13 are still out of the school after the RTE came into effect, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the majority of these children are in rural areas and the families in rural area fail to send their children to school largely due to non-affordability;

(c) whether the UNESCO report clubs India with some of the worst performing nations like Kenya, Nigeria, Indonesia, Sudan and Tanzania; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the necessary steps taken on this issue?

#### **Development fee charged by KVs**

†558. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 came into the force in April, 2010 in which there is a provision of not collecting any type of fee or charge or expenditure from children in lieu of education, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 500 is being charged every month from the students in the Kendriya Vidyalayas throughout the country in the name of development fund; and

(c) if so, whether the objectives of RTE Act, 2009 are being fulfilled or money is being collected by adopting other means, the details thereof?

#### **Sanctioned amount for mid-day meal scheme**

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

(a) the mid-day meal was started with an idea to provide nutritious food to the poor children and to attract them to the schools, if so, per head sanctioned amount for providing mid day meal to the students;

(b) whether the Ministry feel that in present day's inflation the sanctioned amount is insufficient to provide nutritious food to the poor children to keep them healthy; and

(c) if not, what would the Minister propose to ensure that the students continue to get the nutritious food despite all odds and the credibility of the mid-day meal scheme sustains?

#### **Right to Quality Education Act**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to replace the current RTE Act with Right to Quality Education Act;

(b) if so, by when would the Minister bring in the new legislation before the Parliament; and

(c) the salient features of the Bill?

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### **Out of school children**

561. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in its Millennium Development Goals (MDG) assessment in 2015, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has stated that India is moderately on track of universalizing primary education but cautions that a large number of children are still out of school and are not completing their primary education;

(b) whether the third and latest round of National Survey on Estimation of Out of School Children (NSEOSC) conducted in 2014 estimated a fall in number to 6 million or 2.97 per cent of the total number of children; and

(c) whether the Census 2011 figures on children (6-13) not attending educational institutions are in steep variance with NSEOSC figures for the third round for surveys conducted in 2014?

### **Reservation for EWS in KVs and private schools**

562. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Right to Education Act, 2009, 25 per cent reservation meant for children belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) is being implemented uniformly in all the private schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas etc. across the country;

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

(c) the details of the claims and the amount of money reimbursed to the private schools for providing free education to the

EWS students during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

### **Irregularities in conduct of All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT)**

563. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale irregularities were detected in the conduct of All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in May, 2015, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of States from where such irregularities were reported;

(c) whether such irregularities have been reported in the earlier years also by the CBSE, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the CBSE in all such cases; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that entrance tests conducted by the CBSE is transparent and free from irregularities?

### **Setting up of Rural Universities**

564. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by Ministry in consultation with University Grants Commission to set up Rural Universities to execute ideas of our Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government to introduce various Gandhian literatures in education syllabus, the details thereof?

**Discontinuation of non-NET fellowship**

565. SHRI D. RAJA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL:  
SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:  
SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:  
SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

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

(a) whether Government has discontinued the non-NET fellowship to M.Phil and Ph.D students at Central Universities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons and rationale for the same;

(c) whether students have protested against the decision of Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of Government thereto?

**National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship**

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

(a) the amount allocated to the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship for the year 2015-16;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under this scholarship; and

(c) whether Government has disbursed all scholarship, if not, details and the reasons therefor?

**Funds for quality research in IITs**

567. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN:  
SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether it is true that the Government has earmarked ₹ 250 crore per annum for fostering very high quality research in the IITs, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that Government has made it mandatory for the IITs to have clearly defined outcome and 25 per cent of the expenses have to be borne by an industry partner, if so, the details thereof?

**Steps for 100 per cent literacy**

568. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from 18 per cent in 1951 to 72.5 per cent in 2011, India needs to accelerate the pace for 100 per cent literacy;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Tamil Nadu has been felicitated as the best performing State in the field of improving literacy, if so, the details thereof?

**National Institute of Technology in Goa**

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

(a) what is the status of land acquisition for establishing National Institute of Technology in Goa and whether the land identified at Cuncolim (Goa) has been acquired;

(b) what is the exact status of acquisition, whether market value of the land has been assessed by the State Government Authorities, if so, the estimated amount required for the purposed acquisition of land;

(c) whether Government proposes to share the burden of the State Government in this regard; and

(d) by what date the land is expected to be handed over by State Government to the Central Government?

(a) whether Government has launched any special programme to promote Small Scale Industries (SSIs) in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of SSIs in various States, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(c) the quantum of funds released to various States for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current financial year, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the amount of loans provided by banks to the SSIs in various States during the said period, State/Union Territory-wise?

#### **Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme in Maharashtra**

570. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the status of implementation of PMEGP in the State of Maharashtra?

#### **Special programme for small scale industries**

571. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

#### **Export through MSMEs**

572. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has a plan of action to extend requisite support to MSMEs to make their exports more competitive, as only 6 per cent of MSMEs are currently exporting, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has any plans to help MSMEs cope with the negative impact on them by recent changes in FDI policy given the dilution of the 30 per cent local sourcing requirement, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Direct Transfer of benefits for PMEGP**

573. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government is considering introduction of direct transfer of benefits to those setting up units under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that Government has introduced single page registration which is simple, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Productivity in MSME**

574. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for developing a multi pronged approach to improve productivity in the MSME sector through innovative means, if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to enhance productivity in the MSME sector through the National Productivity Council, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Small Scale Industrial units in Maharashtra**

†575. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up small scale industrial units in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, details thereof particularly of

the backward and tribal areas the location-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for this purpose, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Promoting Information and Communication Technology among MSME**

576. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree on automation nirvana for Small and Medium Enterprises to encourage self-reliance at the grass roots level; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to promote use of information and communication technology among small and medium business to fully tap local and export market potential?

#### **Tax break for MSME sector**

577. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises which are labour intensive, have sought to provide tax break based on employment or employment generation for a large number of people, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that MSME sector contributes about 8 per cent to India's GDP and a capital infusion of ₹ 24,000 crore under the Twelfth Five Year Plan, if so, the details thereof?

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#### **Hate crime against Indians abroad**

578. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of hate crimes against Indians in foreign countries have increased over the last three years, the details thereof;

(b) the kind of help provided to the victims of hate crimes in foreign countries; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce the number of hate crimes against Indians?

#### **Pravasi Bhartiya Welfare Centres**

579. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established any Pravasi Bhartiya Welfare Centres in our country or abroad to facilitate the NRIs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of such Centres working; and

(c) if not, whether Government is proposing any such Centres in the near future?

#### **Implementation and review of Rule 56(j) of Fundamental Rules**

580. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers in All India Services, who on the basis of Rule 56(j) of the Fundamental Rules, have been retired during last three years by Government of India;

(b) the number of officers in Group 'A' Central Services who on the basis of above

Rule have been retired during last three years by Government of India; and

(c) the number of officers in All India Services, who on the basis of above Rule have been retired during last three years in Jharkhand?

#### **Panel for Identification of privacy issues**

581. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a panel to identify privacy issues and prepared a document to facilitate the proposed Privacy Act and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the said panel has submitted their recommendations on various such issues and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action so far taken/ proposed to be taken by Government on such recommendations?

#### **Study of vigilance cases by CVC**

582. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had conducted a study of vigilance cases over the last three years, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the disciplinary proceedings in a large number of cases took as much as ten to twenty years;

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

(d) the steps taken by the CVC to reduce delays and improve service delivery?

**Representation of SC/ST/OBC officers in Government**

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

(a) what is the number of Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries excluding equivalents in Government of India;

(b) the number of SCs, STs and the OBCs excluding equivalents in these posts; and

(c) the steps that are being planned to increase their representation in these posts?

**Creation of skill development cadre through UPSC**

584. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is speeding up on the creation of a dedicated skill development cadre through Union Public Service Commission (UPSC); and

(b) whether aspirants for civil services would have one more service to choose from in the annual examination to be conducted by the UPSC from next year onwards, if so, the details thereof?

**C.V. Raman International Fellowship for African Researchers**

585. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched C.V.Raman International Fellowship for African Researchers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including fund utilised/unutilised so far;

(c) whether audit of expenses incurred by FICCI under the programme has been

carried out by competent authority, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the misuse of funds; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by this Department and Ministry of External Affairs in this regard?

**Development of design for quake-resistant buildings**

586. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IIT Roorkee Scientists or others have developed a design for quake-resistance system for buildings with used tyres etc., in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) to what extent this would help to control deaths during earthquakes and other such calamities?

**Vacant posts in the institutions**

587. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Directors, Scientists and Student researchers vacant at present in various Science and Technology Institutions;

(b) whether Government have initiated action to fill them;

(c) when are the positions expected to be filled;

(d) how many of these vacancies are reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs; and

(e) how many vacancies earmarked for these sections remain unfilled for more than two years?



**Measures to promote traditional knowledge**

588. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any substantive measures are being undertaken for promotion of traditional knowledge and local wisdom in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to improve the employability of the tribal and backward youth in the field of science and technology, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to strengthen the human capability in scientific research and promotion of grass-root innovation in various States including West Bengal and if so, the details thereof?

**Skill gap assessment**

589. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any research or directed any study for the skill gap assessment under the National Skill Development Corporation; and

(b) the details of the skill gap assessment conducted and the results thereof State-wise?

**MoU for training of youth**

†590. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Governments, Universities, educational institutes and

vocational units with which Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the Ministry till date; and

(b) the number of youth targeted to be trained during the current financial year, and the future plans of Ministry?

**Certificates for existing skill**

591. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) number of youths to be skill trained under the National Policy for Skill Development in the next two years;

(b) the institutions that would assess and give certificates for existing skills or give certificate of skill training, under Recognition of Prior Learning;

(c) how do they ensure that quality of training is maintained, to the satisfaction of end-users; and

(d) how many skill cards and skill certificates were distributed to trainees in the last six months and how many of them were gainfully employed, with details?

**Training centre under PM Skill Development Scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that training centres have not been established in 90 per cent of districts of the country under Prime Minister Skill development scheme, if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(b) if not, the number of training centres established throughout the country at present and the number of youth being trained in those centres?

**Filling competency gap through skill training**

593. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the competency gap in the Indian job market to provide appropriate skill training, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to dispense skill training in remote areas of the country, if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to involve the private sector in conducting skill development training, if so, the details thereof and timeline for introduction of the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allocation for schemes of skill development**

594. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes prepared by the Ministry for the skill development and entrepreneurship in the country;

(b) the allocation made for the same for the current year, scheme-wise;

(c) the names of bodies and organizations with which collaboration is being made for the purpose; and

(d) what are the targets for the next five years?

**Constitutional status to OBCs Commission**

595. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is serious consideration of the proposal to grant Constitutional status to OBCs Commission or set up a new Commission by giving it Constitutional status like SC/ST Commission and if so, the details of the move;

(b) whether a Constitutional amendment would be required to grant OBC Commission the Constitutional status as the word 'OBC' does not appear in the Constitution; and

(c) if so, whether any ground work has been done in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Policy for conversion of public infrastructure into disabled friendly**

596. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive plan or policy is on the avail from Government to convert public infrastructure, transport systems into disabled-friendly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Scholarships to the students of SC/ST of Uttarakhand**

†597. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scholarship fund to be given to the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the State of Uttarakhand has been released by the Centre for the financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor, for not providing fund so far;

(c) whether State Government of Uttarakhand has requested the Ministry and the Prime Minister to provide the scholarship for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken so far and by when the fund will be made available to the State?

**Review of reservation for Other Backward Castes (OBC)**

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

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

(a) whether there is a provision of reviewing other backward castes after every ten years under the Act related to the National Commission for Backward Classes set up by the recommendation of Mandal Commission and whether it is mentioned to change the reservation

system accordingly to their economic and social status after such review;

(b) if so, dates on which changes have been made under this Act, the details thereof; and

(c) whether suggestions have been received for any changes in the reservation policy in the present scenario and whether any such proposal is under consideration of Government?

**Punishments under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 stipulates formation of special courts, fast trials and enhanced punishments to prevent and effectively punish crimes against SC and ST persons; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the criminal cases registered under this Act, pending case in courts, conviction rate and the number of Special Courts set up State-wise?

**Data about abandoned mentally challenged persons**

†600. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the mentally challenged persons in the country, if so, the State-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

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(b) the number of the mentally challenged persons who have been abandoned by their families in the country, State-wise details thereof and arrangements made by Government for their accommodation and livelihood; and

(c) whether Government will take initiative to address this problem and will coordinate with State Governments?

#### **Disability audit of airports and railway stations**

601. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for disability audit of airports and railway stations in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many airports and railway stations have been selected for the retrofitting in West Bengal; and

(c) what is the deadline fixed for doing so?

#### **Working of National Trust**

602. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee had been constituted to look into issues relating to the working of National Trust;

(b) if so, when was it constituted and the status about this; and

(c) whether report of the Committee is delayed, if so, the reason therefor?

#### **De-addiction centres in Uttarakhand**

†603. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the de-addiction centres run by Central Government in Uttarakhand have been provided grants for the financial year 2014-15;

(b) if not, the list of those centres which have been provided partial grants for 2014-15;

(c) the reasons for not providing partial grants to other de-addiction centres for the financial year 2014-15, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the rest de-addiction centres of the State would be provided grants for the financial year 2014-15?

#### **Funds for Space Projects**

604. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Space Projects initiated in the last five years and the details of the projects pending completion in the last five years;

(b) the amount allocated, disbursed and utilized for these projects, Project-wise;

(c) the total amount left unutilized in the last five years and the amount returned; and

(d) the reasons for not initiating new projects in the last two years?

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**Scheme of building 'Smart Cities'**

†605. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the basic concept behind the scheme of building 'Smart Cities' formulated by Government;

(b) whether land would be acquired for this;

(c) if so, Government's views regarding the villages adjacent to the concerned cities; and

(d) whether Government proposes to promote the cities that are declared to be converted into 'Smart Cities' and if so, the details thereof?

**Metro-rail to all capital cities**

606. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to give metro-rail to all the capital cities of Indian States; and

(b) if so, by when this endeavour will be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

**DDA flats surrendered by allottees**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of DDA flats have been surrendered by the allottees who have been allotted flats in the recent Housing scheme of DDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any review has been done by DDA to find out the reasons for such surrenders; and

(c) if so, the details and the findings thereof and the measures taken to rectify the issues such as poor construction quality, infrastructure, etc.?

**Projects cleared under AMRUT**

608. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cleared some projects under the flagship Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) if so, the details of the projects cleared and the names of the States to whom these projects belongs;

(c) whether Government has cleared Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation projects of selected States, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has approved State level plans unlike the past practice of appraising and approving individual projects and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Survey to rank urban areas**

609. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to conduct a survey to rank urban areas including State capitals on sanitation, if so, the facts thereon and the objectives of the survey;

(b) the number of cities to be covered under the survey, State-wise; and

(c) the time fixed by Government for ranking of urban areas under Swachh Bharat Mission?

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### **Increase in urbanisation**

610. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether urbanisation is increasing rapidly in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the burden of slums on the cities is also continuously increasing due to increasing urbanisation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is taking any steps towards town planning keeping in view the increasing pressure on the cities and if so, the details thereof?

### **Reason to include NDMC area in Smart City**

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

- (a) the reasons behind inclusion of New Delhi Municipality Area, which is already developed, in the list of Smart City;
- (b) whether other areas of the State are more developed than the New Delhi Municipality Area;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not selecting the Shahdara, East Delhi and Daryaganj of the State and the districts of the North West Delhi, North Delhi and the West Delhi; and
- (d) whether there is a greater chance of wastage of money on account of inclusion of New Delhi Municipality Area?

### **Demolition of flats/bungalows of NCT**

612. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to demolish the very old flats/bungalows located in various parts of National Capital Delhi and construct new buildings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the deadline set to achieve the target; and
- (c) if not, whether any danger zone of the city has been declared by Government which is unsafe for the people to stay?

### **Projects under HRIDAY Scheme**

613. 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 of projects under HRIDAY Scheme with an outlay of 31 crores in selected cities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of cities selected for this purpose in the country and particularly in the State of Telangana/Andhra Pradesh, the details thereof?

### **Consultants for Smart Cities Mission**

614. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has engaged many private concerns as consultants to offer Integrated Solutions for Smart Cities Mission, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) the reasons for engaging only private concerns and keeping out Government Agencies in offering Integrated Solutions for Smart Cities Mission?

**Guidelines on greening and landscaping of urban areas**

615. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has brought out certain guidelines on greening and landscaping of urban areas in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Governments have been asked to comply with the same and earmark at least 25 per cent of the cost of housing development schemes for the said purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the States thereto?

**Target set under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**

616. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the target set under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan last year;

(b) whether set targets have been achieved after one year of its implementation;

(c) if not, what are the bottlenecks found by Government and how it is planning to address them; and

(d) out of the total investment of ₹ 62,009 crores envisaged, how much has been allotted and spent and what are the physical targets set and achieved in one year?

**Proposal to develop Vijayawada and Guntur**

617. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to develop Vijayawada and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh along with the areas of Nuziveedu, Sattenapalli, Tenali, Gudivada, Chilakalurlipeta due to its adjoining for the new capital of Amaravati of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned/spent for these areas and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Urban Development Schemes furnished by Rajasthan**

†618. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Urban Development Schemes furnished by Rajasthan Government are pending with the Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and names of cities of Rajasthan chosen for smart city; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan for development in big cities of the country apart from smart city, if so, the details thereof?

**Shortcomings found in cities hampering development**

†619. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the shortcomings found in small and big cities of the country including Rajasthan which are hampering their development;

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(b) whether lack of efficient waste management system, adequate infrastructure for water bodies etc. are the main obstructions in the development of cities; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to resolve these issues?

#### **Land encroachment in Pune**

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

(a) whether Government has made any survey to find out encroachment of its land in cities in different States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that over 7000 cases of encroachment on Government land in 13 talukas of Pune have been detected by the State Government;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to reclaim the land and prevent further encroachment in the future; and

(d) the steps that are taken for rehabilitation of encroachers if they are found to be homeless?

#### **Assessment for persons under DDA Housing Scheme**

621. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any assessment for persons who are benefited under DDA Housing Scheme to know whether existing policy is benefiting the targeted people, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of maximum benefited persons have their direct/indirect property in their native State; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these DDA Housing Scheme has no separate privilege for Delhi resident and homeless Delhi resident?

#### **Study on the social issues of urbanisation**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted/proposed to conduct a study on the social issues of urbanisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up an exclusive research institution to study such aspects and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Criteria for selection of smart cities**

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

(a) the criteria fixed for selection and number of cities and suburbs selected for smart cities and rejuvenation in the country;

(b) the amount earmarked for the projects under various schemes including Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, and Housing for All; and

(c) the number of private players involved and joint ventures in the development of smart cities, including foreign institutions, with details?

#### **Details of achievements made by NCRPB**

624. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:



(a) the details of the achievements made so far by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB);

(b) the number of projects financed in the National Capital Region by the NCRPB, region-wise;

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided to various infrastructure development projects undertaken in the region, project-wise; and

(d) the status of each such project and the steps taken by the Board for their timely completion?

#### **High speed connectivity to certain cities**

625. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to provide high speed connectivity to certain cities of National Capital Region through Regional Rapid Transport System;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of work on the project;

(c) whether Government has constituted any Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for early execution of work on the project in a time bound manner?

#### **Uniform standards for urban planning**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to bring legislation for ensuring uniform

standards for urban planning and street design that included safe access and prevention of road accidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the proposed timeline for the enactment and implementation of the said legislation and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Multi-sectoral interventions for improving the sex ratio**

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

(a) the total number of gender critical districts in the country, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether Government has chalked out any plan to reduce declining sex ratio in such districts by promoting girls education;

(c) if so, the details of multi-sectoral interventions by Government for improving the child sex ratio (CSR); and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to sensitize community to act as community watch groups on CSR issue and enhanced value of girl child?

#### **Details of Anganwadi-cum-Creches**

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

(a) the details of the Anganwadi-cum-Creches that have been operationalize in the country State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to open and operationalize more Anganwadis in this fiscal year 2015-16, if so, the details thereof, State- wise; and

(c) how much budget is allocated for the same in this fiscal year?

**Adoption of childrens with disabilities and special needs**

629. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children adopted in India, year-wise and gender-disaggregated, since 2005;

(b) the number of children with disabilities or special needs adopted in both in-country and inter-country adoptions, year-wise since 2005;

(c) whether the Ministry maintains information about the age of the children at the time of adoption, if so, the age-wise breakdown of adoption statistics since 2005; and

(d) whether the Ministry received feedback from adoption agencies and other stakeholders regarding the new adoption guidelines, if so, the details thereof?

**Reduction in number of OSCs**

630. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operational One Stop Centre's (OSCs) in India;

(b) the reasons behind the reduction in proposed number of OSCs from one in each district to one in each State/UT;

(c) whether Government has any plan to increase number of OSCs; and

(d) if so, to what extent and within what time-frame?

**Implementation of Dowry Prohibition Acts by States**

631. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment as to what extent the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been implemented in different States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the dowry-related cases registered, conviction rate and the women died in such cases during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments have not appointed separate prohibition offices as required under this Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken to ensure proper implementation of the law in the States?

**Monitoring and assessment of malnourished children**

632. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

(a) whether real time monitoring and assessment of malnourished children under National Nutrition Mission has been rejected by the Expenditure Finance Committee, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) how the Ministry would be able to eradicate malnourishment of 38 per cent of Indian children in case of severe fund crunch for the same?

**Proposals of women security and safety under Nirbhaya Fund**

633. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of women security and safety under Nirbhaya Fund Scheme received from various Ministries and Departments;

(b) the details of proposals forwarded to Ministry of Finance for financial approval from Nirbhaya Fund; and

(c) if so, what is the status of disbursement?

**Upgradation of Anganwadi Centres**

634. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on upgrading the Anganwadis in the country with a view to increase the efficiency of Anganwadi Centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of other incentives being provided to Anganwadi workers?

**National Task Force to evaluate Nirbhaya Centres**

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

(a) the reasons for cutting down the number of Nirbhaya Centres (One Stop Crisis Centres for Women) from 660 to just 36;

(b) whether Government has details regarding the number of Nirbhaya Centres that are operational in the country today;

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

(d) whether the National Task Force has started its process of annual monitoring and evaluation of these centres; and

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

**Atrocities cases against children**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is increasing number of cases of atrocities against children reported in various parts of the country in the recent past, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to tackle and curb the cases of atrocities against children?

**Insufficient funds for schemes for Malnourished children**

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

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

(a) the details of a malnourished children in 0 to 5 year age group in last three years in the country and number of children who died in these years due to malnutrition;

(b) amount spent on different schemes by the Ministry to address malnutrition in last 2 years and amount allocated to the Ministry for above schemes *vis-a-vis* the amount demanded for these schemes; and

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(c) whether it is a fact that insufficient allocation of fund is affecting the schemes being run for malnutrition and the problem of malnutrition is not, mitigating as a result of this and the details thereof?

**Scheme to construct own buildings for Anganwadi**

†638. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated any scheme to construct own buildings for Anganwadi Centres for the care of the children, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of buildings constructed for Anganwadi Centres in the country till date, the State-wise details thereof?

**Malnutrition among poor and backward castes**

†639. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

fact that inspite of various schemes, the women and the children of the poor and the backward castes have continuously become victims of malnutrition; and

(b) whether Government is taking any effective steps for them and if so, the details thereof?

**Variation in gender equality**

640. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent report by Mckinsey Global Institute has found that bridging the gender gap will have huge economic impact and could add substantially to India's GDP in 2025;

(b) whether the study is based on 15 indicators to measure the progress of each country related to gender parity in society and the economy;

(c) whether the report found a huge variation in gender equality among India's 32 States; and

(d) if so, a summary of these findings?

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