

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, August 4, 2016/Sravana 13, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

**Advanced survey on drug abuse
among citizens**

*196. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
conducted an advanced survey on drug
abuse among citizens;

(b) if so, whether, after a gap of more
than fifteen years, Government conducts
an advanced survey on the extent, pattern
and trend of drug abuse among the
citizens;

(c) whether the survey conducted by
the National Sample Survey Organisation
(NSSO) was co-sponsored by the UN
Office on Drugs and Crime;

(d) whether Government proposes to
conduct pilot surveys in some States to

assess the extent of drug abuse; and

(e) whether tobacco and gutkha addicts
had also been covered in this survey?

Compulsory Urdu education in schools

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

(a) whether Government is planning to
make Urdu education compulsory in
schools, if so, the details thereof and the
reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government plans to
modify the three-language policy, where
students learn English, Hindi and their local
language in schools, if so, the details thereof
and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the three-language policy

has succeeded in creating a uniform medium of communication across the country; and

(d) the details of the percentage of students who learn English and Hindi in schools, State-wise?

Taxpayer education in school syllabus

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

(a) whether a study was conducted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on global best practices in taxpayer education, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether studies around the world have shown that taxpayer education significantly boosts tax collection; and

(c) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to include taxpayer education in the school syllabus?

Ranchi and Jamshedpur as educational hubs

†*199. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved a proposal for developing Ranchi and Jamshedpur in Jharkhand as educational hubs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Number of houses needed in Telangana by 2020

*200. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING

AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated shortage of urban housing in the country as of 2015 and what would be the expected increase by 2020;

(b) whether any latest assessment has been made by the Ministry to find out the urban housing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) what incentives the Ministry is proposing and also impressing upon States to provide for making 'Housing for All' dream a reality; and

(d) the estimated number of houses needed in Telangana by 2020 and how the Ministry is planning to achieve the target?

Foreign broadcasting in border areas

†*201. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to stop foreign broadcasting along the border areas of the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to install high power transmitters, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the plans to boost Indian broadcasting in the border areas, and by when they would be implemented?

Opening of Central school in Jagatsinghpur, Odisha

*202. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for opening Central school in Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Skill development of youth living below poverty line

*203. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any action plan for making the youth living below poverty line skilled and preparing them in accordance with the demand of the labour market;

(b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and the total number of youth in the country living below poverty line who are unemployed, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of institutions providing training in skill development in various States, State-wise details thereof?

Phase-IV project of Delhi Metro Rail

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

(a) whether Government has approved Phase-IV project of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the total length in kilometres that would be covered in Phase-IV and the proposed corridors with distance of each corridor;

(c) what is the total estimated project cost and the mode of sharing between the Centre, State and the agency; and

(d) the present status of connecting Dwarka and Gurgaon, which is pending for a long time, with details?

Rehabilitation scheme for differently-abled persons

*205. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of differently-abled persons across the country till date, State-wise including Haryana;

(b) the details of rehabilitation schemes implemented for such persons by Government;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilised for implementation of these schemes by the States during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide special assistance to such persons?

Target of Housing for All (Urban) Mission

*206. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of Government for providing housing under Housing for All (Urban) Mission;

(b) by what time, housing requirements of urban people would be met, especially slum dwellers, people living below poverty line, and workers in the unorganised sector; and

(c) in what specific quantity, Smart Cities Mission would bring about housing opportunities to the disadvantaged, economically weaker sections and slum dwellers, city-wise where the Smart Cities Mission is taken up?

Infrastructure status to broadcasting industry

*207. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has requested Government to give infrastructure status to the broadcasting industry in the light of present era of convergence when distinction between Telecom, IT and Broadcasting sectors is getting reduced, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan of according infrastructure status to broadcasting industry, if so, the details thereof?

Challenges faced by persons with disabilities

*208. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing public institutions and facilities;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure such access;

(c) the percentage and number of jobs reserved for the differently-abled persons in various sectors annually; and

(d) the number of disabled persons provided employment in public and private sectors in the last three years?

Rights of China over South China Sea

†*209. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Permanent Court of Arbitration's order, China has no rights over South China Sea and China remains opposed to said order, the details thereof; and

(b) whether an official website of China has claimed India to be a supporter of China on the issue, if so, whether India is supporting China, if not, Government's reaction thereto, the details thereof?

Udyamita scheme

*210. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) when would the Udyamita scheme be launched;

(b) whether 'entrepreneurship' will be compulsory subject or would it be integrated in all subjects of the curriculum;

(c) how would the performance of students at high schools and college level be evaluated for assessing their entrepreneurship capabilities, details thereof;

(d) who would train the entrepreneurship teachers, and whether there be a separate certification process for them, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the present Government considered giving any specific incentive under Start-up India to students taught under the Udyamita scheme, details thereof?

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