

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(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)

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Unit cost of electricity generated from nuclear and other sources

1982. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy/guidelines laid down for allotment of electricity generated from a nuclear power plant;

(b) the unit cost of electricity generated from nuclear energy as compared to the unit cost of electricity produced from other sources; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to increase the production of electricity from nuclear sources, if so, the details thereof?

Contamination of soil and water near nuclear power plants

1983. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come across any recent report from scientists about nuclear contaminations in soil and groundwater around nuclear power plants, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Governments to check such dangerous contamination?

Nuclear reactors built with foreign collaboration

1984. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many indigenous nuclear reactors are under construction and how many are being built with foreign collaboration;

(b) what is the capacity, cost, status and expected date of commissioning of each project; and

(c) what is the status of the fast breeder test reactor at Kalpakkam that has been in an advanced stage of completion for years and by when is it going to be commissioned?

Atomic fuel required for atomic plants in the country

1985. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of atomic fuel/uranium required for atomic power plants operating and under construction in the country;

(b) whether the country is self-reliant in the field of atomic fuel/uranium;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the locations where uranium deposits have been found during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the measures being taken to find out new uranium resources/mines in the country; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by Government for acquisition of uranium mines in other countries to ensure constant supply for atomic reactors in the country?

Environment impact assessment of Kovvada Nuclear Power Plant

1986. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environment

Management Plan has been completed for nuclear power plant at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay along with the present status of the project; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Availability and import of nuclear fuel

1987. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of nuclear fuel imported during the last three years, year and country-wise;

(b) the details of funds spent on import of the said fuel, year and country-wise;

(c) the quantum of nuclear fuel likely to be imported during the current and next financial year, year and country-wise;

(d) whether the present naturally available reserves of nuclear fuel is not sufficient to meet the demand of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to accelerate mining of domestic nuclear fuel?

Suppliers seeking indemnity from liability clause

1988. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is operator's liability under the Civil Liability Nuclear Damage Act, 2010;

(b) what is the suppliers liability under the Civil Liability Nuclear Damage Act, 2010;

(c) whether the above mentioned

liability applies to both domestic as well foreign operators and suppliers;

(d) whether it is a fact that Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is finding it difficult to find suppliers as they are seeking indemnity from liability clause, if so, whether such an indemnity could be given; and

(e) to what extent the operator's and supplier's liability would be covered by the Nuclear Insurance Pool?

Technical clearance and safeguards for Kovvada Nuclear Plant

1989. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals pending with Government for setting up atomic energy plants in Andhra Pradesh in Kovvada and other places;

(b) the details of such proposals, giving locations and energy generation capacities;

(c) whether technical clearances has been given for such plants; and

(d) what safeguards have been taken to ensure that Fukushima, Chernobyl and 3-Mile Island (USA)-type accidents do not occur in proposed plants in Andhra Pradesh?

Development projects in the North-East

1990. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of developmental projects that are underway in the North Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) the details of the employment generation capacity of each project, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any plans to introduce further projects in the region for job creation, the details thereof?

NLCPR funds allocated for development of NER

1991. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

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

(b) number of projects retained and sanctioned in the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) if not, sanctioned, the reasons therefor?

Transfer of anti-erosion projects

1992. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided that anti-erosion projects would be implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the details of projects sanctioned and retained for the last two years;

(c) whether anti-erosion projects already sanctioned by the Ministry and Detailed Project Report (DPR) vetted by the Ministry of Water Resources have been transferred to the Ministry of Water Resources for sanction; and

(d) whether Ministry has issued any notification/order in this regard?

Prediction of massive earthquake by Earth Observatory, Singapore

†1993. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that "Earth Observatory, Singapore" has expressed apprehensions of a massive earthquake in North India, including the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether Government would take cognizance of the apprehension expressed by "Earth Observatory, Singapore"; and

(c) if so, the proposed facilities to be extended by Central Government to State Governments for dealing with such a disaster and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prediction of a giant earthquake beneath Bangladesh and Eastern India

1994. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study by a renowned geophysicist at Columbia University in USA published in the journal Nature Geoscience predicts a giant earthquake with its epicenter beneath Bangladesh and Eastern India that could endanger as many as 149 million people;

(b) whether the study asserts that the earthquake though not imminent, is inevitable as sections of earth's crust press against one another; and

(c) whether some 140 million people live within 100 km of the potential epicentre in Eastern India-Bangladesh border?

Procurement of Doppler Weather Radar for Odisha

1995. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has been pursuing the Department to expedite procurement of the Doppler Weather Radars for Balasore and Sambalpur Radar Stations for early operationalisation thereof in the Northern and Western part of the State; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take expeditious steps for procurement and installation of the Doppler Weather Radars at the above two Radar stations?

System for accurate forecasting

1996. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any weather forecasting system is available with Government to ensure the accurate forecast of weather including the Monsoon rain; and

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

India's ocean policy

1997. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state which are the major recognized institutions in India which help in deliberating India's Ocean Policy?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Agro-Meteorological Advisory
Services for farmers**

1998. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the farmers in the country are not aware of Agro-Meteorological Advisory Services (AAS) being offered by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these services are offered free of cost;

(c) whether these advisories are crop-specific, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) number of farmers who utilized these services during last two years, State-wise?

**Fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan
Navy**

1999. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy during past three years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of Indian fishermen released from Sri Lanka during the same period, year-wise?

**Exploitation of Indian women in Gulf
countries**

†2000. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the Indian women going abroad for various jobs are being exploited;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the last three years in this

regard, year-wise and country-wise, especially from the gulf countries; and

(c) whether Government proposes to stop women under thirty years of age going to the Gulf countries as maids, and if so, the details thereof?

**Expenses incurred by Indian
Embassies for Prime Minister's
events abroad**

2001. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed information on the expenses incurred by Indian Embassies for Prime Minister's public/community events during his international visits since May 2014; and

(b) the breakup of the expenses including, amount spent on advertisement, publicity, event management, travel etc.?

**Decreasing Indian students in USA
and UK**

2002. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Indian students studying in United States of America (USA) and United Kingdom (UK) has decreased considerably in recent years, if so, the details for the last three years,

(b) whether stringent visa rules by USA and UK have adversely affected the Indian students aspiring to study in USA and UK, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with USA and UK and if so, the outcome thereof?

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Chinese troops in East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh

2003. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China had sent hundred of its troops into the East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh in the recent past, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new issues such as Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG) membership, etc. have affected the relations between India and China adversely, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to normalise the relations so that contentious issues particularly relating to border are resolved amicably?

Laying of railway line by China upto India through Nepal

2004. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards Chinese intention to lay railway line till Bihar through Nepal; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

Safety of Indian's in Turkey

2005. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Indian sportspersons were safely lifted to India after the recent

attempted coup in Turkey, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government ensured safety for other Indian nationals who are in Turkey, with details thereof?

Concession to pilgrims of Mansarovar Yatra, 2017

†2006. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to give concession to pilgrims of Mansarovar Yatra, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the pilgrims of Mansarovar Yatra for year 2017 would be able to take advantage of this scheme; and

(c) if so, the facilities Government is considering to provide to pilgrims under this scheme?

Pakistan raising Kashmir issue on international level

†2007. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has raised the issue of ongoing unrest in Jammu and Kashmir before the international community, which has exposed the contrast in Pakistan's words and action; and

(b) whether India's policy gets impetus with suggestions given by international community when Pakistan approaches it repeatedly on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and if so, the details thereof?

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Training under PMKVY

2008. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has completed close to 20 lakh training in 2015 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikar Yojana (PMKVY) and overall did 104 crore trainings in the year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has sought the industry's support in the endeavour and urged the Youth to reap maximum benefit from the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Indian nationals held hostages in foreign countries

2009. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of Indian nationals being held as hostages in foreign countries that have come to the notice of Government during each of the last two years;

(b) the number of persons evacuated and brought to India from such situations including the recent South Sudan problem where Indians were stranded while the fight between the rebels and the Sudan Government spread havoc; and

(c) whether Government has provided assistance/relief to individuals who have suffered in such incidents and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred in this regard?

Reduction in Haj quota

2010. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haj quota has been reduced;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of Haj quota during the previous year, State-wise and district-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the reasons for reduction in Haj quota?

Ties between China and Sri Lanka

†2011. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rapidly growing ties between Sri Lanka and China would entail a change in balance of power in the Indian ocean; and

(b) if so, whether Government is devising some action plan to deal with this situation and the time by when a final strategic decision would be taken after deliberations with all concerned parties in this context?

Evacuation of Indian nationals from Sudan

2012. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian nationals in South Sudan have been evacuated completely in view of conflict there;

(b) if so, the number of persons air lifted, the details thereof;

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(c) whether there is any injury caused or casualty of Indian nationals in the conflict; and

(d) how far Indian Embassy in Sudan is safe and the action taken to ensure safety of Indian Embassy officials, the details thereof?

Separate section in Pentagon called "the Indian Commando Unit"

2013. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America (USA) has recently created a new separate section in Pentagon called 'the Indian Commando Unit';

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose and motive of the US Government to create such separate section in Pentagon; and

(c) the benefits for India out of this newly constituted section?

India's interest in South China Sea region

2014. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has a range of interest in the South China Sea region like creation of blue ocean economy including protection of offshore infrastructure and maritime resources, safety of trade and sea lanes of communication and also regionally favourable geostrategic maritime position, if so, details thereof;

(b) if so, whether the award of the International Court of Arbitration dated on Philippines case against China's claim in the South China Sea shall have any consequence on India's diverse range of interest; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government is going to adopt in this regard?

Difficulty for passport applicants from Nagaland and J&K

2015. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passport applicants in Delhi from Nagaland and Jammu and Kashmir have to go through additional multiple counters in the passport office to submit their applications, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken to make the process easier for the applicants from the above mentioned States?

Rescue of Indians from Gulf countries

2016. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that large number of youth are going to Gulf countries in search of employment and facing innumerable problems there;

(b) whether Government has any plan of keeping a data on this employment migration to Gulf countries, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any request recently for rescue of Indians sentenced to death on the involvement of drug trafficking in Kuwait; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Ministry to save them and bring back to India?

MoU with USA to strengthen defence and economy

2017. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United States of America (USA) to strengthen strategic defence and economic partnership;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details about the other agreements being done with USA in recent visit of Prime Minister (PM) to USA?

Scheme to promote rental housing in urban areas

2018. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to promote rental housing in urban areas, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the rental housing schemes provides fiscal and other incentives to the tenants and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken to bring model rental housing policy?

Houses for the families living in slums

2019. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families in slums of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the families in slums living in huts, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to provide houses to houseless in slums and if so, the details thereof?

Pending proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government

†2020. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government regarding action plan for providing houses to all its cities, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, is under consideration of Central Government for its approval, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether decision has been taken on this action plan and the approval has been given, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when decision would be taken on this?

HUDCO loan to Andhra Pradesh

2021. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the HUDCO is giving loan to Andhra Pradesh for acquisition of land for the proposed Bhogapuram International Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers in metro cities

2022. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total number of people

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living in the slums of metro cities are available;

(b) if so, the details of last five years, city-wise and year-wise;

(c) the total number of slum dwellers in metro cities, who have been rehabilitated to permanent homes under various schemes of Government in the last five years; and

(d) the number of such beneficiaries for the last five years, city-wise and year-wise?

Schemes for improving living conditions of slum dwellers

2023. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slums in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) total population of slum dwellers in the country, State/UT-wise, male and female-wise;

(c) whether Government has formulated schemes for improving the living conditions of slum dwellers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise details?

Achievements of the Ministry

2024. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the Ministry in the last two years;

(b) whether presentation before the Prime Minister was made about the

Ministry's last two years achievements, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has fallen short of its target and where it has excelled;

(d) the targets set for the coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;

(e) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(f) the details of the core areas the Ministry is going to focus in the coming three years?

NHB scheme for refinancing

2025. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that has been refinanced by National Housing Bank (NHB) in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of houses that have been refinanced under this scheme in the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the amount of funds that is lying unused under this fund?

Removal of illegal slum from Government colonies

2026. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing slum dwellers which have come up in various Government colonies in the NCT of Delhi in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large amount of funds have already been allotted by Government for removal of these slums, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to take any steps to completely eradicate the presence of these illegal slum dwellers in these Government colonies as these pose a major security threat as well as hamper the beautification of these Government colonies and the details thereof, colony-wise?

Contradictory directions of UGC and NCTE for B.Ed. and M.Ed. batches

2027. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has noted that diverging stipulations of University Grant Commission (UGC) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) on the number of teachers and student strength of B.Ed. and M.Ed. batches in universities and training colleges create confusion and delay in decision taken at State Government and university level;

(b) will the Ministry demarcate clearly the area of operations of UGC and NCTE so that they do not give contradictory directions to universities and colleges; and

(c) will they be advised to see that sufficient time is provided to State institutions to comply with new stipulations?

Funds for colleges of Odisha under RUSA

2028. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government of India is considering the proposal for release of funds under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for two technological universities, five engineering colleges and

two professional colleges under the State Government of Odisha?

Literates under Saakshar Bharat Mission

2029. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest status of Saakshar Bharat Mission (SBM) is available with the Government;

(b) if so, the details of number of people who have become literate through Saakshar Bharat initiatives during the last three years, gender-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether details about literacy centres set up under SBM are available, if so, the current number and details of literacy centres, State-wise?

MoU with Australia for education, training and research

2030. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Australia propose to intensify existing partnership in higher education and research including technical and professional education, schools, vocational education and training in the country;

(b) if so, whether India and Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the fields of education, training and research in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of students likely to be benefited as a result thereof; and

(d) whether India has signed similar MoUs with other countries and if so, the details thereof?

**Performance based appraisal system
for university teachers**

2031. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has notified Academic Performance Indicator-Performance Based Appraisal System (API-PBAS) 3rd amendment in the Gazette, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of salient changes brought out by aforesaid notification;

(c) whether teachers associations of all central universities across the country have demonstrated against the said notification, if so, the details of main objections of the teachers of universities;

(d) whether these amendments have been implemented retrospectively, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons and rationale for retrospective implementation?

**Weightage to extra-curricular
activities in admission**

2032. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to make the admission process in Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) more comprehensive by giving weightage to extra-curricular activities like sports, dance, theatre, volunteering etc.; and

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

Vacancies in Central Universities

2033. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of Central Universities in the country;

(b) details of staff strength in each of the Central University, university-wise, academic and non-academic;

(c) details of vacancies, academic and non-academic, in each of the above Central University and the steps taken to fill the vacancies; and

(d) whether any post on teaching side or on non-teaching side are lying vacant for more than three years, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Central Sector Interest Subsidy
Scheme**

2034. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme to provide 100 per cent interest subsidy on education loans including its salient features;

(b) the total number of students, in the country in general and specifically in Jharkhand and Gujarat, who have availed the benefit under the scheme during the last three years and the current year, and the percentage of students out of them who have availed benefit for higher education; and

(c) whether Government has achieved the aims and objectives of the said scheme since its inception and if so, the details thereof?

Villages having primary schools

†2035. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages having primary schools in the country;
- (b) the number of villages in the country which are not having primary schools; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated a plan to ensure that there is a primary school in all the villages in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Mandatory learning of Sanskrit in Technical Institutes

2036. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decision to make learning Sanskrit mandatory in all institutions in India, including the technical institutions, if so, whether it has already been enforced, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether it is also to be enforced in regions where the knowledge of Sanskrit is non-existent?

Backlog of vacancies under reserved category

†2037. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) issues guidelines to

all Central Universities to implement reservation related rules in letter and spirit and recruitment be made for backlog posts, the details thereof; and

- (b) whether it is also a fact that UGC guidelines are not being adhered to in Central Universities and a huge backlog of vacancies exist there, if so, the number of teaching and non-teaching posts duly reserved for reserved classes in Central Universities, the volume of backlog for these posts, the action plan chalked out to fill up the said backlog vacancies, the details thereof?

Upgradation of infrastructure in State universities of Andhra Pradesh

2038. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to upgrade and assist nearly 300 State universities across the country in different States;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 300 State universities cater to nearly 90 per cent of students in the country;
- (c) the financial help given to State universities in 2015-16;
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to help State universities in improving their infrastructure, teaching and research facilities in the next two fiscal years; and
- (e) measures proposed to focus on improving State universities and help in increasing their funds especially in Andhra Pradesh?

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**Measurement of nutrition value of
Mid Day Meal**

2039. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provision of ₹ 3.76 per day per child for primary stage and ₹ 5.64 per day per child for upper primary stage will be able to provide sufficient food under the Mid Day Meal (MDM) scheme;

(b) how is the nutritional value of the meal provided to the school children under MDM scheme measured; and

(c) the calorie count fixed by the medical board for each child per day and what is the calorie count provided through the Mid Day Meal to each child of all stages?

Single teacher schools in tea gardens

2040. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many schools in the tea gardens are running with a single teacher and the Ministry has already agreed on this;

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

(c) whether Government implements any scheme to recruit sufficient teachers in the tea garden schools?

Dhaka cafe carnage

2041. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists have killed a score

of people, including an Indian and some foreign citizens in Dhaka, if so, the details of the Dhaka cafe carnage; and

(b) whether India has offered to help Bangladesh in terror probe and if so, in what manner?

**Basic amenities in schools of
Maharashtra**

†2042. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether fund from National Secondary Education Scheme is provided to the educationally backward States of the country including Maharashtra for library, laboratories, toilets, playgrounds and classrooms;

(b) if so, the total amount allocated this year in the budget, State wise;

(c) whether the amount provided for the maintenance of toilets of Government schools of the country including Maharashtra is insufficient, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is considering to give a special package under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) for providing basic amenities in the schools of selected districts in the country?

**Decline in quality of primary and
high school education in rural areas**

2043. SHRI PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality

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of primary and high school education continues to decline in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the quality of education in the country, the details thereof?

Percentage of GDP for education sector

†2044. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether draft of the new National Education Policy has been prepared, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has been proposed under the new policy to spend at least 6 per cent of Gross Domestic Product in the education sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it has been proposed under the new policy to encourage establishment of Indian educational institutes in foreign countries, if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of private colleges of Odisha university under RUSA

2045. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending before the Central Government to upgrade the private autonomous colleges of Odisha to university; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to revise the guidelines of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)?

Honorarium paid to cooks under Mid Day Meal Scheme

†2046. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government would raise the amount of honorarium paid to the cooks associated with self-help groups under the Mid Day Meal Scheme as the amount of ₹ 1000 being paid per month presently to them is insufficient, if so, by when?

Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme

†2047. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries who have received funds under the Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme launched in 2011;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the criteria for selection of students under this scheme?

Prashikshak Teacher Education Portal

2048. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recently launched a Prashikshak Teacher Education Portal with a view to strengthen the district institutes of education and training, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the initiatives of the portal and usefulness to the teachers and Government in meeting the educational needs?

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Introduction of Bhagavad Gita in schools

2049. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to introduce Bhagavad Gita in the school and college curriculum, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some States have introduced the same in the primary and secondary schools and also made available in the libraries of Government schools and colleges, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the views of each State and other experts in this regard?

Discrimination with students affected by HIV/AIDS in school of Odisha

2050. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed that the students particularly girls affected by HIV/AIDS have been driven out of the hostel of a Central Government-run school in Kendrapara district, Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the authorities of a school run by the Ministry treated the child unfairly and the confidentiality of her health status has been breached, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is taking steps to let the children be not deprived of getting education, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to avoid such incidents in future?

Political patronage of higher educational institutions

2051. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private higher educational institutions across the country operate under political patronage and offer engineering, MBA etc. degrees which are of little use in the employment markets;

(b) whether Government has identified such institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

Admission in Shri Ram College of Commerce, New Delhi

2052. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 110 of 160 candidates offered admission in the B.Com(H) course in Shri Ram College of Commerce, New Delhi on the 1st day of the entry process were from Tamil Nadu and 50 come from one school Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan in Erode;

(b) whether it is a fact that some staff members involved in the admission process confided to the print media that they had casually subjected some of the candidates to very basic questions and found them unable to give satisfactory response; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

All India transfer policy of teachers in KVs

†2053. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies have been conducted on all India transfer policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers hampering them from imparting education for want of knowledge of regional language;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider a proposal for not transferring teachers posted in Kendriya Vidyalayas from their home States to other States or transferring them in limited circle; and

(c) the policy adopted on application of teachers for cancellation of their transfer and for posting them at places of their choices and whether it is satisfactory?

Usage of difficult Hindi words in NET/JRF examination

†2054. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether some Hindi words used in questions included in question papers of Junior Research Fellowship/National Eligibility Test (JRF/NET) examinations conducted this year, were quite different from colloquial words which made it difficult for students to understand the meaning of Hindi words;

(b) whether the Ministry would take step to discontinue the usage of such Hindi words in question papers which are not used in common parlance; and

(c) whether Government would take any action against the persons responsible for using such Hindi words in the said examination, the details thereof?

Vedic Education Board

2055. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is proposing to have Vedic Education Board on the lines of CBSE; and

(b) whether any consultations have been held in this regard with States and other stakeholders, if so, the outcome thereof?

Vacant posts of vice-chancellors in Central Universities

†2056. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that posts of the vice-chancellors in a few Central Universities are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these posts are lying vacant; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up these posts and by when these are likely to be filled up?

Children not attending the school education

†2057. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the details

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about those children who are not attending the schools at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the children belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minority community respectively who are not going to school, State-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken to ensure that all such children attend the school?

Distribution of Aakash Tablet

2058. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aakash Tablet project started by the Previous Government has been shelved by the present Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether there is any proposal to revive this project; and

(c) the details regarding production and distribution of Aakash Tablets during the last two years?

New Central Universities in Rajasthan

†2059. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the area and geographical conditions of Rajasthan, Government is preparing to open new Central Universities there, if so, the number, the places of their location and by when these universities would be established, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any action plan to open new Central

Universities in western Rajasthan if not, the reasons therefor?

National Testing Service

2060. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made on setting up the National Testing Service proposed by the Government last year;

(b) whether the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) like exam to select candidates eligible for the Joint Entrance Examination would come into effect from 2017-18 as envisaged, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how Government would ensure that such an exam does not hurt disadvantaged sections of society?

Migration of students after receiving subsidised education

2061. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no information is maintained by the Ministry about number of pass outs from IITs/IIMs taking up jobs/setting in other countries, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the economic loss due to migration of such students having highly subsidised education has been ever estimated, if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would undertake such exercise?

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Poor performance of private schools

2062. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of private schools *vis-a-vis* Government schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the total number of school/both primary, secondary and senior secondary schools in the country;

(b) what has been the performance of private schools in terms of pass percentage and merit position in the Central Board of Secondary Education Examination during the last two years; and

(c) reasons for the poor performance of the Private Schools?

Children deprived of school education

†2063. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite implementation of the Right to Education Act, about 92 lakh children are still deprived of school education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of children not going to schools is about 3 crores, if the number of children dropping out of school within two years is also included; and

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

Vacant positions in colleges of Port Blair

†2064. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that there has not been any appointment for the post of principal in many colleges of Port Blair since 2011 and these posts are lying vacant for years and there is also acute shortage of teachers in these colleges;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering any plan to get these posts filled up through Union Public Service Commission the details thereof; and

(c) by when these posts would be filled up?

Opening of new KVs and NVs in minority area

2065. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) different States during next five years, if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;

(b) how many such schools are at present functioning in the minority concentrated district; and

(c) in view of the above position, whether Government intends to open these schools in such districts if not, the reasons therefor?

Minority character of Aligarh Muslim University

2066. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has approved a Central Government affidavit opposing the minority character of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), if so, the details thereof?

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Interest free loans to all students

2067. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to extend interest-free loans to IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) students all over the country, if so, the details of this scheme;

(b) whether such interest free loans would be extended to all students in State universities across the country; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to give equal treatment and interest free loans to students in State universities as in IITs?

Uniform syllabus across boards for twelfth

2068. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is no uniform syllabus across various boards in India at twelfth level, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this lop-sided pattern, different syllabi etc. result in huge disparity in admission to Delhi University colleges, putting students of Delhi to a huge disadvantage, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Schools in Tribal Area

2069. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private and

Government schools in Tribal Areas across the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of students enrolled in these schools; and

(c) whether the textbooks used for teaching in these schools are printed in local tribal language, if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing the number of seats in universities and colleges

†2070. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the number of seats at graduate and post-graduate level and also for other degrees and diplomas in Delhi the details thereof;

(b) the current number of seats in Delhi University, Indraprastha University including other universities and the names of universities and colleges which are functioning in Delhi at present, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to set up any new university, the details thereof?

Report of Shyam Benegal Committee on reforms in Censor Board

2071. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a committee headed by Shyam Benegal to suggest reforms in Censor Board, if so, the details of the recommendations of the Committee;

(b) how many recommendations have been accepted and how many are under consideration; and

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(c) whether Censor Board is mandated to preserve values of traditional Indian culture and high moral values and authorized to ensure the same while clearing the movies?

felt the need to amend rules and regulations in tune with fast changing perceptions of the society particularly in the background of fast changes occurring in concepts of freedom, extremism/terrorism sex, etc.?

Financial assistance for films on rural India

†2072. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the young film makers for making films on the subject matter concerning rural India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to help the young filmmakers overcome the hurdles created by distributors and reach the audience through various medium, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to promote film production at regional level and in regional languages?

Violation of rules of registration

2073. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of print, audio and visual media registered in the country;

(b) whether they abide by the rules and regulations prescribed by Government;

(c) whether any of them forfeited registration for violating rules of registrations, if so, details regarding the same; and

(d) whether Government attempted or

Doctored video of JNU incident

†2074. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some television channels doctored the original video of 9th February, 2016 on Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) incident and broadcasted misleading news instigating frenzy in the country;

(b) if so, whether such channels have been identified by Government;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against those channels; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indecent representation of women in advertisements

2075. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the trend to showcase the women in indecent manner in the advertisements being shown in various TV channels is increasing;

(b) whether any complaints have been received by Government regarding vulgar advertisements being shown on TV, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to frame a code of conduct for advertisements, if so, the details thereof?

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Role of digitalization in media and entertainment industry

2076. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been constant increase in the business of media and entertainment industry in the country in the recent years;

(b) if so, the annual turnover of the industry during the years 2014-15 to 2015-16, year-wise; and

(c) the role of digitization in increasing the business of the said industries?

Establishing of new Doordarshan Kendras

†2077. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Doordarshan Kendras in the country which were planned to be set up every year during the years 2013-14 to 2015-16, year-wise;

(b) the number of new Doordarshan Kendras which were established every year, State-wise; and

(c) the number of new TV stations which are proposed to be set up during the year 2016-17 and the details of the places where they would come up?

Shortage of staff in AIR and Doordarshan Kendra of Odisha

2078. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is

shortage of Technical and Non-Technical staff in the All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) of Odisha;

(b) if so, the sanctioned strength of the staff and the vacant posts therein; and

(c) by when Government proposes to fill the vacant posts?

Regulation for electronic media

2079. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Act which regulates the electronic media, like the Press and Registration of Books Act (PRB) that regulates the print media and the press, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is any system in place to regulate the private radio stations?

Film Certification rules

2080. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning changes in the Film Certification Rules, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the suggestions made by the Shyam Benegal committee in this regard?

Radio stations in country

†2081. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of radio stations

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Government was planning to set-up in the country in the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) the number of radio stations set-up in the country per year; and

(c) the number of radio stations planned to be set-up in the year, 2016-17?

Ministries certified by ISO 9001

2082. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the name of Ministries which have been certified by ISO 9001 or equivalent standard by now for their systematic functioning and transparency;

(b) the name of Ministries which are under process of obtaining certification so far; and

(c) the name of Ministries which are neither certified till now nor have applied so far and the reasons therefor?

Committee to review representation for compulsory retirement

2083. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to constitute a committee to review representations from employees asked to retire compulsorily in public interest;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to ensure periodic review of officers who should be considered for compulsory retirement on grounds of integrity or competence; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a sense of unease among senior civil servants

at the centre over the decision of Government on the above?

Weightage of stenography skill in tests by SSC

2084. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stenography skill of candidates is not given any weightage in the Grade D and Grade C stenographers test conducted by Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and is only qualifying in nature, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is making any efforts to save this 'skill' from becoming extinct, particularly, at a time when Government is laying a great emphasis on Skill India Programme and also keeping in view the large number of vacancies of Stenographers in various Departments/ Ministries/PSUs of Government?

OBC candidates declared ineligible in UPSC exam

2085. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) urged Government to rectify the situation where hundreds of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates were declared ineligible for job reservations after clearing Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exam, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken by Government to resolve the issue in view of simmering discontent among OBCs?

Abolishment of clerical posts

2086. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has abolished all clerical posts in all Government establishments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind this move of Government;

(c) whether this move of Government would further complicate the unemployment scenario amongst the youth; and

(d) if so, whether Government would review the decision and if not, the reasons therefor?

Change in criteria for benchmarking of ACR

2087. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce any mechanism to review the performance outcome of Government officials and to change the criteria for benchmarking of Annual Confidential Report (ACR); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether this would be implemented along with implementation of the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission?

Submission of annual return of assets and liabilities

2088. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers of All India Service and Central Civil Service are not

submitting annual return of their assets and liabilities;

(b) whether Government proposes to take steps against such officers, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is planning to bring such information in public domain?

Filling up of backlog vacancies of SC/ST and OBCs

†2089. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total backlog or number of vacant posts in public sector undertakings in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, the category-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any time bound action plan has been formulated to clear the backlog or fill up the vacancies, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of backlog posts for which recruitment has been made during the last two years for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, in Public Sector Undertakings?

Delay in appointment of Lokpal

2090. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is extraordinary delay in appointment of a Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman, despite notifying the law;

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

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

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(d) the time by which an ombudsman is likely to be appointed?

personally go to the bank or the post office but continue to get their monthly pension on a regular basis?

Availing of Home Town LTC for other places

†2091. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the name of places for which Government employees can avail Leave Travel Concession (LTC) facility instead of their hometown LTC facility currently;

(b) whether only Government officials with higher pay scale are entitled to travel by air under LTC or is it available for every employee; and

(c) whether Government is considering to grant a certain amount for accommodation and local transport expenses to the Government officials besides LTC?

Delay in disbursement of pension to rural women

2092. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that there are lonely women from the rural and remote areas drawing pension/family pension and are suffering because of the delay in the disbursement of pension due to procedural complications;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would propose to provide assistance to such women through the rural banks and post offices; and

(c) what remedial measure would the Ministry propose to introduce for those pensioners who are medically not fit to

Growth of research proposal from women under KIRAN

2093. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is steady growth of proposals under Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN) Scheme from the women scientists, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of proposals received and recommended under the scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

India's research performance in science and technology

2094. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's research performance in science and technology has improved significantly over the past three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the scholarly output in the country grew by 13.9 per cent during 2009-13, against a compounded annual growth rate of 4.1 per cent for the world;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has also demonstrated a growing impact through its research worldwide; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that India's scholarly output increased from 62,955 papers in 2009 to 106,065 papers in 2013?

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India based Neutrino Observatory

2095. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working to resolve the issue surrounding the setting up of the India based Neutrino Observatory in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is looking into the issues that stalled the construction, if so, the details thereof?

Entrepreneurship in rural area of Gujarat and Rajasthan

†2096. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to boost the culture of entrepreneurship in rural areas of the country; and

(b) details of scheme, if any, drawn up by Government in this regard and the details of its implementation in various States in the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan, State-wise?

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme

2097. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved an outlay of ₹ 10,000 crore towards a scheme to provide apprenticeship training to 50 lakh youth by 2020;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the approved National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme would provide financial incentives to employers to engage apprentices; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government would share 25 per cent of the total stipend payable to an apprentice with employers, if so, the details thereof?

Training partners registered under NSDC

†2098. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of training partners registered by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for promoting skill development and entrepreneurship in the country;

(b) the names of institutions selected in Assam and Uttar Pradesh for industrial training and the number of students who were imparted training by these institutions every year;

(c) whether the responsibility of providing employment to students after training lies with the trainers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of students trained and the number of students provided employment out of those during the last three years?

Funds under PMKVY

2099. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated towards Pradhan

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Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and the State-wise data on the utilisation of this fund;

(b) the number of students enrolled under the scheme and employment generated annually;

(c) the fiscal incentives provided by Government to the private sector for setting up vocational and skill development institutions; and

(d) the number of skill development centres set up by private sector under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, the details thereof, State-wise?

Annual target under PMKVY

†2100. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any annual target has been set under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether work under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana is progressing as per the prescribed target, at present, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether provision of financial assistance and incentive has also been made to connect more and more youths with the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, if so, the details thereof?

Enhancement in rate of post matric scholarship

2101. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

enhance the present rate of scholarship under post matric scholarship scheme given to Other Backward Classes (OBC) students;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to enhance the rate of scholarship justified as per the current consumer price index?

Increase in assistance to disabled persons for purchase of aids

2102. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to further expand the coverage of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme substantially; and

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

NGOs for the welfare of SC and ST in Kerala

2103. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs are working for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Kerala;

(b) the details of activities undertaken by them;

(c) the criteria for selecting such NGOs for financial assistance; and

(d) the details of the mechanism to monitor and control such NGOs?

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Free English tuition to SC/ST students

2104. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of chief problems faced by SC/ST students in the IIT exams is lack of competence in English;

(b) the steps Government is taking to tackle the problem;

(c) whether Government would consider to provide them free English tuition; and

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

Amount allocated for pre and post-matric stipends for Rajasthan

†2105. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated for pre-matric and post-matric stipends for Rajasthan in the last three years by the Central Government;

(b) the number of students belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Economically Weaker Section and notified areas in Rajasthan who availed the benefit of above scheme district-wise; and

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to continue the outstanding amount of State Government and existing funding pattern under above scheme, if so, the action taken thereon?

Post matric scholarship scheme for SC/OBC students of Jharkhand and Gujarat

2106. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to the States and the funds pending for release by Government under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC/OBC students during the last three years, particularly for Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) whether the State Government of Jharkhand and Gujarat has sought the remaining amount of funds to implement the scheme in an effective manner; and

(c) if so, the time by which the remaining funds are likely to be released?

Mechanism to identify the persons working as manual scavengers

2107. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists any effective mechanism to identify the large number of persons still working as manual scavengers in the country;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to set up a mechanism in coordination with State/UT Governments to work at grassroot level to identify manual scavengers and ensure their liberation and proper rehabilitation for their socio-economic development?

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Caste based census of 2011

†2108. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of the families/members of Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) employed in Government jobs according to the socio-economic and caste based census of 2011, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government acknowledges the fact that representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes remains significantly lower than the prescribed reservation in Government jobs, if so, the strategy adopted by Government to put an end to social and economic inequality of SC, ST and OBC, the details thereof?

Scholarships to persons with disabilities

2109. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of scholarships offered to persons with disabilities, scheme-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the past two years, scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the uptake of such schemes?

Comparative powers of NCBC and NCSC

2110. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC);

(b) the number of castes, sub-castes, communities etc. notified on the advice tendered by NCBC till March, 2016; and

(c) the comparative powers of NCBC *vis-a-vis* the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)?

Special Delivery Monitoring Unit of PMO

2111. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Special Delivery Monitoring Unit has been established in the Prime Minister's Office to ensure time-bound implementation of key programmes;

(b) if so, the details of key programmes which are including under the Special Delivery Monitoring Unit; and

(c) how far this unit is useful for monitoring the programme?

Review of methodology for computing GDP

2112. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether analysts including those from US Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and in private economic research sector have pointed to a divergence between the numbers and ground reality calling for a review of the methodology for computing the new GDP series;

(b) whether in consonance, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on

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Finance had in its report asked Government to examine the divergence between the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data and the robust manufacturing numbers in the GDP data; and

(c) whether to set the doubts at rest, Government is likely to unveil a 'back series' that would provide comparable data on GDP growth in the past?

Projects to decongest Delhi

2113. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether high-powered committee formed by the Ministry suggested measures to decongest Delhi NCR, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount recently sanctioned by Government to decongest Delhi, with details thereof;

(c) how many projects have been approved and at what places; and

(d) what would be the schedule of time by which the projects would be operational?

Smart city mission project

2114. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has celebrated the first anniversary of the Union Government's 'Smart City Mission' project, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has reviewed the implementation of 100 smart city

projects in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Building of residential flats by DMRC

2115. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has decided to build residential flats in Delhi for sale to the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including its price;

(c) what percentage of these flats would be for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) people; and

(d) the specific sections/clauses which mandate DMRC to build and sell residential flats?

Protests against Smart Cities Mission by urban local bodies

2116. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been protests against the Smart Cities Mission on the ground that the powers and functions of municipalities and other urban local bodies would now be exercised by the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV);

(b) if so, whether it is against the scheme of our constitution in which local bodies have been made responsible for local area development; and

(c) the representation of urban local bodies in the SPV and whether preference would be given to such bodies for appointment of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of SPV?

Leakage at metro stations

†2117. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water is leaking at the ITO/New Delhi underground metro stations of Delhi Metro;

(b) the steps being taken to prevent this leakage; and

(c) whether the experts were consulted before construction of these stations?

Construction of household and public toilets

2118. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of household toilets in urban areas in 2015-16 was just 54 per cent of the target while the figure was 68 per cent for community and public toilets and if so, the reasons for the backlog of construction; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the Departments to expedite completion of the construction of both household and community and public toilets on a time bound basis; and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Light Metro projects in Kerala

2119. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has approached the Central Government for assistance in implementing the Light Metro projects in Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this project and the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

Facilities provided to smart cities

†2120. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided in the cities selected to become smart cities in the country, so far, which are helping those cities to move forward to become a smart city;

(b) the details of works undertaken in the selected 33 smart cities and by when those would become smart cities; and

(c) whether it is a fact that despite selection of cities for smart cities, the work on making the selected cities as smart cities is getting delayed, which is failing this scheme to meet its prescribed target?

Subletting of Government quarters

2121. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the complaints regarding illegal subletting of Government quarters received by Government in the last two years till date by the Residents Welfare Associations and other sources particularly in Aram Bagh;

(b) what action Government has taken on such complaints;

(c) the details thereof, colony-wise and quarter-wise; and

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(d) whether any steps are being taken by Government to prevent such illegal subletting of Government quarters and if so, the details thereof?

RWA requests for giving relaxation in plinth area

†2122. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that it was requested through Residents Welfare Association (RWA) and several other levels for giving relaxation in plinth area for the demand of extra room, keeping in view the need of many big families living in Government quarters in several Government colonies, including Aram Bagh for the last many years;

(b) if so, the colony-wise details thereof, especially of Aram Bagh; and

(c) in what manner Government is likely to fulfil this request through the planning and mapping department of the concerned Department?

Shortage of potable water supply in Government residential colonies

2123. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of potable water supply in Central Government residential colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve water supply in these colonies; and

(c) whether it is a fact that water do not reach upto 4th floor without using booster pumps and if so, whether there is any proposal to install booster pumps in general pool residential accommodation and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Metro Rail projects

2124. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that technically Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Metro Rail projects have not yet been sanctioned by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons for not sanctioning the projects and how much time it would take to sanction the above two projects;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no time limit has been prescribed for sanction of above two projects; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Migration to metro cities

2125. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the details about migration to metro cities are available; and

(b) if so, the city-wise details for last five years?

Contracts awarded by CPWD

†2126. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the employees working in CPWD remain idle owing to lack of assignments;

(b) if so, the reasons for awarding works on contract by CPWD, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of contracts awarded during the financial years 2013-14 to 2015-16, details, thereof, year-wise?

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Implementation of Land Pool Policy

2127. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Government has demanded 10 per cent land out of 40 per cent of pooled land retained by DDA under Land Pooling Policy (LPP) as a pre-condition for notifying villages under LPP; as urban villages and henceforth paving way for implementation of policy in Delhi;

(b) whether Government is considering this demand of Delhi Government;

(c) if so, whether Government would expedite matter on priority basis so that policy stuck up for a long time gets implemented soon; and

(d) if not, what alternate mechanism is available with Government to implement the policy in case Delhi Government does not notify villages as urban villages?

Development of Metro Rail in Pune and Nagpur

2128. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved development of Metro Rail for Nagpur and Pune cities of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction;

(c) whether blue print for development of Metro Rail in Pune is still awaited;

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) how long it would take for completion of these projects?

Beginning of Lucknow Metro

2129. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lucknow Metro between Charbagh Railway Station and Lucknow Airport shall began to roll on track before the end of 2016;

(b) if so, by what time Metro would began to function at Lucknow; and

(c) the last dates, if any, indicated by Corporation by which, if it does not function, the provision of late penalty, would be effective, if any?

Permission for construction works in Delhi

†2130. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of permission accorded by Government for construction works in Delhi on the plots of 100 sq. yards area without having sanctioned map;

(b) what type of permission would be required by the above plot holders before the construction works, the details of recommendations mentioned in the ordinance; and

(c) whether the above relaxation would also be applicable in case of plots having an area of upto 100 sq. yards in the villages and colonies (authorized or unauthorized) and whether any modifications have been carried out in the provisions made under the Master Plan for the plots measuring more than 100 sq. yards, the details thereof?

Extension of period for registrations of institutions under JJ Act

2131. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that

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according to the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2016 all institutions working under it have to be registered before July 14, 2016 and those unregistered cannot function after the date;

(b) whether this has put many institutions, particularly 1200 institutions and about 50,000 children therein from Kerala in trouble; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to extend the period of registrations of institutions under JJ Act?

Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund

2132. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and disbursed from the Nirbhaya Fund during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a large portion of the Nirbhaya Fund remains unutilized during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for optimum utilization of the said fund?

Data on 'child trafficking' cases

2133. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to disaggregate data for children who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation from the overall numbers in the yearly crime in India reports published by the NCRB; and

(b) whether the Ministry would take

steps to make data available on cases of 'child trafficking' registered under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and if not, the reasons therefor?

Security and rehabilitation of women victims of social atrocities

†2134. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of physical exploitation and rape against women are rising continuously;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered during last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has formulated any concrete programme aimed at security and rehabilitation of the women who are victims of such kind of social atrocities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time bound plan devised by Government for implementation of this programme and for making legal provisions even more stringent?

ICDS in Andhra Pradesh

2135. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) of ICDS in Andhra Pradesh in the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) the status of implementation of APIP of ICDS in Andhra Pradesh in the last three years, year-wise and component-wise; and

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(c) whether it is a fact that no money has been given for construction of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in Andhra Pradesh in 2015-16 and if so, the reasons therefor?

Slow rate of decrease in child marriages

2136. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent survey conducted by an NGO called Child Rights and You, that indicated a slow rate of decrease in child marriages;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are contradictory clauses in the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which acts as an hindrance in tackling child marriages; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

India lagging behind in Global Nutrition Report

2137. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the recent report called Global Nutrition Report released by WHO has indicated that India lags behind many sub-saharan poor african countries in reducing under-nutrition rate; and

(b) if so, the programmes/schemes run by Government to tackle under-nutrition and the budget allocation for each of such programmes/schemes as well as actual amount spent for the last three years?

Mechanism to rescue women from social media attack

2138. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would crack down on people harassing and trolling women on social media without compromising the freedom of expression on the internet;

(b) whether of late, many instances of abusive behaviour, harassment and hateful content against women, appeared in social media; and

(c) whether Government and the concerned media, are working out a machanism to crack down on offenders in order to rescue women being trolled on social media sites?

Marital rape under law

2139. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Women (NCW) has recommended that marital rape should be brought under law and recognized as an offence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's view thereon?

National Policy for safety of Women

2140. SHRI RIPUN BORA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are reports of under utilisation of the Nirbhaya Fund by some States and nearly ₹ 2000 crore fund remains unutilised, if so, the State-wise details for the last three years, year-wise thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to formulate a national policy for proper rehabilitation, support and safety of women in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government plans to expand the scope of the fund allocation,

for its optimum utilization and if so, the details thereof?

Infant Mortality Rate

2141. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's infant mortality rate is worse than its neighbouring countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh; and

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

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