

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, May 5, 2016/Vaisakha 15, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Fall in RTI applications

*121. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual report of the Central Information Commission (CIC) shows that a total of 7.55 lakh RTI applications were filed in 2014-15, a decline of 79,000 since last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that almost 90,000 RTI applications were pending for decisions at the start of the reporting year of 2014-15 and only 75.25 per cent of public authorities registered with CIC, submitted data on RTI for this year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the details of the public authorities which have not submitted the data?

Anganwadi Centres

†*122. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding setting up of Anganwadi Centres, their objectives, work undertaken by them, measures taken to achieve their target together with their achievements;

(b) the details of the remuneration, being paid to Anganwadi functionaries by the Central Government and the status of additional payments, if any, being made to them by each State; and

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(c) the details of consultations, if any, held with United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) regarding the functioning of Anganwadi Centres?

Indian labourers arrested in Kuwait

*123. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1,500 Indian labourers have been arrested in Kuwait recently;

(b) whether nearly 200 of them are from Telangana; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to get them released and bring back to India?

National Policy on slums in cities

*124. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the slum population is on the rise over the years;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to formulate a National Policy to deal with the increasing number of slums in the urban areas;

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

(e) the action plan envisaged to provide basic and essential facilities in the slums?

Indian fishermen in jails of various countries

†*125. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian fishermen detained in the jails of various countries, country-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to secure their release and bring them back to the country?

Fake universities in the country

*126. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of fake universities in the country;

(b) whether they continue to function without any problem, if so, how; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to close them?

New schemes for infrastructure development in urban areas

*127. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry propose to introduce a new scheme focusing on the infrastructure development in the urban areas with less than one lakh population; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Proposals approved to be funded under Nirbhaya Fund

*128. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals/schemes received from various Ministries and State Governments to be funded under Nirbhaya Fund and the details thereof; and

(b) the number of proposals approved by the Empowered Committee of Officers till date under the Nirbhaya Fund?

Indians trapped in Gulf countries

†*129. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that Indian workers from several States including Poorvanchal of Uttar Pradesh, are trapped in the Gulf and other countries;

(b) the details of action taken to bring them back during the last three years;

(c) whether Indian workers in the Gulf countries do not get minimum salary, medical and insurance facilities; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering to enter into an agreement with the gulf countries to solve the problems regarding the medical, insurance, salary and bring them back to the country?

Model Building Bye laws

*130. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Model Building Byelaws have been introduced, if so, the

details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether incentives would be given to encourage greater compliance by individuals, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether local capacity building and awareness creation among citizens has been/would be undertaken, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Twofold hike in annual fee at IITs

*131. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by Government to look into the financing pattern of the engineering institutes particularly IITs, had recommended a more than twofold hike in annual fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government thereon;

(c) the details of other recommendations made by the Committee; and

(d) the action taken by Government for implementation of the said recommendations?

Funding of smart cities

*132. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has selected first hundred smart cities in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of budget allocation and funding status of the project; and

(c) the details of project report for East

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and North-East States, area-wise and service-wise?

Fund to Uttarakhand under AMRUT scheme

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

(a) the amount of funds provided to States under the “AMRUT” scheme, the head-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that Uttarakhand faces acute water scarcity during the summer season from March to June;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry would provide funds under the “AMRUT” scheme for providing drinking water to various drinking water starved cities of Pauri, Rudraprayag, Dehradun, Tehri, Chamoli, Haridwar, Pithoragarh, Champawat, Nainital, Almora and Udham Singh Nagar districts of the State; and

(d) if not, the list of those cities that were provided funds under the AMRUT scheme?

Status of Apprentice Protsahan Yojana

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

(a) whether Government has envisioned a target of training twenty lakh apprentices under Apprentice Protsahan Yojana;

(b) if so, the current status of progress of Apprentice Protsahan Yojana along with number of apprentices trained under this scheme till date, State-wise;

(c) the details of the industries having registered to avail this scheme till date, State-wise;

(d) the publicity expenditure incurred on the scheme till date, State-wise and medium-wise; and

(e) the details of changes in training curriculum as well as financial support to be provided to MSMEs for promoting apprenticeship in country?

Schools affiliated to CBSE-International

*135. SHRI V. P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools abroad and within the country are affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) how many schools have opted to CBSE-International in the country and abroad, the details thereof?

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