

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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 — 160

Import of Uranium from Russia and Kazakhstan

1281. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is importing Uranium from Russia and Kazakhstan only;

(b) if so, what is the reason for Uranium being imported from only these two countries;

(c) whether the quantity of Uranium imported suffices domestic requirement;

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal to import Uranium from any other country/countries; and

(e) if so, which are the countries from where India is proposing to import Uranium?

Shutting down of Kakrapar nuclear plant due to leakage

†1282. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unit of Kakrapar Atomic Power Station situated in Surat district of Gujarat had to be shut down due to heavy water leakage on 11 March, 2016;

(b) if so, the status of radiation due to heavy water leakage and quantum of loss occurred due to this;

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(c) the time by when this plant is likely to restart; and

(d) the special efforts being made to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

Safety audit of Kudankulam and Kakrapar plants due to leakage

1283. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project and Kakrapar Heavy Water Plant were hit by snag like leak recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these plants were shut down for a brief period due to these leaks, and when they were resumed operations, after rectification; and

(c) whether safety audit would be done for radiological safety implications and to prevent such incidents in future, with details?

Agreement with Russia for setting up Kudankulam units 5 and 6

1284. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreement has been signed or is proposed to be signed with Russia for setting up Kudankulam units 5 and 6;

(b) whether Indian private industries would be involved in the projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the site selected for locating these two units, to ensure optimum use of

available nuclear sites and the cost of these units?

Special financial package for north-east

1285. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give any special financial package to the States of North-East and hilly areas;

(b) if so, whether Government has received proposals on packages from different States; and

(c) if so, the details of proposals received by Government?

North Eastern Development Financial Corporation Limited

†1286. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of setting up North Eastern Development Financial Corporation Limited (NEDFI) and the extent to which it has been successful in achieving its objectives;

(b) the number of industries established and the type of assistance provided in North Eastern States through NEDFI, State-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the manner in which entrepreneurs are encouraged by Government to make investments in various fields and its outcome in the last two years?

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Error margin of IMD in predicting normal monsoon

1287. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry looks at the reduced error margin of India Meteorological Department (IMD) and its prediction that there would be a normal monsoon;

(b) how the Ministry looks at the possibility of 50 per cent of La Nina developing in the second half of this year; and

(c) how La Nina is helpful in getting more and more rains?

Forecast for above normal monsoon rainfall

1288. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many private weather forecasters in India predicted that India's monsoon rainfall is expected to be above normal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several agencies from around the world have hinted that the monsoon could be better than the previous year; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the monsoon would set in on time all over the country as had happened in the past, if so, the details thereof?

Plan for giving warning about natural calamities

1289. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan for giving warning about natural calamities particularly for earthquake in the backdrop of recent earthquakes at Japan and Ecuador; and

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

Prediction of normal to surplus rainfall in monsoon

1290. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether inputs made available by South Korean and European agencies based on March forecasts, suggest that the monsoon in India for the year 2016 could generate normal to surplus rainfall;

(b) whether the South Korea based Asia Pacific Climate Centre as also the European Centre for weather forecasts predicts the pre-monsoon season rainfall to be above normal and forecasts from September onwards turning out to be rainiest of the entire 2016 season; and

(c) whether the projection of the European Centre indicate drier spells in many regions, if so, the details thereof?

Installation of equipments for predicting earthquakes

†1291. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously doing research on earthquake prediction in order to predict earthquakes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total number of places in the country where instruments have been

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installed for predicting earthquakes as of now, the details thereof?

Forecast of monsoon rainfall

1292. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monsoon rainfall is likely to be munificent 111 per cent give or take 5 per cent of the historical average of 89 cm;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the last decade which has seen several years of drought or near drought conditions for instance in 2002, 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2015, and termed as a low epoch may be drawing to a close;

(c) whether that according to IMD, India set for an above normal monsoon this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

India's foreign policy with Nepal and Maldives

1293. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign policy of India with respect to Nepal and Maldives; and

(b) whether there is a need to rethink or restructure the said policy and if so, the steps if any, taken by Government in this regard?

Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana for Indians going abroad

1294. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to start Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana to provide skills to Indian workers who intend to go abroad, if so, the details of the scheme; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in entering into MoU with Skill Development Ministry and by when the scheme would be on the ground?

Nomination for expert to UNSC 1267 Sanctions Committee

1295. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the right to nominate an expert to UN Security Council 1267 Sanctions Committee;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that India could not nominate her expert on the above Committee even after the extended deadline;

(c) whether Ministry has started searching such expert; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when expert is likely to be nominated?

Attack on temples in Pakistan

†1296. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindus in Pakistan are very distressed due to the attacks on temples in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and

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

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Raising of quota for Haj pilgrims from India

1297. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota of Haj pilgrims from India as on date;

(b) whether Government has received various requests from muslim organisations to raise the Haj quota; and

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with Saudi Arabia Government and if so, the details thereof?

Chinese army along Line of Control

1298. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese army have been spotted at forward posts along the Line of Control on Pakistan occupied Kashmir opposite Nowgam Sector in North Kashmir recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of intrusion by Chinese army in Indian territory during 2014, 2015 and 2016, so far;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter of presence of Chinese army in Pakistan occupied Kashmir along the LoC with China and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Nationalisation of mobile phone sector in Saudi Arabia

1299. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has taken note of the recent decision of the Labour Ministry in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to fully nationalize mobile phone retail sector in six months as a fallout of the dip in oil revenue;

(b) whether with many Indians working in Saudi Arabia mostly from Kerala, India has assessed the impact of this decision of the Saudi authorities rendering many Indians jobless; and

(c) whether Indians in large numbers are employed in Saudi Arabia in mobile retail outlets which have been served notice to provide jobs for Saudi youths?

India seeking Chinese help to fight Islamic State

1300. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought China's help in its fight against Islamic State, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether India has sought recruitment's chat conversation from Chinese servers, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in Haj Quota for Uttar Pradesh

1301. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether any proposal is pending with Government to increase Haj Quota for the State of Uttar Pradesh in view of increasing number of excess application over the years, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

**Appointment of consultants in
Ministry**

1302. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed consultants to effectively implement its global agenda, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the proposed changes and the composition of new appointees in the Ministry's Policy Planning and Research Division?

Delay in renewal of passports

1303. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it takes more than four months to get new or renewed passport in the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCR);

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay and steps being taken to reduce the time for getting passport;

(c) whether there are separate counters for senior citizens at passport offices in Delhi; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to open separate counter for senior citizens?

**US report on judicial killing and
arbitrary arrests in India**

1304. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States (US) Rights report slams India for extra judicial killings and arbitrary arrests, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has made any protest against such report, if so, the details thereof?

**Requirement of visa for People of
Indian Origin travelling to India**

1305. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the People of Indian Origin would no longer have to get a visa affixed on their passports every time they travel to India as Government has decided to do away with the process;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Overseas Citizen of India card would suffice to enter the country any time the overseas citizens of India wish; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that those with the document as above would not require as visa, but passport would be mandatory, if so, the details thereof?

Legal obligation of India to NPT

1306. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has made it clear to the world that India does not have any legal obligation to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Marshal Island has moved the International Court of Justice against India, alleging breach of Non-Proliferation Treaty, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has no legal team to the International Court of Justice to deal with the issue?

Denial of visa for delegates of USCIRF

1307. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not issued visa for a delegation of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) that was planning to travel to India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the USCIRF has said that their proposed visit to India is based on the report from religious communities and NGOs that the conditions for religious freedom in India have been deteriorating since 2014, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of rail line in PoK

1308. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has proposed to construct rail line in the Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has raised its objections before China and Pakistan and if so, the reaction of these countries thereto;

(c) how India's safety and security is likely to be affected as a result of laying rail line by China in PoK; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to counter any threat to the country's security?

Advice for reducing nuclear arsenal

1309. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US President's advice to both India and Pakistan to reduce their nuclear arsenal is without a matured understanding and honest appreciation of the situation on the ground in South Asia, if so, the response of Government; and

(b) whether India advised the US to make a realistic assessment of Pakistan's complicity in acts of terror to ensure any meaningful attempts to contain the threat of nuclear terrorism, if so, the US reaction to it?

Activities of Chinese army in PoK

†1310. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is ignoring the activities of the Chinese army in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, how Government views such incidents and the next step it is going to take in this regard?

Progress of projects under NATRIP

1311. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made under the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) project during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the date for completion of the project has been extended over the years;

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

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(d) the details of facilities currently provided under the NATRIP; and

(e) the details of all the facilities envisaged to be part of NATRIP that are in various stages of planning and the expected timelines for their commissioning?

Reserves and surplus of profit making PSEs

1312. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total reserves and surplus of profit making Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) the amount of investment made by these PSEs during the same period?

Vacancies in Boards of Directors of Public Undertakings

1313. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing vacancies in the Boards of Directors of Public Undertakings along with the duration of vacancies;

(b) whether Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) and Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have been found ineffective in tackling the problem; and

(c) if so, whether the task would be entrusted to private head hunting consultancy firms?

Increase in slum households

1314. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of urban slum households has increased by more than 30 per cent since last decade and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of urban households located in slums, category-wise SC, ST and others, State-wise;

(c) the socio-economic conditions of the population living in the urban slums, category-wise, SC, ST, OBCs and others, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate the population living in slums in last two years and the outcome thereof?

Single window clearance to real estate projects

1315. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state whether any nodal agency is contemplated for grant of single window clearance to the real estate projects?

Scheme for house to urban poor

†1316. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population in the country whose housing needs have been fulfilled, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted

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any survey to determine the number of homeless urban poor, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to provide houses to the urban poor within a fixed time-frame, if so, the details thereof?

Contribution towards infrastructure development

1317. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider the request for the provision of additional contribution of 50 per cent towards infrastructure development in the beneficiary led individual house construction; and

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

Measures to promote rental housing

1318. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban residents living in rented accommodation;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to promote rental housing in urban areas, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Draft National Urban Rental Housing Policy provides fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to tenants, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether measures have been taken for fast adjudication of rental disputes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of JJ clusters of Delhi

1319. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Jhuggi Jhopri (JJ) clusters, namely Jawaharlal Nehru Camp, Bismil Camp and Mahatma Gandhi Camp were set up on 12.5 hectare land of Delhi Development Authority in the region of Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these JJ clusters were to be rehabilitated under the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any survey has been carried out by DDA to expedite the process of rehabilitation; and

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

Re-examination for NIT students

1320. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,200 NIT students left for home without taking examination, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to address the issue of these students and organize re-examination for them, if so, the details thereof?

Doing away with the concession given to OBC students in JNU

†1321. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the administration of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has taken a decision to do away with the concession being given to students of Other Backward Classes (OBC) pursuing M. Phil. and Ph.D. courses, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the concession being given to the students of OBC community previously and what would be the status after the said decision; and

(c) whether experts are expressing concerns that similar decision could be taken regarding OBC students in other universities across the country?

Education facilities for migrants from drought-hit regions

1322. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to people's migration from drought-hit regions including from the State of Uttar Pradesh, school drop-out rates from these regions has increased during last three years;

(b) if so, details of such incidents State/ Union Territory-wise including for the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to assess that after migration, these children of migrants continue to receive proper school education, if so,

details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural illiteracy among girls

1323. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of reduction in rural illiteracy in the country;

(b) how far has it been controlled especially among girls; and

(c) whether some kind of incentive had been provided to certain Government agencies for controlling illiteracy among girls in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Anytime anywhere Ph.D. for women

1324. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress is being made on devising the 'anytime anywhere Ph.D. for women', as mentioned by the Minister at a recent event in Pune, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has studied this as a precedent elsewhere in this world?

Interactive voice response system for Mid Day Meal

†1325. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an interactive voice response system has been launched for implementation and monitoring of the quality of Mid Day Meal, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) whether an App named Shalha Siddhi has been launched with the aim to monitor the quality of schools, if so, the details thereof?

Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

1326. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV Schools) have not come up in many place in the country despite promises made in this behalf by Government, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are complaints that in many places the Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools were not functioning, if so, the details thereof?

Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

1327. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would partake in the next round of Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), if so, in which cycle;

(b) to what extent Government considers linguistic difficulties to be an issue in India's poor performance;

(c) any other reasons for not participating in PISA; and

(d) whether Government would reorient the syllabus in schools to better perform in international metrics and tests in light of the fact that in a globalised world students from India compete with students

from other countries directly if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps for improving teaching methods in engineering colleges

†1328. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IITs have taken any steps to improve quality, syllabus and teaching methods in thousands of engineering colleges in the country recognized by AICTE;

(b) whether IITs conduct programmes to train engineering teachers of private colleges and if so, the number of teachers trained so far; and

(c) names of programmes conducted by IITs during the last two years to make national programme like Make in India, Start up India and Digital India successful?

Availability of seats under Right to Education

1329. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seats available under Right to Education for economically weaker families in the country, State-wise, separately under private and Government schools;

(b) whether only 15 per cent of above seats under RTE have been filled during 2014-15;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of RTE seats filled during 2015-16; State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for such poor implementation of RTE Act?

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Construction of separate functional toilets for girls and boys

1330. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has achieved 100 per cent target for completion of construction of separate toilets for girls and boys in all schools; and

(b) whether the Ministry has made any assessment of how many of the toilets constructed are functional, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)

1331. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the recurring and non-recurring heads under the Inclusive Education of the Disabled at the Secondary Stage (IEDSS);

(b) the data as to the funds released and utilised under the IEDSS, during the last five years State-wise; and

(c) the data as to the number of special education teachers appointed by Government and the vacancies that need to be filled State-wise?

Noon Meals to school children in drought affected States

1332. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is well prepared to serve Noon Meals to school children in drought affected States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is yet to release money under Mid Day Meal scheme to many States; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance for Universities in Assam

1333. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Assam submitted a proposal regarding financial assistance to the tune of ₹ 1200 crores for expansion of the infrastructure of Guwahati University, Dibrugarh University, Assam Agriculture University and Seven other State Universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon so far?

Proposal for Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Guwahati

1334. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam submitted a proposal regarding establishment of Indian Institute of Management at Guwahati, Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon so far?

Recommendations of Committee on Yoga Education in Universities

1335. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a committee on yoga education in universities, if so, the details thereof and the objective therefor;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report and if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;

(c) whether Government has accepted the said recommendations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the follow-up action taken by Government with respect to the accepted recommendations?

Counselling system for University students

1336. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) in the wake of outrage over suicide committed by a Dalit student in Hyderabad University, has asked all the Central Universities to put in place a students' counselling system for redressal of problems and challenges faced by them, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all universities have set up the said counselling system;

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

(d) the steps taken by UGC to ensure safety of students on and off campuses?

SC/ST and OBC students in private professional institutions

1337. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC, ST and OBC students who were given admission in the private self financing professional institutions in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof State-wise?

Compulsory military training for University students

1338. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government plans to inculcate the spirit of patriotism and strengthen the feelings of nationalism in our educational institutions; and

(b) whether Government is considering or would consider to make military training compulsory for senior students in all universities as it has been trend effective to infuse spirit of discipline and better human values?

Teaching of humanities and social sciences in IITs

1339. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IITs teach literature, culture, art, history, economics, psychology, sociology, etc. under humanities and social sciences;

(b) if so, how much credit is given to these subjects;

(c) how does it compare with MIT and Stanford; and

(d) how many Ph.Ds were awarded in last three years under above subjects?

**Anomalies in pay fixation in
Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti**

1340. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of anomalies in pay fixation of TGT (Librarian) in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) resulted in juniors drawing more pay than their seniors in the same cadre, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, region-wise;

(b) whether Region-wise pay fixation policy is arbitrary owing to All India Service Liability of employment in NVS;

(c) if so, whether cases are pending for stepping up of pay of seniors with respect to Juniors recruited on or after 01.01.2006; and

(d) if so, by when anomaly would be rectified, pay stepped up and arrears paid?

**Swayam portal for education of
children**

†1341. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many children are deprived of school education despite the schemes like Right to Education and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce a portal Swayam based on massive open on-line course which is aimed to connect all the children with education; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Review of funding pattern of Central
Universities**

1342. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the funding pattern of Central Universities like Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU) and Hyderabad Central University (HCU); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Raising of annual fee in IITs

1343. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any IIT decided to raise annual fees of students, if so, details thereof showing existing and prospective fees;

(b) whether it is done at the instruction of the Ministry:

(c) whether Government has a policy that higher education students have to pay total expense of the institution in which they study, or a particular per cent of it; and

(d) whether it is making allocation to each institution of higher education in such a way that it has to mobilize a certain percentage of its expenses as fees?

**Reimbursement of expenditure under
6th pay Commission for Maharashtra**

1344. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested for the early reimbursement of expenditure incurred on

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6th Pay Commission for Teachers and subsequent cadres in state;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto indicating the reasons for the delay in payment; and

(c) by when Government would make the said reimbursement to the State Government of Maharashtra?

Fund for Mid-Day Meals in West Bengal

1345. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry owes Mid-Day Meals (MDM) funds to some States including West Bengal, if so, the reason therefor;

(b) the proposal, if any, to compensate those States; and

(c) what is time line fixed for doing so?

Subjects offered under Choice Based Credit System

1346. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the absence of all courses at all colleges is a major hindrance to the proper execution of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) including a few colleges that only offer three subjects and thus students have to study undesirable subjects;

(b) if so, Government's plan to overcome this problem;

(c) whether some colleges have as many as fifteen courses, but end up offering only 3-4 courses that are preferred by the majority of students; and

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking to overcome such implementation issues in the Choice Based Credit System?

Compulsory aptitude test for students

1347. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce and make compulsory the writing of an aptitude test by the students;

(b) if so, the details of the time when Government plans to start this and for students of which standard; and

(c) what would be the composition of this test and how it would ensure that it is truly reflective of the child's ability and interests?

Students expelled from Central Universities

1348. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students expelled from central universities during academic sessions 2014-15 and 2015-16, university-wise;

(b) whether students have been expelled from Allahabad university in spite of the fact that clean chit has been given in inquiry, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for increase in harassing the students in central universities?

Recruitment rules for Vice-Principals in KV

1349. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 23 per cent posts amounting to more than 10,600 are vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the country, if so, the details of vacancies post-wise;

(b) whether Government have amended the rules for recruitment of Vice-Principals through direct recruitment; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor as direct recruitment is already taking place at the level of PGT and will kill their chances for promotion?

Complaints of corruption in Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Delhi

†1350. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received about the large scale corruption in Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Delhi in matters of construction, scholarship and research funds;

(b) the details of construction undertaken and scholarships offered in the last five years therein; and

(c) whether some officials of Vidyapeeth had also been suspended, if so, the details thereof?

Reform and expansion for admission process in IIT

1351. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of students in all the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) put together in the country and what is the intake annually in every IIT;

(b) the total number of aspirants who appear for the written exam, qualify and actually gain entry in the IITs;

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to reform and expand access in education, so that the opportunity is increased and more students get admission in institutes like IIT; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of IITs in the country in the near future, if so, which are the places and by when?

Recognition of technical education in Uttarakhand

†1352. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of those institutes of Uttarakhand who have requested for granting recognition for technical education;

(b) whether the requests received were of private institutes or the request of State Government was also a part of it;

(c) if so, whether all the requests have been accepted; and

(d) if not, the list of the institutes which have not been granted permission?

Admission of SC/ST students in private universities

†1353. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage admission of students from SC and ST community in private universities;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard till date; and

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

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Status of New Education Policy

1354. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of New Education Policy at present;

(b) by when it would be implemented all over India; and

(c) what are the specialties of the Policy to meet present day challenges of education?

Loss of study hours in JNU

1355. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any survey or review of the loss of study hours and impact on general academic level due to non-educational political activities of a certain group of students in Universities like Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU);

(b) if so, the details of study loss and damage to students' academic pursuits due to anti-national slogans in JNU; and

(c) what preventive measures are being taken to keep up the academic level in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and stop effectively anti-national activities in JNU?

Centre of excellence for graphene at IIT-Madras

1356. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIT-Madras is planning a centre of Excellence for graphene, a carbon

derivative pursued by multinationals like IBM and Samsung in race for the next electronic gadget building block, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether IIT-Madras is eyeing internationally well known universities in the UK like the Manchester University, University of Cambridge and University of Warwick and also holding discussions with a large industrial houses to be roped in as the anchor investor and if so, the details thereof?

Transgenders enrolled in higher educational institutions

1357. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether transgenders are facing discrimination and bullying due to their sexual identity after their induction in higher educational institutions across the country;

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

(c) the number of transgenders enrolled in higher educational institutions, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has taken any steps for complete inclusion of transgenders in these institutes by means of upgradation of infrastructure such as of unisex washrooms, sensitization of the teaching, non-teaching staff and students on campus; and

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

**Verification process for blacklisted
deemed to be universities**

1358. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) is yet to verify the details of infrastructure and faculty strength of deemed to be universities which were blacklisted by a committee appointed by Government, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the UGC has fixed any time frame to complete the verification process, if so, the details thereof?

**Institute of excellence in higher
education**

1359. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up new institutes of excellence in higher education;

(b) if so, details with location of these institutes; and

(c) whether these institutes have started functioning?

**Complaints of discrimination with
research scholars**

1360. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that research scholars of various Central Universities have rushed their complaints to the Ministry regarding discrimination being meted out to them in the Universities by respective HoDs and inaction of the

Universities to take action against the HoDs, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are seeking Ministry's permission to resort to self immolation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to alleviate the problems of research scholars in the central universities?

**Assessment of students on
International Standards**

1361. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to undertake any programme for the assessment of students on International Standards;

(b) if so, the methodology adopted/likely to be adopted in this regard;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve the standards of students at the school leaving stage; and

(d) the extent of success achieved in this regard?

**National Monitoring Committee for
Minorities Education**

1362. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education;

(b) the details of the meetings held by this committee so far and the decisions taken in each meeting; and

(c) the actual monitoring done by this committee so far and the contribution made by this committee so far in the development of minorities education?

Measures to increase learning levels in schools

1363. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in overall and subject-wise learning levels, if so, details thereof, State-wise, if not, reasons therefor and corrective action taken;

(b) whether Government has introduced measures to increase learning levels, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the teacher-student ratio mandated under RTE is implemented in all Government schools, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor and corrective action taken; and

(d) whether Government has taken note of high teacher absenteeism in Government schools, if so, details thereof, State-wise and whether corrective action has been taken, if not, the reasons therefor?

Ragging in schools and colleges of Delhi

1364. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of ragging in schools and colleges in Delhi and how far has it been controlled;

(b) whether it has been growing fast; and

(c) whether Government has devised an action plan to speedily control this menace, if so, the details thereof?

Dropout of girl students due to lack of toilets

1365. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of toilets for girls schools in India is the main reason for dropout rate of girls in schools;

(b) what is the status of building toilets for women and girls in the schools in the country; and

(c) what is the time-frame within which all the schools where girls are enrolled would be covered with proper toilets for the girl students?

Review of minority status of educational institutions

1366. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is reviewing the minority status of certain educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the institutions whose minority status is under review or proposed to be reviewed?

Pending proposals for development of schools from Maharashtra

1367. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent and fund demanded by the State Government of Maharashtra for education and development of schools and colleges during the last three years;

(b) the number of proposals out of them approved and funds released during the above period; and

(c) the number of proposals lying pending along with the reasons for pendency?

Delay in payment to scholars

1368. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of scholarships, research fellowship funds and grants made by Government in a given year;

(b) whether there have been any substantial delays in payment due to the scholars abounding their research work; and

(c) the number of scholars who are yet to receive the money due to them?

Loan sanctioned under PMEGP

1369. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering amendment of guidelines incorporating moratorium period for repayment of loan sanctioned under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); and

(b) whether the Ministry would consider allocation of more funds under PMEGP, which is a flagship programme for employment generation?

Khadi and Gramodyog units in Jharkhand and Gujarat

1370. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to the

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and norms adopted therefor during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the KVIC has received applications for financial assistance to setup Khadi and Gramodyog units from various States including Jharkhand and Gujarat during the said period the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to popularize khadi by introducing it as uniforms for employees of Government and/or PSUs?

Share of India in global production of coir

1371. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present share of India in global production of coir with details thereof, and

(b) what is the strategy of Government and Coir Board to substantially increase country's share in coir production at par with global production?

Foreign exchange through coir products

1372. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) details of India's coir and coir products exported during the last three years, year-wise and foreign exchange earned during the said period; and

(b) what action Government proposes to take to substantially increase the country's export of coir and coir products?

Annual average growth rate of MSME sector

1373. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contribution of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been estimated to be 17 per cent in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during last two years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of annual average growth rate of this sector during the said period; and

(c) the details of rate of growth of annual average new employment opportunities generated in this sector as a result of said annual average growth rate?

Increase in employment opportunities under MSMEs

1374. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) whether the employment opportunities under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has increased in the country during the last one year, if so, the details thereof,

(b) whether any traditional industry has been given support by the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Village Entrepreneurship Programme in Maharashtra

1375. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme seeks to strengthen the livelihood of artisans and weavers;

(b) if so, details thereof with special reference to Maharashtra;

(c) the details of village enterprises proposed to be created in 125 blocks across 24 States; and

(d) the blocks identified for the above programme, State-wise?

MSME units closed in West Bengal

1376. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises closed during 2011-2014 with special reference to West Bengal, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of closed Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises re-opened during 2011—2014 with special reference to West Bengal, year-wise and State-wise?

Comprehensive policy on MSME

1377. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no integrated approach for development of MSMEs despite the fact that the sector accounts for large scale manufacturing and export;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to integrate various policies pertaining to MSME sector and whether Government would come out with a comprehensive policy?

Need of technology for competitiveness of MSME

1378. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government for enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether technology, generally used by MSME is a major cause for poor competitiveness of this sector;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to develop appropriate technology for various manufacturing processes to bring down cost in MSME sector in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Legislation to protect the breach of privacy

1379. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is in the process of drafting a legislation to provide individuals protection against breach of their privacy through unlawful means;

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

(c) whether the draft bill exempts the intelligence agencies from the scrutiny of the Data Protection Authority; and

(d) if so, whether this would be a complete exemption, or a qualified one?

Status of draft Privacy Bill

1380. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on the draft Privacy Bill that implements the recommendations of the Justice A.P Shah Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the draft Bill; and

(c) by when would Government be ready to put this Bill in the public domain to facilitate a public consultation?

Harassment of whistle blower

1381. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the whistle blowers continue to face life threats and harassment for raising voice against irregularities in Government departments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Vigilance Commission told the Supreme Court that many Government officials had complained of being harassed for exposing the alleged malpractices in their department and they were being punished by the way of transfer and other departmental proceedings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to protect whistle blowers?

CIC making exhaustive information public

1382. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Information Commission (CIC) has prepared an exhaustive information that can be made public, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether to prevent misuse of sensitive information, a system of access that can be monitored by people providing details, has been put in place; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it would be done?

Earthquake warning system developed by CSIR

1383. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed an earthquake warning system that successfully alerted the Delhi Metro about the recent earthquake in real time, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the system can also be used at nuclear reactors sites where work can be stopped in case of an earthquake, if so, the details thereof?

Development of centres of excellence in nanotechnology

1384. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether centres of excellence in nanotechnology have been developed/are

proposed to be developed in various States of the country, if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(b) the budgetary allocation made for each institute to undertake various research activities during each of the last three years and the current year, institute-wise;

(c) the areas in which these centres have achieved scientific excellence of international repute, so far, institute-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to develop more such institutes to give impetus to nanotechnology?

India based Neutrino Observatory

1385. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of work on India based Neutrino Observatory;

(b) the timeline, budget, scheme of financing and objectives of the laboratory; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to establish additional laboratories for nuclear physics research in India, if so, the details thereof?

Country's contribution in field of Science and Technology

†1386. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present India's level of contribution in the field of science and technology at the international level from the research point of view is not up to the mark, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether it is necessary to strengthen and update the basic infrastructure in order to encourage scientific research in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the steps taken by Government in this direction during the last two years including the results thereof?

Skill development course at higher secondary level

1387. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any policy to increase the skill development at the plus two course at higher secondary level and meet the various industrial sector and service sector to bring urban and rural poor within the "Employability Zone"; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Maharashtra

1388. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of persons who have been enrolled and the details of persons who have completed their training; and

(c) how many, out of the total who completed their training, have been provided with employment or loans under the same?

Target for skilled youth

1389. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given targets to different Ministries to achieve the 500 million skilled youth by 2022;

(b) if so, the details of targets given to each Ministry, Ministry-wise;

(c) what review mechanism the Ministry has in place to ensure that targets fixed are achieved;

(d) how the Ministry is coordinating with States and UTs and encouraging them to produce as many skilled manpower as possible; and

(e) the steps taken to involve industry to produce skilled manpower as per their requirements?

Model Career Centre in Osmania University

1390. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Model Career Centre has been approved for Hyderabad in Osmania University in Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is likely to become operational?

Examination system for students of ITIs

†1391. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether system of annual examination/examination after completion of training from Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) has been changed and semester system has been introduced;

(b) whether the examination for the students of Industrial Training Institutes is conducted in other colleges and not in the institute itself;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the pass marks for the students of Industrial Training Institutes are fixed at 40 per cent whereas it is 33 per cent in other technical institutes; and

(e) if so, the justification for the same?

Creation of skilled manpower

1392. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that no proper training is available for creation of skilled manpower like carpenter, mason, blacksmith, goldsmith etc. resulting in their huge shortage in the country;

(b) whether Government, in consultation with the State Governments,

has prepared/is going to prepare any action plan to provide latest training in such fields; and

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

MoU with other countries for skill development

1393. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study of the best international practices followed for skill development globally and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for skill development with any other country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the MoU?

Burden on students due to change in examination system in ITIs

†1394. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state

(a) whether the system of annual examination or examination after completion of training for the trainees of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) has

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been changed and semester system has been introduced now;

(b) whether with introduction of semester system of examination, students are required to study more, whereas it is mandatory in ITI rules to emphasis on practical;

(c) the details of those, who took admission in the ITIs in the last three years; and

(d) the extent of burden the students are bearing under the present system of examination as compared to the earlier system of examination?

Proposal of hostels for OBC girls from Karnataka

*1395. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal in November, 2015, for construction of hostels for OBC category girl students belonging to below poverty line; and

(b) if so, whether this proposal has been considered in the Ministry?

Reservation policy for physically disabled

1396. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a study to assess whether all Government establishments are following the 3 per cent reservation policy for physically disabled;

(b) if so, the details of such study and if not, reason therefor;

(c) the number of physically disabled people currently employed by Government establishments, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if Government does not have the above mentioned data, the reasons therefor?

Legislative measures for welfare of senior citizens

1397. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would bring any legislative measure for welfare and protection of senior citizens and to make palliative care a fundamental right keeping in view in increase in the number of such people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of social welfare schemes in Haryana

1398. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented by the Ministry in the country particularly in Haryana along with name of each scheme;

(b) whether there are specific scheme for SC/ST and women; and

(c) if so, the details of these schemes along with allocation?

Nation wide survey on drug abuse

1399. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nation wide survey on drug abuse has not been conducted for the last one decade and the data available with Government in this regard is obsolete;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to initiate a nation wide survey of drug abuse at the earliest in order to have appropriate planning and funding strategies to tackle the menace of drug abuse?

New scheme to tackle beggary

1400. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a new scheme to provide shelter, health care and skill development training to tackle beggary;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the new scheme is likely to be implemented?

Complaints registered by scheduled sections

1401. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints have been registered by scheduled sections of the population about physical attack on them, casting insulting comments and denial of

their rights by other sections, during the last two years;

(b) what action was taken thereon;

(c) whether they have raised similar complaints against those in authority;

(d) cases mentioned in (a) and (c) whether anybody has lost his/her life or forced to commit suicide in protest; and

(e) if so, how many people?

Pathetic life of manual scavengers

1402. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are 18,000-manual scavengers in the country who are living very pathetic life doing manual scavenging;

(b) if so, what has been done to ameliorate their conditions in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; and

(c) what financial assistance and employment have been provided to these people and the details thereof?

Inclusion of Kaikadi Community of Maharashtra in SCs list

1403. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra for inclusion of Kaikadi Community in entire Maharashtra in the list of Scheduled Castes by removing area restriction;

(b) if so, what stand has been taken by the Ministry on this proposal; and

(c) why is there a need for area

restriction for inclusion in Scheduled Caste list?

Policy for loan to economically weak students

1404. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme/policy for providing loan at lower rate of interest to the students belonging to economically weaker sections of society for pursuing education;

(b) if so, the details and date of implementation of such scheme; and

(c) the amount of loans/funds sanctioned and disbursed along with the number of beneficiaries of the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise?

Assessment by NCDHR

1405. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment by the National Campaign on Dalit Human Right (NCDHR) has claimed that even special funds earmarked for SCs/STs, including those in the education sector, seldom directly reach beneficiaries;

(b) whether the data compiled by a group of NGOs comes at a time when university administrations and the HRD Ministry face charges of general insensitivity towards disadvantaged groups and academic discrimination; and

(c) if so, what corrective measures are being taken to address the issues raised by the NGOs?

New creamy layer for private sector

1406. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), has submitted a report to the Government recommending a new creamy layer for private sector, autonomous bodies, universities etc., for jobs and educational opportunities;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Commission; and

(c) the action contemplated by Government on the above recommendations?

Qualification for working at Day Care Centres

1407. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the qualifications of the individuals required for working at day care centres for patients of Alzheimer's/Dementia patients and whether the staff at these centres are trained specially in geriatric-care and the details thereof; and

(b) whether any of these centres are understaffed and if so, the details of the vacancies thereof?

SC and ST reservation in private sectors

1408. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that SC and ST have extremely low access to jobs in private sectors, if so, the details thereof;

(b) total number of persons deriving their income from a salaried job in private sector, category-wise rural and urban, SC, ST and Others, State-wise;

(c) whether Government intends to provide reservation in jobs to persons belonging to the SC/ST category in the private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken so far, in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare of transgender citizens in the country

1409. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that despite a passage of two and half years since submission of recommendations by an Expert Committee on transgender community, their recommendations have not been implemented leading to continuance of harsh mistreatment and severe problems being faced by this minority community in the country;

(b) the details of transgender people living in the country State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for programmes and schemes run for benefit of transgender community State-wise including district-wise details for West Bengal?

Monetary assistance to inter-caste marriage

1410. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry extends monetary assistance/support to inter-caste marriages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the schemes being implemented for the purpose;

(c) the number of beneficiaries who availed the benefit under the scheme so far since last three years;

(d) the criteria laid down for the selection of couples to benefit under the scheme;

(e) whether such assistance is extended all over the country; and

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

Doubling of satellite launches

1411. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed to double its satellite launches in space in the coming years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether private industries would be involved in the space projects to augment capacity-building, the details thereof;

(c) the areas to be covered by private industries in terms of investment, co-development and co-innovation, the details thereof; and

(d) whether ISRO is seeking collaboration with other institutes in foreign countries, as part of Make in India campaign, the details thereof?

Satellites under operation in country

1412. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of satellites which are under operation in the country;

(b) whether Government is seeking foreign assistance/collaboration for satellite operations and if so, the expenditure incurred for use of foreign satellites each year;

(c) the extent to which indigenous satellites like K-Band satellites are being used; and

(d) the action plan of Government to develop indigenous satellites in the country?

Increase in number of held up projects

1413. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by the end of 2015-16, 893 projects worth ₹ 11.36 trillion are held up;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it was 766 projects in March, 2014;

(c) if so, what policy paralysis made to increase the number from 766 to 893 within a span of two years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that capturing of new investments has also come down by 25 per cent to ₹ 8 trillion in 2015-16 from ₹ 10.64 trillion in 2014-15; and

(e) how Government is planning to address these issues?

Cost overrun of Central sector projects

1414. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry conducted any survey and found cost overrun of about hundreds of Central sector projects with an initial budget of ₹ 150 crore and above and hundreds of mega projects with initial outlay of ₹1000 crore or more;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of cost overrun project-wise;

(c) whether the delay in implementation of these projects have caused such cost overrun; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken/being taken by the Central Government to speed up implementation of these projects to avoid further losses?

Vehicle tracking and monitoring

1415. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has entered into a partnership with BSNL to implement a vehicle tracking and monitoring system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Funds under JNNURM for drinking water projects in Uttarakhand

†1416. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of drinking water in Pauri, Kotdwar, Pithoragarh, Lohaghat, Champawat, Almora, Ranikhet, Dwarhat and Haldwani cities in Uttarakhand; and

(b) if so, whether Government would allocate funds under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for constructing small dams on the rivers

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flowing near the said cities so that the crisis of drinking water in those cities may be resolved and if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects under AMRUT in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1417. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) the details of cities identified under AMRUT in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the projects proposed to be taken up in the coming days in the above States, State-wise and city-wise?

Fare increase in Delhi Metro

1418. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has been requesting for increasing passenger fare;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Metro is earning huge profit during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of expenditure and earning from traffic operations, other advertisement, and rental revenue of DMRC during the last three years?

Projects under JNNURM in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1419. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have got any amount under JNNURM;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite the works to get the funding under JNNURM to implement projects?

Funds for city corporations and municipalities

1420. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is providing funds for city corporations and municipalities in the country for the implementation of various infrastructure development projects and schemes;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated to each of the corporations and municipalities during the last two years;

(d) whether important projects and development works are hampered because of the paucity of funds from the Central Government; and

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

Infrastructure development in municipal areas

1421. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any recommendations from the State Governments for the infrastructure

development in municipal areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to provide more grants to State Governments to improve the infrastructure in all urban areas and if so, the details thereof?

Decision to upgrade windows of Government flats

1422. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken to implant *Jali* in windows to check cats entering into the Government flats;

(b) if so, why the windows of Government flats have not yet been implanted with *Jali*; and

(c) by when will the upgraded windows will be provided in Government flats?

Plan for supply of drinking water in urban areas

†1423. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present situation of scarcity in the supply of potable water in the urban areas of country and the time bound action plan for supply of potable water State-wise; and

(b) the special measures taken for permanent water management for ensuring water supply for cleanliness drive, public convenience-toilet and by when it will be implemented?

Chief Town Planners in urban local bodies

1424. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many States and urban local bodies have Chief Town Planners, the details thereof; and

(b) how many recently approved master plans are in existence, the details thereof State-wise?

Annual growth rate of cities

†1425. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cities in the country are developing rapidly;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the average annual growth rate of cities in the last five years; and

(d) whether basic facilities in the cities have also increased with the increase in urbanization, if so, the details thereof?

Release of funds for Narasaraopeta projects

1426. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that though Union Ministers have laid foundation stones in Andhra Pradesh towns like Narasaraopeta more than three months ago, work has not started on many of these projects for want of approvals/ releases of funds by the Centre/State; and

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(b) if so, what remedial steps would be taken to ground these projects without delay?

Legislation to tackle trafficking of women and child

1427. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to bring omnibus legislation to tackle trafficking and address slavery, sexual exploitation and forced labour of women and child and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any task force under the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been set up to deal with different aspects of trafficking and effective monitoring, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time, the legislative measures would be finalised by Government?

Universal food fortification in States

1428. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to offer universal food fortification to combat malnutrition, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether food fortification is already being done in some States; and

(c) if so, the names of the States, including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Status of juvenile correction homes in the country

1429. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of juvenile homes including observation homes, special homes as well as places of Safety State-wise along with the details of children currently under detention in the country gender-wise, age-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for Integrated Child Protection Scheme during last three years and the current year State-wise along with district-wise details for West Bengal?

Report of working of POCSO courts

1430. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the report on working of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) courts in Delhi by Centre for Child and the Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore which states that the identity of child victim is poorly protected despite Section 33(7) of POCSO Act requiring so;

(b) whether Government has also taken cognizance of the fact that despite Section 38 of POCSO Act mandating qualified experts to be available in courts, such experts are not available in most courts; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to address these issues?

**Overhauling of the existing
Anganwadi system in
Karnataka**

* 1431. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anganwadi workers in Karnataka were assigned election duty in the recently concluded Taluk and Zilla Panchayat local body elections despite the Ministry's directions to the contrary;

(b) whether it is a fact that such diversions from their designated duties hampered work in a number of Anganwadies throughout Karnataka;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Minister has admitted failure of the present system and has promised complete overhaul of the system; and

(d) how soon the overhaul of the present system is expected?

**Training to women in modern
skills**

1432. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to impart training to women in modern skills instead of the traditional ones, to meet the demands of changing society; and

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

**Recommendation of Pam Rajput
Committee on marital rape**

1433. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken the recommendations of the Pam Rajput Committee into consideration, specifically, the recommendation that marital rape be considered an offence irrespective of the age of the wife and the relationship between the perpetrator and the survivor;

(b) whether Government has adopted the above mentioned recommendation;

(c) if so, whether Government is planning to bring a law to amend the definition of rape under the Indian Penal Code to reflect this and the expected timeline thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for rejecting the recommendation?

**Special law to protect women from
maternal family**

1434. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exists no special law to protect women from mental, physical and economic harassment from her maternal family and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to bring a comprehensive law to safeguard the interest of women from her maternal family and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Failure to achieve goals of
Millennium Development
Plan**

†1435. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that deaths due
to starvation and malnutrition among
children have been on the rise every year, if
so, the details thereof for the last three
years, State-wise;

(b) whether the policies of Government
have failed to effectively control
malnutrition and starvation which is
causing misery to the extremely poor
people; and

(c) whether it is a fact that efforts to
achieve the goals of Millennium
Development Plan have met with failure if
so, the details thereof?

**Funds allotted for Beti Bachao Beti
Padhao scheme**

†1436. SHRI NARAYAN LAL
PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of
WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated
any new schemes to provide the best and
direct benefit to women and children during
the last two years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the achievements of Government's
Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme during

the last one year, the details thereof, State-
wise; and

(c) the funds allotted and spent for Beti
Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme during the
year 2015-16, the details thereof?

Malnourished children in country

†1437. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the
Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the welfare schemes for
children and women have been affected by
the reduction in budgetary allocation of the
Central Government;

(b) the number of malnourished children
in the country State-wise as per Ministry;
and

(c) the reasons for which the cases of
malnutrition is declining but not getting
completely eradicated?

**Economic empowerment status of
women**

1438. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) the latest details of the women's
economic empowerment status in the
country;

(b) the details of Government schemes
for economic empowerment of women in
the country;

(c) whether Government has made any
assessment/survey of number of women
who have been benefited from the schemes
being implemented for economic
empowerment of rural women in the
country;

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(d) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Amending the Juvenile Justice
(Care and Protection of
Children) Act, 2000**

1439. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision in Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 about vicious, unregenerate and convicted juvenile, who despite having undergone the reformation process for maximum penalty continue to be a menace to society, if so, the details thereof, and

(b) the steps taken by Government to plug the loopholes in the Act?

**Malnourished children in Gulbarga,
Karnataka**

* 1440. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether high percentage of malnourished children (57.5 per cent) and under weight children (17 per cent) were reported in the Gulbarga district of Karnataka;

(b) quantum of relief released for Karnataka in the last three years, for curbing such deficiencies under the various schemes such as Integrated Child Development Scheme; and

(c) whether any competent vigilance authority was appointed to check from time to time the quality of the nutritional products supplied by the various agencies through the Integrated Child Development Scheme?

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