

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, December 8, 2016/Agrahayana 17, 1938 (Saka)*

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

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#### Status of contract for Westinghouse A.P. 1000 reactors

2561. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the contract for the Westinghouse AP 1000 reactors proposed to be set up at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what is the expected capital cost of this plant and the expected cost of electricity with details of the expected tariff?

#### Building of EPR reactors at Jaitapur

2562. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Areva, which is supposed to build the EPR reactors at Jaitapur has suffered serious financial difficulties and may be split up as part of a French Government restructuring plan;

(b) if so, the details and its impact on the plan to commission EPR reactors at Jaitapur;

(c) what is the number of reactors Government is planning to install at Jaitapur and what is the expected cost of these reactors; and

(d) what is the expected cost of electricity generated from EPR reactors at Jaitapur?

#### Import of Uranium

2563. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Uranium that India was able to import in the last three years, year-wise and country-wise and target set for 2016-17;

(b) whether it is a fact that in 2016-17, we are going to get 3,000 metric tonnes of

Uranium, if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether the above quantity is enough for use in 3,380 MW of installed capacity reactors under International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) safeguards;

(d) if not, how Government is planning to procure additional Uranium from other countries; and

(e) to what extent agreement with Japan would help to improve flow of Uranium into the country?

**Power generated from Kudankulam power project**

2564. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project is fully functional; and

(b) in what proportion the power generated from the project is distributed among different States and Central pool?

**Discussion with public on nuclear reactor construction sites**

2565. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are ten reactors under various stages of construction, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has held discussions with public in all these ten places where reactors are under constructions, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Power from PFBR Kalpakkam to Tamil Nadu**

2566. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would come forward to enhance the allocation of power to State of Tamil Nadu from Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu from the current level of 151.8 MW to 200 MW; and

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

**Reduction in Central Funds**

2567. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reduction in receipt of Central funds for the development of North Eastern Region due to rationalisation of centrally sponsored schemes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) details of funds received from Government during the last five years under various schemes, State-wise?

**Desalination of sea water**

2568. SHRI D.KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that desalination of sea water is possible on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details of cost involved in desalination of specific quantity of sea water;

(c) the desalination plants established

and functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to take up large scale desalination of sea water to meet the drinking and irrigation requirements of coastal India; and

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

#### **Installation of Doppler Radar System in country**

2569. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Doppler Radar Systems (DRSs) installed in various parts of the country at present as well as the time-line drawn for commissioning latest DRSs;

(b) whether various DRSs including the one in Delhi is not functioning for a long time;

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

(d) the funds incurred on their installation and recent repair as well as arrangements made for annual maintenance contracts for their smooth functioning?

#### **Fishermen apprehended/imprisoned and attacked by Sri Lankan forces**

2570. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian fishermen apprehended/imprisoned/attacked and their equipments and fishing boats seized by security forces of Sri Lanka during the last three years;

(b) the time since when they have been imprisoned and the action taken to get them released along with fishing boats/tractors/equipments and the success achieved in this regard; and

(c) whether any meeting has been fixed with the authorities of Sri Lanka for amicable settlement of the issues, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pakistan providing safe haven to terrorists**

2571. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UK Government's failure to condemn Pakistan for providing safe haven for terrorists is disappointing;

(b) whether as a long standing strategic ally the UK Government should be standing shoulder to shoulder with India;

(c) whether soft peddling by the UK is letting down the victims of terror; and

(d) if so, whether Government raised this issue during the visit of Prime Minister of UK to India?

#### **Indian diplomats accused of anti-Pakistan activities**

2572. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight Indian diplomats have been accused of alleged anti-Pakistan activities by Islamabad; and

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to assist the diplomats and resolve the issue, if so, the details thereof?

**Agreements during Prime Minister's visit to Japan**

2573. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of the recent three day visit of the Prime Minister to Japan;

(b) the details of the deals and agreements concluded during the visit; and

(c) the impact of the deals and agreements on Indo-Japan relations?

**Building of dams on tributaries of Brahmaputra**

2574. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ascertained the facts regarding the recent reports on China's plan to build dams on Brahmaputra tributaries on Chinese side, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the issue was raised and discussed during bilateral summit meetings on the sidelines of recent BRICS meeting in Goa; and

(c) if so, the details of outcome and assurance from Chinese leadership, if any and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Countries not visited by representatives of Government**

2575. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up a list of 68 countries which not been visited by any political representative of the present Government; and

(b) if so, the names of these countries and task delegated to the political representatives together with the details of objectives behind this move?

**Co-sponsoring of 2016 UNGA resolution on child marriage**

2576. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government co-sponsored the 2016 UNGA Resolution on Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) in the UN General Assembly on 21st November, 2016; and

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

**Request from Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on fishermen**

2577. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to take steps to stop the frequent harassment and attacks on Indian fishermen and seizure of their boats and fishing equipment by the Sri Lankan Navy;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for restoring the traditional fishing rights of Indian Fishermen in Bay of Bengal and for protecting their rights over the islands which belonged to them for many centuries?

**India-Myanmar-Thailand highway**

2578. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to extend the proposed India-Myanmar-Thailand (IMT) highway to the CLMV (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam) countries in the second phase, despite the first phase being stuck on procedural issues; and

(b) by when IMT is likely to become operational together with the details thereof?

**Launching of M-passport service**

2579. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new mobile application named M-passport has been launched on the occasion of passport service day, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) to what extent it helps ease of getting passport and other related services?

**Visit of dignitaries from Sri Lanka**

2580. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Head of State from Sri Lanka who visited India during the last three years;

(b) the details of trips to Sri Lanka undertaken by the Prime Minister of India during the same period;

(c) the areas identified for co-operation/discussion held during the said visits; and

(d) the agreements signed and the

advantage to the country as a result thereof?

**Resolution of issues of Tamil fishermen**

2581. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues of Tamil fishermen of India, during the last three years?

**Representation from Social and Human Right Forum on passport issue**

2582. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a representation from the Social and Human Rights Forum of Andhra Pradesh on certain passport issues pertaining to West and East Godavari districts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Regional Passport Officer (RPO), Visakhapatnam would give a hearing and examine the issues and help low-income workers;

(c) by what date the RPO would organise a meeting with the forum; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by RPO, Visakhapatnam in this regard?

**Complaints registered on MADAD portal**

2583. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints have been registered on the MADAD portal of the Ministry so far, since its inception;

(b) the number of cases which were

disposed off and the number of cases which are pending; and

(c) the major issues on which the complaints were registered?

**Non-payment of dues of migrant workers in Qatar**

2584. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 4,000 migrant workers in Qatar were not paid their dues for four months;

(b) whether these workers have met the Ambassador of India in Qatar; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the efforts made by Government to ensure payment to these migrant workers?

**Assistance sought by Indians abroad**

†2585. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries whose Indian immigrants had sought assistance from Government of India during the last two years, details thereof;

(b) whether these Indians seeking assistance have been brought back to India, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government of India regarding the property of those Indians who repatriated?

**Development of affordable residential units**

†2586. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether prices of housing in urban areas/cities are going beyond the reach of people belonging to lower income groups, if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether various schemes meant for providing affordable housing for all have proved a failure in achieving the goal of making cheap houses available to people of lower income groups, if so, the details thereof and the constraints being encountered in this regard; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken to overcome the obstacles coming in the way of developing affordable residential units in urban areas?

**Assessment of unsold inventories in housing sector**

2587. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of unsold inventories so far as housing sector is concerned;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for large number of inventories in the housing sector; and

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the steps taken by Government for making housing affordable for low and medium income groups?

**Housing facilities under PMAY (Urban) Scheme in Tamil Nadu**

2588. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries selected by Government for providing housing facilities under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Scheme in Tamil Nadu since the inception of this Scheme;

(b) the details of the fund allocated to construct houses under this Scheme; and

(c) the tentative date by which the beneficiaries would be handed over the houses?

**Funds sanctioned and released to JICA**

2589. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) has been associated with development of sewerage network and water supply schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds sanctioned and released during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether any new proposal has been taken up with JICA recently and if so, the details thereof?

**Steps taken to reduce debt burden of real estate developers**

2590. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite cut in interest rate, the demand in real estate sector has seen no substantial increase, and is expected to fall further by 15 to 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details of efforts being made to boost this demand;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are nearly 8-10 million workers engaged in the sector who face uncertain future, if the sector does not revive;

(d) if so, the details of plans suggested for overcoming this potential crisis; and

(e) the steps taken to reduce debt burden of developers?

**Steps taken to curb unlawful housing construction activities**

2591. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in urban areas and metro cities, building construction of housing is done largely by violating construction norms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures Government is planning to take to curb such unlawful activities?

**Investment requirement proposal by IITs**

2592. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision on meeting the investment requirements submitted by the top IITs to improve their research output, faculty, infrastructure and international outlook has been taken, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any time-frame and criteria have been fixed for assessment and sanctioning of the submissions made by the IITs, if so, the details thereof?

**Vacant administrative posts in IITs and IIMs**

2593. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many premier institutes like IITs and IIMs key administrative posts are lying vacant for months together, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether vacancy in key positions is also adversely impacting the functioning and performance of these institutes; and

(c) if so, how Government proposes to address the emerging situation?

**Setting up of new universities**

2594. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of existing universities in the country and the intake of students in such universities, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the intake of students in higher education is on the rise in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide university status to some colleges so as to meet the shortage in higher education and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of new universities planned to be set up, State/UT-wise and the estimated number of students likely to be benefited during next three years?

**Technical institutions for deprived areas**

2595. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to those regions of the country where for want of basic and technical educational institutions, students are being deprived of proper education;

(b) if so, the details of the regions where technical institutions are not available till now, State-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to overcome academic imbalance in those regions?

**Funds for gas connections under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Rajasthan**

2596. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funding of Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is mostly 100 per cent by the Centre or in the 75:25 ratio by the Centre and State respectively; and

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that



the State Government of Rajasthan has repeatedly been requesting Government for allotment/reimbursement of ₹ 21.24 crores, which have already been provided by the State Government, for gas connections under MDMS, if so, whether Government would allot/reimburse this amount, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Bifurcation of CBSE**

2597. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has been unable to meet the routine needs of the education sector;

(b) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate the CBSE to ensure better processing of applications for new schools etc.;

(c) to what extent there are administrative deficits presently in CBSE;

(d) whether the top tier of CBSE management is over-burdened by diverse dual responsibilities; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to cure the managerial deficits at CBSE?

#### **Work on proposed IIT/IIM**

2598. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

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

(a) whether work has started on any of the proposed IIT/IIM; and

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

#### **Vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2599. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the position of filling up of vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas all over the country, post-wise and zone-wise;

(b) whether the committee to review Recruitment Rules for teaching and non-teaching posts has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government to provide for career prospects of the feeder cadre in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) by when most of the teaching posts and non-teaching posts in KV would be filled, to reduce burden of work on the existing staff, details thereof?

#### **Scheme of separate toilets for boys and girls in Jharkhand**

2600. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the scheme 'Separate Toilets for Boys and Girls' in Government Schools;

(b) the details of targets fixed for the scheme and the achievements made during the last three years in Jharkhand; and

(c) the allocation of funds for 2015-16 and 2016-17 under the Scheme for Jharkhand?

**Funds for research in Central Universities**

2601. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to all the Central Universities in the last three years;

(b) percentage of funds especially allocated for research purposes both in science and social science; and

(c) whether Government is planning to increase the funds for the same to these universities as India stands way behind many developing nations in research, if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Research projects for teachers**

2602. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new research projects approved by the UGC under the scheme of Research Projects for Teachers in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount allocated under the scheme in the last three years;

(c) whether it has increased or decreased over the period of last three years; and

(d) if decreased, the reasons therefor?

**Content of textbooks of CBSE and ICSE**

2603. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing system for examination and approval of the content of textbooks of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any case has been registered for the objectionable content of textbooks in CBSE and ICSE and if so, the details thereof?

**Telugu Vidyapeeth in Telangana**

2604. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government of Telangana requesting for establishment of Telugu Vidyapeeth in Nalgonda, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action has been initiated by the Ministry in this regard, the details thereof?

**Double fee policy in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

†2605. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to effect double fee policy at Kendriya Vidyalayas, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the students would be adversely affected by such a policy; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

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### **UNESCO report on child education**

2606. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) report recently released, over 60 million children in India receive little or no formal education and the country has over 11.1 million out of school students in the lower secondary level, the highest in the world;

(b) whether at the upper secondary level, 46.8 million are out of school, while 2.9 million students do not even attend primary school; and

(c) whether according to the said report, by 2020 there will be a shortage of 40 million workers with tertiary education in the country?

### **Common entrance test for all Central universities**

2607. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is exploring the option of introducing a common entrance test for all Central universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has held discussions with the universities in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a 35 per cent staff vacancy in the 400 odd Central universities; and

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

### **Commercialisation of education**

2608. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed its steps taken to check the growing trend

of commercialisation of education; if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether some private educational institutions are being operated in the country in the garb of Right to Education with a view to earning profit; and

(c) if so, the number of such educational institutions being run in the country, State-wise and the action taken by Government to put a check on such institutions?

### **Teachers Training Programmes**

2609. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to start teachers training programmes to motivate teachers particularly of Government schools, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number of days allotted for training of elementary school teachers under SSA and the steps being taken to address the growth of low quality teachers under SSA and the steps being taken to address the growth of low quality Teachers Training Institutes in the private sector?

### **Low quality money making institutes**

2610. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of mushrooming of low quality, money making institutes and lack of relevant job opportunities; and

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

**United Nations Human Development Report, 2015**

2611. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Human Development Report, 2015 has ranked India on 130th position among 188 nations listed in the UNHD Index; and

(b) whether among BRICS countries, India is left behind by Russia, Brazil, China and South Africa, if so, the reaction thereto?

**Extension of Mid-Day Meal scheme to students of secondary schools**

2612. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the high levels of malnutrition and anemia among adolescent students; and

(b) if so, whether Government intends to extend the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) programme to cover students of secondary schools also, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of Central Schools in Assam**

2613. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of Central Schools especially in Assam and other parts of the country; and

(b) what are the remedial steps taken to meet the situation?

**Recruitment of faculties in IIT and IIM**

2614. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposed to set up new IITs and IIMs in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several of these premier institutions do not have requisite teaching faculties, institution-wise details of vacancies;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to recruit faculties of requisite eminence in these premier institutions; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that several of these institutions have been functioning without regular Director for several months, if so, details of such institutions?

**Para Teachers strike in Jharkhand**

2615. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Para Teachers in Jharkhand are on strike for more than a month seeking their wage hike and sought the intervention of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the matter, if so, the status thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken note of their genuine demand and made any efforts in resolving their demands, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Number of teachers for disabled students**

†2616. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy to ensure adequate number of teachers for disabled children studying in Government schools in all States including Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether adequate number of teachers are available at such schools also which have a quite lesser number of disabled children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Reservation at the level of Assistant Professor**

2617. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has issued any instructions that reservation to certain category be provided only at the level of Assistant Professor, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received strong objections from many corners in this regard, if so, the steps taken by Government?

**Children without schooling**

2618. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI D. RAJA:

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

(a) whether freshly released Census 2011 data has revealed that 8.4 crore children do not go to school at all;

(b) whether as many as 78 lakh Indian children are forced to earn a livelihood even as they attend schools;

(c) whether increasing cost of education, which should ideally be free for the age group of 5 to 17 years old, is one of the reasons for the piling number of students who do not go to schools; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that free education is provided to students of the above age group?

**Making laboratories of IIT world class**

2619. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to make 35 laboratories of various Indian Institutes of Technology world class, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also fact a that the fund for the same shall be made from proposed Higher Education Finance Agency; if so, the details thereof?

**UNESCO report on Universal Educational Goals**

2620. SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:  
SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that

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according to a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) report recently released, India will be half a century late in achieving its universal education goals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India will achieve universal primary education by 2050, universal lower secondary education by 2060 and universal upper secondary education by 2085; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the 2030 deadline for achieving Sustainable Development Goals will be possible only if India introduces fundamental changes in the education sector, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistance to students in Himachal Pradesh**

2621. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to extend financial assistance to the children between 6-14 years for providing elementary education and free books and stationery items to students from poor families in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan achieves its goals in the State?

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh**

2622. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh which are lacking necessary infrastructure like buildings, etc.;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for providing necessary infrastructure in such schools;

(c) whether Government has received any request to increase the number of students in classes in Kendriya Vidyalayas in District Kangra; and

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

#### **Caste based discrimination in Central universities**

†2623. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of caste-based discrimination in Central universities have gone up in the last two years, if so, the details thereof, university-wise;

(b) the number of cases of discrimination and harassment registered in SC/ST cells functioning in Central universities, university-wise details thereof, for the last two years; and

(c) whether Government proposes to keep a centralized data on caste-based discrimination in Central universities by improving on the present system, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacant posts of primary teachers**

†2624. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that around five lakh posts of primary teachers in Government schools are lying vacant across the country and more than one lakh

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schools are such which have only one teacher;

(b) if so, since when more than five lakh posts of primary teachers are vacant as per Government's information; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to enhance the quality of education and to achieve the target of educating every child in the country?

#### **Ph.D. courses through open universities**

†2625. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allow pursuing Ph.D. courses in open universities; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps so far in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Appointment of Director NIT, Warangal**

2626. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director NIT, Warangal, has not been appointed so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently a panel of names had been sent to the Visitor for appointing Director, NIT, Warangal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Single teacher schools in tea gardens**

2627. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tea garden schools run by tea garden management are running with a single teacher, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(b) whether Government has given any directions to the tea garden management for recruiting sufficient teachers in these schools;

(c) whether Government has any plan to provide books and uniforms to the students of tea garden schools free of cost; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to assume these schools as Government aided schools?

#### **Extension of Mid Day Meal scheme to drought affected States**

2628. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for nine drought affected States the Mid Day Meal scheme has been extended for the benefit of children even for vacations;

(b) in how many of these nine States the scheme has been operationalised; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this benefit has not been extended to Jharkhand which has been declared drought affected, if so, the reasons therefor?

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**Minority scholarship to students in Kerala**

2629. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed that direct application uploading by applicants of minority school students through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) causes difficulty to many students;

(b) whether Government has noted that only a few students are able to get Pre Metric Minority Scholarship;

(c) whether number of such scholarships to Kerala students would be increased since number of applicants has increased substantially; and

(d) whether minority scholarships are now restricted to such students from certain parts of Kerala only or are extended to all parts of Kerala?

**Establishment of world class university at Bhubaneswar**

2630. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2008-09, the then Hon'ble Minister *vide* D.O.No.F.42/07- Desk-U, Dated 16th April, 2008 had intimated the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha regarding establishment of a world class university at Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, the reasons of delay in establishment of the university and by when the university will be established?

**Suicides by students for failing to pay school fee**

†2631. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the students studying in private educational institutions are committing suicide on account of being unable to deposit the school fee;

(b) if so, whether steps have been taken by Government to prevent students from committing suicide in future, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such incidents throughout the country which has come to the notice of Government?

**Change in the name of Ministry**

†2632. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to change the name of the Ministry of Human Resource Development to Ministry of Education; and

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

**Rewriting of Indian history**

2633. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to rope in some new persons to rewrite certain facets of Indian history; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in the matter so far?

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### **National dropout rate**

2634. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 16 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th November, 2016 and state:

- (a) the national percentage of school dropouts in 2015-16;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the school dropout rate is thirty seven per cent in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) to what extent 'School Consolidation' would impact negatively on the thirty seven per cent dropout rate in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any financial incentives would be given to States like Andhra Pradesh to ensure that schools are not shut down; and
- (e) the steps proposed to improve access to school education in Andhra Pradesh?

### **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra**

2635. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) the amount sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to different States including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the amount released to different States including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State-wise; and
- (c) whether more funds are yet to be

sanctioned under this scheme, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Field visit scheme for residential schools**

2636. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tours by students to factories, public utilities like thermal power plants, milk processing units and newspaper presses formed a part of curricula to gain first hand knowledge of how people and things work for the betterment of the community;
- (b) whether Government would ensure that such educational visits be made mandatory at the higher secondary level covering museums, sugar factories, telephone exchanges and the like; and
- (c) whether Government would launch the field-visit schemes for schools by encouraging visits by students of residential schools which have more time to spare on such visits?

### **Grievances redressal regulation 2012**

2637. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of implementation of UGC Grievance Regulation 2012 and Establishment of Mechanism to Grievance Redressal Regulation 2012 by Universities and Colleges, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is keeping a tab on higher educational institutions which are not implementing these regulations, if so, details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any action against colleges and universities who

have not implemented these two regulations?

**Girls hostels under RMSA in Madhya Pradesh**

†2638. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of girls hostels and girl students under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and details of monthly payment (honorarium) made to the cooks, assistants and guards working in these hostels;

(b) the details of funds provided to States including Madhya Pradesh for payment to the workers under the said scheme in the last three years including the year 2016-17 and amounts remaining therefrom;

(c) aims and achievements of RMSA; and

(d) number of girl students in girls hostels and the basis of wage-determination for the employees with regard to their workload?

**Centrally sponsored scheme for education in special areas**

†2639. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the schemes including centrally sponsored ones like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan being run for imparting education in the special areas which are deprived of education and also scheme-wise grants and implementation amount provided to the States?

**Proposal for new Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2640. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals under consideration of Government to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) the locations identified for the purpose?

**Mahila Samakhya Programme**

2641. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has shut the Mahila Samakhya Programme from March 31, 2016, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a merger has been devised between the Mahila Samakhya Scheme with National Rural Livelihood Mission, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya was merged with Mahila Samakhya to increase enrolment of girls in schools, if so, the details thereof?

**Female literacy in the country**

2642. SHRI P. L. PUNIA :Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion of women who completed three years of primary schooling in India and were literate;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is doing worse than its neighbour countries viz. Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh in female literacy, if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) category-wise *e.g.* State-wise, SC,ST OBC all categories, data on female literacy for past three years?

has also been included in it, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Appointments to ICSSR**

2643. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of qualifications for the posts of Chairman, Member and Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) along with the details of appointments to these posts during last three years till date, post-wise;

(b) whether Government has appointed Member Secretary, ICSSR ignoring the requisite qualifications; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) clearance has been sought and obtained for appointment as Member Secretary, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **World Bank assistance for Technical Educational Institutions in Maharashtra**

†2644. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved an ambitious scheme worth ₹ 2600 crore with the assistance of World Bank for bringing improvement in the quality of Technical Education Institutions in some States, if so, the name of those States;

(b) the manner in which the sanctioned amount would be spent; and

(c) whether the State of Maharashtra

#### **Judgement of Central administrative tribunal**

2645. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Administrative Tribunals (CAT) judgements implemented by the Ministry without going in for Appeal and reasons for not going in Appeal;

(b) whether CAT, Principal Bench New Delhi Order No. OA 2013/2005 dated January 18, 2007 has not been implemented so far or went in appeal; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government has initiated serious criminal action against officers for suppression of Court orders and obstructing justice to litigants and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Kisan TV channel in Chhattisgarh**

†2646. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transmission centres set up by Government for Kisan TV in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the number of programmes, being aired on Kisan TV regarding research in agricultural field is insufficient and whether people availing the services of private DTH companies are not getting this channel, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to extend the

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transmission of Kisan TV across all States of the country including Chhattisgarh?

**Tweet by Press Information Bureau on self regulation of media**

2647. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) tweet on 16th November, 2016 stating if media fails to do self regulation, there should be another mechanism to do so, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether subsequently the tweet was deleted by PIB, India, the official communicator of Government, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would inquire into the aforesaid tweet and its deletion which encroach upon free press and fix responsibility in this regard, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**CAS and DAS rights to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation**

2648. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to provide Conditional Access System and Digital Addressable Cable TV System rights to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV corporation;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for providing the CAS and DAS rights to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV corporation?

**Radio Station for Duggar region in Jammu**

2649. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has established Radio Stations for different languages in different States of the country; and

(b) if so, by when a full fledged Radio Station for Duggar region shall be established/constructed in Jammu?

**Tamil films at International Film Festivals**

2650. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil films have been shown at International Film Festivals and if so, the names and details of such films;

(b) details of the film festivals in which such films have been shown; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Portability of DTH operators**

2651. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government is contemplating to provide the benefit of portability of DTH operators to the subscribers, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Achievements of the Ministry**

2652. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) details of achievement of the Ministry in the last two-and-a-half years;

(b) whether a presentation was made before the Prime Minister made about the Ministry's last two-and-a-half years achievements, if so, the details thereof;

(c) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled, the targets set for the coming years and roadmap to achieve the same;

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

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

**Complaint mechanism for DTH consumers**

2653. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Direct to Home (DTH) operators in the country are fleecing the consumers by whimsically altering the monthly channel plans and interrupting feeds;

(b) if so, what is the complaint mechanism available to the DTH consumers; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure transparency and efficacy in DTH operations across the country?

**Sanctioned strength of IAS officers in Telangana**

2654. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sanctioned strength of IAS officers in Telangana is 163 and in position strength is 128 and thereby there are 35 vacancies;

(b) what are the reasons for such high number of vacancies and efforts being made by Government to fill in the vacancies;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake strength by taking into account the vacancies in Telangana and other States so as to fill in the gap; and

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

**Latest guidelines for nomination in SCOVA**

2655. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued Guidelines for the nomination of the representatives of Associations/Bodies of Pensioners in Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA), if so, the latest guidelines;

(b) if so, whether Pan India Associations and State Associations, fulfil the prescribed norms; and

(c) the organizational profile of these associations, which have been received by Government while processing their nomination in the SCOVA?

**CBI cases in Goa**

2656. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CBI cases inquired into, investigated and charges framed, in the State of Goa;

(b) the substance of charge-sheet in each of the cases;

(c) the stage at which each of the cases stand; and

(d) the convictions secured in each of the case and the details thereof?

**Attack on RTI activists**

2657. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:  
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR  
SWAIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attack on RTI activities has increased in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of RTI activists who died during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any plan to provide security to those RTI activists who have threats to their life and if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of IAS/IPS officers**

†2658. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the shortage of IAS and IPS officers in the country;

(b) the demand of IAS and IPS officers, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to meet this shortage?

**Implementation of recommendations of ARC**

†2659. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for Administrative Reforms;

(b) the number of recommendations made by Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) set up so far which have been duly implemented and those still pending; and

(c) by when the pending recommendations would be implemented?

**Resolving of old pension cases**

2660. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of pension of Central Government employees are pending for more than ten years and have not yet been resolved;

(b) how many of them are of lonely women who are solely dependent on the pension; and

(c) whether the Ministry considers opening of Fast Track Units (FTUs) to resolve such old and pending cases, particularly that of lonely women who are solely dependent on their pension?

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**Complaints received from Members of Parliament**

2661. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of complaints made by MPs against the officers for violation of protocol norms and contemptuous behaviour are pending with the Ministry for want of report from the State Governments, if so, details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to resolve these complaints in a time bound manner?

**Survey map for capital city area in Andhra Pradesh**

2662. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Survey of India for supply of 1:5000 Scale Survey Maps with 1 metre contour interval for the proposed capital city area and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Survey of India has supplied the required data to Andhra Pradesh?

**Commercialisation of CSIR patents**

2663. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of CSIR patents monetized by the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for dismal track record of NRDC in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to set up a professionally managed body for commercialization/monetization of CSIR patents?

**Installation of portraits of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**

2664. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was the first Vice President of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) whether it is also a fact that his portraits were installed in the offices of National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and other institutions few years back, if so, when they were installed; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that after 2006, his portraits were uninstalled and if so, whether Government has any plans to reinstall them?

**Launching of new schemes**

2665. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched two new schemes Biotech-KISAN and Cattle Genomics recently and if so, the details thereof along with major features of both of these schemes;

(b) whether this would boost rural economy, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the schemes are being implemented in all the States and if so, the details thereof?

**Establishment of ATI and RVTI in Odisha**

2666. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of establishment of Adarsh ITIs in PPP mode in Odisha under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana;

(b) whether National Council for Vocational Training affiliation is being considered by Government for operationalizing One Instructor's Training Wing in Institute for Training of Teachers (IToT), Talcher from August, 2015 session; and

(c) what would be the modalities for establishment of an Advanced Training Institute (ATI) and Regional Vocational Training Institute (RVTI) in PPP mode and when the proposals of Odisha will be considered?

**UDAAN scheme in Jammu and Kashmir**

2667. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress of UDAAN Scheme in Jammu and Kashmir till date; and

(b) how many youths have been enrolled for training as beneficiaries under UDAAN scheme in Jammu and Kashmir till date, the details thereof?

**Proposal from Odisha to make Adarsh ITI**

2668. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to make the existing Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) as Adarsh ITIs in PPP mode under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from the State of Odisha to make Adarsh ITI during current Fiscal Year, if so, the details thereof?

**ITI in Tamil Nadu**

2669. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), which are providing long term skill development training programme in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of training given by them viz., training course content, duration of training, employability, etc.; and

(c) details of fund provided to these ITIs during last three years in Tamil Nadu?

**Involvement of employers in formulation of curriculum development**

2670. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering



to involve prospective employers to formulate a competency based, industry ready curriculum for imparting skill based training to the youth, if so, the details thereof.

(b) whether it is a fact that there are post placement dropouts of trained youth; and

(c) if so, the steps planned by Government to reduce this dropout rate?

#### **Training to commercial drivers**

2671. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up 500 institutes to train commercial drivers, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to sensitize trainee drivers about safety of women and children passengers as one of the component of training?

#### **Skill Development Centres in Bihar**

†2672. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts/cities of Bihar where Skill Development Centres have been set up, the location-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of persons trained and provided employment through these Skill Development Centres during last two and a half years;

(c) whether the young entrepreneurs are setting up their own enterprises after getting training from such training centres; and

(d) if so, the details of incentive scheme therefor?

#### **Skill based certification process**

2673. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by Ministry for training in coming three years and the targets achieved, State-wise;

(b) how many Training Centres are working, details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether skill based certification process is over?

#### **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Chhattisgarh**

†2674. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the applications were received to train youths under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Chhattisgarh, but they were not given any training;

(b) whether bank accounts were opened for these untrained youths showing them trained and also an amount of ₹ 10,000/- per month had been deposited in these accounts;

(c) whether neither banks nor the administration had given any information about their account to these account holders, if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) by when the bank passbooks would be given to these account holders?

**Skill Development Centres in Tea Gardens of Assam**

2675. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are very less Skill Development Centres in Tea Gardens of Assam, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(b) whether Government has any plan to set up more Skill Development Centres in Tea Garden areas of Assam, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the funds allocated for Skill Development Centres in Assam for the current year, details of Skill Development Centres opened/started during the current year; and

(d) the total number of registered unemployed youths in Assam, the steps being taken by Government for their job placement?

**Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana**

†2676. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details about differences between prevalent ITIs and the recently proposed Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana (PMYY) with regard to training courses, centres and their expertise in training;

(b) the details of PMYY and ITIs with their capacity of annual intake and output

of trained manpower, details of the admission criteria under PMYY and its comparison with ITIs, State/UT, Centres and course-wise; and

(c) whether Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) under PMYY can be equated with the education of regular students of ITIs, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Skill development in agricultural and rural sector**

2677. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started or helped others to start courses in skill development related to agricultural and rural sectors;

(b) how many people are given skill training in the primary sector; and

(c) whether Government would give priority to imparting skill training, particularly to rural poor, considering widespread unemployment in rural areas?

**Schemes of the Ministry in Rajasthan**

†2678. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing schemes of the Ministry in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan has demanded funds for payment towards liabilities due to Vocational Training Providers (VTP) and Assessing Bodies (AB); and

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(c) if so, by when the funds would be sanctioned?

**Funds for skill development to corporates and NGOs**

2679. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allotted by National Skill Development Corporation and other agencies so far to corporate and NGOs for skill development;

(b) State-wise list, with the name of corporates and NGOs, who were allotted funds for skill development during the last three years; and

(c) number of people trained and number of people placed under the skill development training by such agencies so far?

**Integration of AICTE in the Ministry**

2680. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is justified to have All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) under the Ministry as AICTE promotes skill and technical areas of education; and

(b) whether any efforts being made to integrate AICTE with the Ministry, if so, the details thereof?

**Living standards of manual scavengers**

†2681. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor living standards of manual scavengers in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to bring any law to abolish manual scavengers in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, how does Government plan to uplift these people and provide essential benefits and facilities to them, the details thereof?

**Safety gears for undertaking cleaning work**

2682. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Safai Karamcharis are undertaking cleaning work at the risk of their life as they are not even being provided with minimum safety gears to perform their duties;

(b) whether Safai Karamcharis are being provided with face masks with canister while cleaning gutters which have poisonous gases emanating and whether they are provided with hand gloves and gum boots to perform their duties; and

(c) if so, the details of all the gears that are provided to them to perform their duty and if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Help to elderly people**

2683. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of various existing social security schemes, elderly people in the country continue to suffer from medical, social and financial problems; and

(b) if so, the reasons for social insecurity of elderly people and the details of the steps Government proposes to take to help the elderly population in the country?

### **Scheme for granting fee reimbursement/scholarship**

†2684. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount disbursed to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes including number of the students under Post-Matric Fee Reimbursement/Scholarship Scheme, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes who were found eligible and number of candidates who were granted the fee reimbursement/scholarship, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to launch a scheme for granting fee reimbursement/scholarship to all eligible students, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Difficulties on funeral of poor**

†2685. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of Government to overcome the difficulties being faced in conducting funeral of the poor, which is an insult to humanity in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to provide economic assistance to the people facing this problem; and

(d) whether there are any rules framed earlier in this regard?

### **Funds for old-age homes in Chhattisgarh**

†2686. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several old-age homes in Chhattisgarh are being run by NGOs which are being provided negligible amount of grants by Government and also there are many organisations here which are in a state of neglect for want of availability of the proposed funds;

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to set up old-age homes with all facilities in Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether required funds are not forthcoming for making arrangements for the physically challenged, the disabled and the mental patients and also for their treatment and procurement of artificial limbs?

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**Rise in atrocities on Dalits**

†2687. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidences of atrocities on Dalits have increased in the last two years;

(b) the State in which the number of cases of harassment of Dalits has increased the most;

(c) whether Central Government is formulating any concrete plan to check the harassment of Dalits; and

(d) whether Government proposes to formulate a new law for expediting punishment to culprits in order to check the harassment of Dalits by establishing fast track courts?

**Denial of social pensions to pensioners in Rajasthan**

2688. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than one lakh pensioners in Rajasthan have been denied their social pension because they are recorded dead in Government files of Social Justice and Empowerment Department, who are actually alive;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to do justice with such people;

(c) whether such cases have also been reported from any other State in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government has any fool proof method to avoid such injustice?

**Rehabilitation of manual scavengers**

2689. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manual scavengers who have been rehabilitated under Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) since 2013;

(b) the number of manual scavengers who have availed capital subsidy up to ₹3,25,000 and concessional loan for undertaking self-employment ventures under the aforesaid scheme; and

(c) what kind of alternative occupations they have ventured into under the Self-Employment Scheme?

**Caste certificate to sub-castes of Gond community in U.P.**

†2690. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal to include 12 sub-castes of Gond community, namely, Dhuriya, Nayak, Ojha, Pathari, Rajgond, Pathan, Kahar, Godia, Batham, Sorhiya, Dhimar and Raikwar under the category of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details of said sub-castes, district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these sub-castes are neither getting the benefits of Scheduled Castes nor of the Scheduled

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Tribes as no caste certificate is being issued to them; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

**Indigenous satellites placed successfully in orbit**

2691. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the indigenously manufactured satellites currently placed successfully in the space orbit and the number thereof which got destroyed before being placed in the orbit;

(b) what are the chances of using information from these satellites by other countries without the knowledge of Government of India, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of satellites launched by Government with the support from other countries so far, the cost incurred thereon and the extant status thereof?

**Projects completed by ISRO**

2692. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has completed many of its important projects with lesser cost than what was allocated for;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what incentives were given to ISRO for doing so?

**Satellites under manufacturing**

2693. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
SHRI C. M. RAMESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many working satellites does India have and how many satellites are currently under manufacturing;

(b) whether it is a fact that currently working satellites are only half of country's requirements;

(c) if so, whether it seriously affects country's ability to use satellite based solutions for governance;

(d) what steps would be taken to speed up manufacturing and use of more satellites; and

(e) whether the Department plans to promote the use of drones wherever it can be a substitute for satellite based solutions?

**Chandrayaan-2 Mission**

2694. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chandrayaan-2 Mission;

(b) how much cost is involved in the said Mission; and

(c) by when the Mission is expected to be completed?

**Recognition of organisations  
implementing 20 Point  
Programme**

‡2695. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain organisations in some States had been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing 20 Point Programme enunciated by the then Prime Minister late Shrimati Indira Gandhi;

(b) whether Government had nominated certain organisations to execute the said programme under parallel arrangement;

(c) whether this responsibility had also been given to an organization of West Bengal named Tapsil Jati Adibasi Praktan Sainik Krishi Bikash Shilpa Kendra under which around 6500 persons are working; and

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to recognise the said organisation as was assured?

**Cost overrun of projects**

2696. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost overrun of Central sector projects came down by 23 per cent as in March, 2016 as compared to the level five years ago;

(b) if so, how much money would be saved due to the above;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of projects under implementation has almost doubled; and

(d) how Ministry would ensure that henceforth there would be no cost or time overrun?

**Illegal occupation of Government  
properties**

2697. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands pending with the Ministry that all Government properties illegally occupied by institutions and individuals be brought back, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the reasons for such illegal occupation and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

**Private/foreign investors for smart  
cities**

‡2698. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cities that have successfully qualified for smart cities are getting central seed funds, but the real challenge lies in attracting private/foreign partners; and

(b) whether Government is considering to provide some help like organising investor summit in order to bring the municipal corporation city councils eligible for smart city project, face to face with private/foreign investors so that they could convince those private investors to invest for the above purpose ?

**Development of cities under Smart  
City Mission**

2699. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities selected by

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Government for Smart City Mission so far and the details, State-wise;

(b) the details of the work undertaken so far, city-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to develop the cities in a time bound manner?

**Financial assistance to Panaji city in Goa**

2700. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities declared as smart cities by Government;

(b) financial assistance allotted and proposed to be allotted to each of the cities;

(c) mode of financing the scheme/policy of financing smart cities;

(d) the names of the countries which have agreed to finance smart cities in India and also, names of the countries with whom agreements with respect to smart cities have been executed;

(e) the criteria for selection of smart cities and names of the cities which presently fit into this criteria; and

(f) the financial assistance given to Panaji city in Goa?

**Targets for waste collection and open defecation**

2701. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total targets of wards and cities for door to door waste collection and making it open defecation free during 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2016 under Swachh Bharat Mission; and

(b) the total wards and cities that achieved door to door waste collection and open defecation free during the above period under Swachh Bharat Mission?

**Green Urban Mobility Scheme**

2702. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate Green Urban Mobility Scheme and New Metro Rail Policy, keeping in mind the rising urbanisation and motorisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would cover sustainable mobility model and eco-friendly alternative for pavements, roads, rail tracks etc., if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount estimated to be earmarked for the above schemes; and

(d) whether private sector would also be involved to develop the schemes in the cities in order to have wider participation and sharing financial burden, if so, the details thereof?

**Survey of illegal constructions of low income group flats**

2703. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government in consultation with State Governments conducts regular survey to study the structural safety and illegal construction of low income group residential units such as DDA flats in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the survey and the steps taken by Government for the safety of low income group residential units in the metros?



**Cities declared open defecation free**

†2704. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cities in the country have been declared open defecation free;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government proposes to verify the same; and

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

**Recycling plants for construction waste in Tamil Nadu**

2705. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken help from foreign countries to find solution for management of construction waste generated in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has set up or proposes to set up recycling plants for construction waste in the country including in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Mass Rapid Transport System**

2706. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

growing population and traffic calls for a shift from modes of conveyance to public transport in metro and mega cities of the country;

(b) whether Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) helps in low energy consumption is eco-friendly, minimises air and sound pollution, averts road accidents and provides comfort with modern coaches;

(c) if so, whether Government plans to increase MRTS feeder network in the country and the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes proper MRTS to solve the traffic woes of densely populated metro/mega cities of the country?

**Estimation of UN's Economic, Social Affairs Division**

2707. SHRI C.M. RAMESH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UN's Economic, Social Affairs Division has estimated that by 2030, cities with population of more than one crore would go up to seven from existing four;

(b) if so, details of such survey and cities that are going to be added to the present four;

(c) whether it is a fact that to become one crore population city, India took 30 years but next three, one crore population cities are going to come up in just 15 years; and

(d) how the Ministry looks at this and what special emphasis is being paid on basic and other amenities in those new mega cities?

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**Houses for serving and retired  
Government employees**

2708. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the satisfaction level for housing of the Central Government employees in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to construct houses for serving and retired Central Government employees in various parts of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard;

(d) the details of schemes previously launched for serving and retired Central Government employees; and

(e) whether the Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organization proposes any special housing scheme for the Central Government employees and if so, the details thereof?

**Smart City projects with foreign  
collaboration**

2709. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the proposed Smart Cities, State/UT-wise, date of its announcement, proposed projects and estimated budget under the scheme and timeline for their completion with present status; and

(b) the details about the foreign collaboration with Smart City projects and their role in implementation of the scheme?

**Tracking the children through web-  
portal**

2710. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the web portal of Track Child and Khoya-Paya is able to help in tracking the children;

(b) the details of children so far registered through the above web portals and how many children have been able to be traced in the last six months, State-wise;

(c) whether any improvements have been suggested to the above portals; and

(d) if so, the details thereon and action taken by the Ministry on the same?

**Steps proposed as per Ujjawala  
scheme**

2711. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposed steps taken as per the Ujjawala scheme;

(b) how many women and children have been rescued from the trafficking rackets, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the rescued women and children have been rehabilitated and integrated as per the given clauses;

(d) whether the different State Governments have identified the specific locations in cities and town of trafficking prone area and what are the steps taken to securitize those zones; and

(e) if so, the list of the trafficking prone area, State-wise?

**Difficulties faced by rural women  
due to red-tapism**

2712. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many difficulties of red-tapism are still being faced in setting up small and medium enterprises by women in rural communities; and

(b) if so, how the rural women could be helped to access reasonable and affordable credit?

**Exploitation and violence against  
migrant children**

2713. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the sexual exploitation and violence against migrant children in tourist destinations such as Goa;

(b) if so, the details of the action being taken to tackle such issues;

(c) whether the Ministry is prepared to work closely with State Tourism Departments to ensure that there is a greater mandate for the protection of vulnerable children; and

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

**Protection and shelter for  
abandoned babies**

2714. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for the protection and shelter of abandoned babies;

(b) the number of abandoned babies taken over by Government for protection from 2013 to 2016, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any measure to check the illegal racket involving kidnapping of abandoned babies in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**"Ready to Eat" scheme in  
Chhattisgarh**

†2715. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance under various schemes provided by the Ministry to pregnant women and children from 0 to 5 years, for their nutrition in the State of Chhattisgarh during last three years, scheme-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints are being made that distribution of food materials done by some other agency in the State of Chhattisgarh under "Ready to Eat" scheme is leading to poor quality of nutrition; and

(c) if so, the factual position thereof?

**Districts selected for implementation  
of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'  
scheme**

2716. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts selected for

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implementation of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme, and details of the achievements so far;

(b) whether Government proposes to extend this scheme to more districts, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has partnered with any NGO for the implementation of this scheme, and if so, the details thereof?

**Extension of maternity benefit under IGMSY**

2717. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Ministry would consider to extend the maternity benefit under "Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahayog Yojana (IGMSY)" to 28 other districts of Odisha apart from Baragarh and Sundargarh District?

**Survey of children living in juvenile homes**

2718. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children, convicted for crimes in juvenile homes who are addicted to drugs/alcohol, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has conducted any study/survey of children

living in Juvenile homes to understand their behaviour; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government on the findings so as to de-addict the juveniles?

**Poor growth of children in tribal areas**

2719. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in tribal areas in spite of several schemes in implementation, pregnant women and lactating mothers are suffering with malnutrition, which results in very poor growth of children;

(b) whether Government has any plan to review the implementation of such schemes to improve malnutrition problem of women and children; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps taken to promote gender sensitisation**

2720. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the Global Gap Report, 2016, India ranks at 87th and on the Gender Inequality Index 2015, India ranked 130, if so, the measures Government plan to take to improve India's performance on these Indices;

(b) why we have as a country been so slow in bridging gender gap while other countries, with far worse socio-economic environments, have improved social standing of all genders in their respective countries;

(c) what are some of the formal policies and guidelines specifically made to cater to this issue; and

(d) what recent steps have been taken by Government to promote gender sensitization?

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