

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 10, 2016/Phalguna 20, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

National Small Industries Corporation in Gujarat

*136. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works being undertaken by the National Small Industries Corporation in Gujarat;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and utilized by the NSIC in Gujarat in each of the past three years including the current year; and

(c) number of people who became entrepreneurs in Gujarat with the help of NSIC during the said period?

Impact of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

*137. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan all over India; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to make India as Swachh Bharat before Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary in different fields through different departments?

Exclusion of names of western intellectuals from school text books

*138. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a State Government has excluded the names of western intellectuals from school text books, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Central Government supports such moves; and

(c) whether Government also plans to cleanse the text books from foreign influences?

Misuse of Corporate Social Responsibility funds

*139. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects where Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds have been utilized during the last three years and the current year with the CSR funds available with the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

(b) whether Government is aware of the media reports regarding misuse of CSR funds in PSUs of Department of Public Enterprises; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that CSR funds are utilized properly as per the standard guidelines?

Suggestions for new education policy

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

(a) whether the Ministry has concluded its meetings with the ministers, secretaries and educationists of various States of the country to get suggestions for change in the education policy;

(b) if so, the names of places and institutes where these meetings were held; and

(c) whether the suggestions received from the States indicate a change in the education policy?

Number of out of school children

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

(a) whether Government has the details about number of children who are out of school now;

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

(c) the details about the number of children from SC, ST and Minority communities among the children who are out of school, State-wise?

Housing units sanctioned under various categories

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

(a) the total number of housing units sanctioned under various categories in the last three years, and in the current year, State-wise;

(b) the Central and State's share in the construction of houses in each State;

(c) the details of target fixed by Government to build housing units for poor by 2022 under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; and

(d) the total number of houses completed in the last three years, State-wise and category-wise?

Lack of facilities in Juvenile Correctional Homes of Delhi

*143. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Delhi, the

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Juvenile Correctional Homes lack the required reform facilities that help delinquent children revert to normal life;

(b) the details of such juvenile delinquent homes in Delhi and how far have they been equipped with the required reform facilities in the matter; and

(c) the action plan of Government to further improve such facilities?

Meeting with Vice-Chancellors over discrimination

*144. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that she had a meeting with the Vice-Chancellors of all Central Universities to discuss ending possible discrimination of socially disadvantaged students; and

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

Closure of MSME units

*145. DR. K. KESHA RAO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MSME units which have closed down in the last two fiscal years, State-wise, and the reasons therefor;

(b) how often does competition from either large Indian corporate houses or MNCs serve as the factor for closure; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Ministry to aid and promote such MSMEs?

Schemes for retiring officials for voluntary work

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started two initiatives *i.e.* Sankalp and Anubhav for engaging retiring officials for voluntary work and later leaving a note on ones achievement in service, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not many retiring employees opted for the said two initiatives and there was nearly zero response to them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of response, Government organised or planning to organise many more workshops, if so, the details thereof?

Fear of theft of nuclear products from the country

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report given by an American agency on the atomic security, according to which the international level gangs are active for theft of the nuclear products from the nuclear establishments of India; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to tackle this situation, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Constitution of national level welfare board for transgenders

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

(a) whether Government proposes to

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constitute a national level welfare board for transgenders, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to protect and provide rights for transgenders as well as reservations in education and employment for them?

Success of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign

*149. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the success of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign in the country particularly in the State of Maharashtra;

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

(c) what action Government propose

to take to plug the shortcomings in the campaign?

Funding for various projects

*150. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 20 per cent funding for Smart City Mission, 10 per cent funding for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and 32 to 50 per cent funding for Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation is being done by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) in what manner States are going to fund the above projects in their States; and

(c) what has been the progress with regard to above projects in various States, the details thereof?

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