

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Mining of Monazite by private players

1440. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Atomic Energy (Working of Mines, Minerals and Handling of Prescribed Substances) Rules prevent private players from mining Monazite;

(b) whether Monazite and Thorium in any form considered as "Prescribed Substance" under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and prohibits acquisition, production, possession, use or export of this "Prescribed Substance";

(c) if so, whether there is rampant illegal mining and export of beach sand containing Monazite from beaches of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, what action it has taken in this regard?

Manufacturing of components of atomic plants

†1441. SHRI PANKAJ BORA:
SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government would start manufacturing the components of the atomic plants in India under the agreement signed recently between Rostum, Russia and Atomic Energy of India;

(b) whether transfer of the technology is also a part of the said agreement; and

(c) whether India-made parts would be

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used in other reactors being established in Kudankulam, and if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of nuclear waste

1442. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of the quantity of nuclear waste produced by nuclear power plants in the country, if so, the details thereof, plant-wise and State-wise;

(b) the method adopted by Government for disposal of nuclear waste; and

(c) whether safety audits are conducted at various plants to mitigate risks, if so, the details of the same, plant-wise?

Negative health impacts of radiation

1443. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negative health impact in and around nuclear power plants in the country has been found by any national or international agency due to radiation, if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken in this regard;

(b) whether the State Governments have been instructed to start their own Directorate of Radiation Safety (DRS) and enforce Atomic Energy Regulatory Board safety norms, if so, the number of States that have established such bodies till date; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to ensure that the remaining States establish such department within a definite time-frame?

Investment in atomic energy sector

†1444. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is expectation of increase in investment in the atomic energy sector in the country in the wake of enforcement of new rules regarding nuclear liability, the quantum of the foreign investment in the atomic sector currently;

(b) whether the foreign companies investing in India would also transfer technology for atomic energy; and

(c) the number of nuclear reactors proposed to be set up at present and the number of proposals which have been approved by Government so far?

Capacity addition plan of nuclear plants

1445. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the capacity addition plans of various atomic power plants of the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up new atomic power plants; and

(c) if so, the States wherein new atomic power plants proposed to be set up in future?

Raising of resources to fund Nuclear Insurance Pool

1446. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has raised adequate resources to fund the Indian Nuclear Insurance Pool;

(b) if not, by what amount is the Pool falling short and how does the Ministry propose to address the shortage;

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(c) what would be the liability of the main equipment vendors of a project in case of an accident; and

(d) what would be the liability of component suppliers, foreign suppliers and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) of a project in case of an accident?

Installation of new Nuclear Plants

1447. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2032 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2014 and state:

(a) the updated status of the action taken by the Department, in coordination with concerned State Governments and other entities, to sort out issues like land etc., so as to facilitate early installation of new plants, along with the achievements in the efforts made, so far;

(b) whether Government is also contemplating to offer better rehabilitation/compensation package for the affected people, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed new nuclear power stations are expected to be functional to meet nation's requirements, project-wise details thereof?

Ratification of convention on nuclear damage

1448. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ratified the convention on Supplementary Compensation for nuclear damage, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the ratified law is in conflict with the prevalent domestic law in India

regarding nuclear damage liability, if so, the details thereof?

Funds spent for development of North Eastern Region

1449. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds were allocated for the development of the NER during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) how much funds were actually spent during these years;

(c) what were the major items of expenditure; and

(d) what was the outcome of this expenditure?

Funds under non lapsable central pool of resources

1450. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds, allocated to the North Eastern States under the Non-lapsable central pool of resources scheme and the actual funding made available to the NE States, year-wise;

(b) how much of this allocated funding was actually utilized by the NE States and whether some funds were lapsed and if so, how much funds lapsed at the end of the financial year; and

(c) whether the non-lapsable central pool of resources has indeed been a Central budgetary support, rather than a pool for faster growth of NE States?

Development of technology for deep sea mining

1451. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state whether there are any plans in pipeline for development of technology and industrial base for deep sea mining to extract deep-sea reserves like gas hydrates and if so, the details thereof?

(a) whether Government has received proposals for Haj pilgrimage this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of applications received/admitted/rejected, State/UT-wise particularly from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the present status thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance being provided to the Haj pilgrims so far?

SMS alert to farmers about weather conditions

1452. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers get SMS alert about weather conditions, if so, the details of the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that this facility is available only to farmers who are in and around the meteorological stations; and

(c) if so, what about the farmers who are in remote areas of the country?

Establishment of Passport office at Patiala

1455. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from the public to establish a passport office at Patiala, Punjab;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the timeline to establish the passport office at Patiala?

Issuance of many passports to a single person

1453. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of passports have been issued to a person having different names and citizenship; and

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

Indian workers in Gulf countries

1456. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian migrant domestic workers in different gulf countries;

(b) whether Government has received complaints of physical and sexual abuse of migrant domestic workers in Gulf countries in the last year, if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government; and

(c) whether Government is considering restricting all women from travelling to Gulf countries to work in blue-collar jobs, if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for Haj pilgrimage

1454. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

Congestion tax on Indian mission in London

1457. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is among top five on the list whose mission is located in central London owes the Transport for London a UK Government body a sum of £ 4,477,605 in congestion tax introduced in 2003 to deter traffic congestion and raise funds for the transport system;

(b) whether India has contended that it should be exempted from payment of congestion tax, under the privileges enjoyed under the Vienna convention; and

(c) whether the Transport for London is seeking a solution in the International Court of Justice claiming that the levy imposed is a service charge and not a tax?

New process for availing passports

1458. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether availing a passport has been made easy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the new process thereof;

(c) whether the process ensures that unwanted people are not provided passports due to post issue verification; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures and processes that have been put in place to guard against this?

Passport Seva Kendra in Puducherry

1459. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) set up in Puducherry has started functioning;

(b) if so, the number of passports so far issued by this PSK; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to become functional and reasons for delay in making it functional?

Agreement signed between India and Nepal

1460. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agreements signed between India and Nepal on the recent visit of Nepalese Prime Minister to India, along with details thereof;

(b) the status of various projects which India is executing in Nepal under the various agreements signed earlier; and

(c) the role India played in encouraging talks among the parties in Nepal to address the differences and to broad-base the Constitution of Nepal to bring all communities in Nepal on the mainstream, with details?

Attack on Indian Consulate in Pakistan and Afghanistan

†1461. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been terrorist attacks on the Indian Embassy/Consulate situated in Pakistan and Afghanistan in the year 2016;

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(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for the security of Indian Embassies abroad, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, by when the required security arrangements would be made in embassies/consulates?

Indian firms attacked in Nepal

1462. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian firms operating in Nepal have recently been attacked by protesters in the neighbouring nation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or propose to take in the matter?

Pakistan investigating Pathankot terrorist attack

1463. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has reportedly made no headway in its investigation in the Pathankot terrorist attack and have now sought more evidence from India to move forward and, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) Government's reaction in this regard therefor?

Indians in jails of Saudi Arabia

1464. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian nationals are languishing in various jails of Saudi Arabia most of them are trapped in due to their ignorance of laws

and legal procedures in that country; and

(b) if so, the number of Indian nationals arrested and detained in various jails in Saudi Arabia and measures being taken by the Indian Embassy officials to provide them legal help and get them freed and deported back to the country?

Discussion with veteran diplomats on talks with Pakistan

1465. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held discussion with veteran diplomats on talks with Pakistan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the veteran diplomats had put forward many opinions on the talks with Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the deliberations made in the said discussion with veteran diplomats?

Amount collected/contributed towards CSR

1466. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected/contributed by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and private companies towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of funds out of that spent on CSR, State-wise;

(c) whether PSUs are allowed to undertake CSR activities around their areas of operations and factories only or they can undertake developmental works in any of the backward/rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the guidelines issued by Government regarding CSR work areas for PSUs both at the State and Central levels?

PSUs running in losses

1467. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PSUs running in losses/closed down/on the verge of closure during last three years and current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the details of PSUs, that have been sold during last three years, State-wise?

Request for heavy industries/PSUs

1468. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of heavy industries/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) functioning in different parts of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up heavy industries/PSUs under 'Make in India' programme in the rural and backward areas of the country;

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

(d) whether Government has received any proposal for setting up of such industries from various States during the last three years?

Profit making CPSEs

1469. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector

Enterprises (CPSEs) which are sick and closed and the Ministry under which the cases of sickness is maximum;

(b) the number of CPSEs which are loss-making and the Ministry under which the cases of loss-making is maximum;

(c) the gross loss incurred by all the CPSEs during each of the last three years; and

(d) the number of profit-making CPSEs and the gross profit earned by all the CPSEs during the said period?

Machine tools and equipments being imported

1470. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the heavy machine tools and equipments that are still being imported in the category of turbines, heavy duty cranes, road clearance machines etc.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of equipments for heavy industries are being imported from China, the volume of such imports, the details thereof, category-wise and the foreign exchange spent on such imports?

Permanent shelters for urban homeless poor

1471. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether all States have complied with the Supreme Court order to provide permanent shelters for urban homeless poor and if so, the details thereof and if not, the

reasons therefor and corrective action taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether Government has undertaken mapping of homeless concentration zones in cities; and

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

Urban areas under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana

1472. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bring all the 4041 statutory urban areas under the ambit of Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above scheme aims at enhancing employment and opportunities and incomes for the urban poor through skill development and training besides setting up of individual and group micro enterprises and if so, the details thereof?

Urban and rural poverty rate

1473. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the urban and rural poverty rate in the country;

(b) whether the urban poverty rate has been declining in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of measures taken to reduce urban poverty in the country?

Objectives of Prime Minister Awas Yojana

1474. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Prime Minister Awas Yojana;

(b) in what manner it is different from the earlier IAY and RAY;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has identified some of the cities in the country under Prime Minister Awas Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details of cities identified in the country, State-wise?

Implementation of Street Vendors Act in Delhi

1475. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status with regard to the implementation of the Street Vendors Act 2014, particularly in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) whether vending on these streets is a big cause of encroachment, traffic congestion and inconvenience to public on the streets and public places in the urban areas; and

(c) the Government's plan of action particularly with reference to the NCT of Delhi to put the street vending activity in order?

Livelihood of urban roadside vendors

†1476. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether National Urban Livelihood Mission is being operated by Government with a view to provide proper locations, institutional loans, social security, impart skill development to avail advantage of upcoming opportunities of market and for redressal of problems relating to livelihood of the urban roadside vendors, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the achievements of National Urban Livelihood Mission during the last two years?

House to every citizen

1477. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any blue print has been prepared by Government to ensure house to every citizen of the country as declared by the Prime Minister, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the achievements made by Government to achieve the goal and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shelters sanctioned under NULM

1478. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the details of shelters sanctioned under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the progress in the construction of night shelters has been very slow across most of the States despite the Government providing 80 per cent of funds required for building and refurbishing

shelters for the urban homeless under the 'Scheme for Shelters for Urban Homeless' and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective action taken thereon?

Accommodation to poor tribals in cities

1479. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide accommodation to poor tribals coming from forest areas to live in cities;

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

(c) the details of the total number of poor tribals who are residing permanently in cities and have been provided accommodation so far, city-wise?

Short fall in providing houses

1480. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortfall in providing housing to urban poor;

(b) if so, reasons and dimension of the shortfall; and

(c) what are being done to achieve the target and upto what time?

Filling of vacancies in Central Universities

1481. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the list of all Central Universities in the country;

(b) the sanctioned strength of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in each of these universities as on 31 December, 2015;

(c) how many vacancies in each of these categories in each of the Universities were not filled in as on 31 December, 2015;

(d) what steps were taken by the Ministry during the last two years; and

(e) what is the road-map to fill in these vacancies as early as possible?

Minds (SWAYAM) has not initiated, hampering education prospects of millions of young students;

(b) the expected time-period by which SWAYAM programme is expected to be launched across the country, the details of courses to be offered under SWAYAM University-wise; and

(c) the details of the courses offered by Foreign Universities along with their global ranking under SWAYAM Programme including courses offered under Indo-US Partnership for Online Education (IUPOE)?

Assessment of Mid-Day-Meal scheme in States

1482. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many States are utilizing the Centre's share for the Mid-Day-Meal scheme properly;

(b) whether Government ever tried to sincerely and seriously assess the performance of the State Government in reaching the benefit of the Mid Day Meal to the actually needy children; and

(c) which State Government could actually achieve the maximum of the scheme and what is the population of the children who could benefit out of this scheme?

SWAYAM Programme in the country

1483. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that despite passage of over 15 months, Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring

World Class University at Bhubaneswar

1484. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: 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 Minister, had intimated the Chief Minister of Odisha regarding establishment of a 'World Class University' at Bhubaneswar;

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

(c) the details of concept of world class university?

Heritage grants to colleges and universities

1485. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) aims and objectives of heritage grants to colleges and universities which are more than a century old;

(b) if so, details of colleges, with names and places where they are situated, identified under the above scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether it is true that six colleges have been identified from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the reasons that not even a single college has been approved under the above scheme?

Vice-Chancellors belonging to SC/ST community

1486. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Central Universities and non-agricultural State Universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many Central and State Universities have regular Vice-Chancellors; and

(c) how many of these Vice-Chancellors of the Central and State Universities belong to the SCs and STs?

Caste discrimination in schools

1487. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of caste discrimination in schools were reported during the last two years, if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is taking any concrete steps to address such offences, if any?

Stipulated period for grant of degree

1488. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission (Grant for Degree and other Awards by Universities) Regulation, 2008, prescribes that degree award date(s) shall be within 180 days of the date(s) by which the students are expected to qualify and become eligible for grant of degrees; and

(b) whether it is a fact that many Central Universities including the School of Open Learning (SOL) have not been issuing degrees/certificates to successful students within the stipulated period, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

SC/ST students in Central Universities

1489. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST students were studying and pursuing research in Central Universities during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) how many of them completed their courses and passed out examinations;

(c) how many had to discontinue studies, of them, how many were subjected to disciplinary actions; and

(d) how many SC/ST students in Central Universities had committed suicide during these years?

Vacant posts in higher education

†1490. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts lying vacant for years in higher educational institutions have not been filled so far, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the number of vacant posts filled during last two years and the details thereof?

CAG audit for Deemed-to-be Universities

1491. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sought the expert opinion on extending the purview of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to examine the books of accounts of 85 privately run Deemed-to-be Universities that do not avail any grant from Government;

(b) whether Government's move to get the accounts of the privately-run deemed universities is in accordance with the 2010 Deemed Universities Regulations which provide for a CAG audit of all Deemed-to-be Universities; and

(c) whether Government feels that a CAG audit would ensure quality of work and teaching at the Deemed-to-be Universities while curbing unfair financial practices?

Kendriya and Navodaya schools in Tamil Nadu

1492. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals have been received so far for starting up of Kendriya and Navodaya schools in Tamil Nadu, the status of such proposals;

(b) whether Government got plans to improve quality of education in all Kendriya Vidyalayas by appointing World Class teachers, since good and capable teachers enriched with knowledge and multilingual abilities can bring a change in educational upgradation; and

(c) whether Government got plans for improvement of education in Tamil Nadu, details thereof?

Online classroom lectures by universities

1493. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) or any other university considering to conduct online classroom lectures to expand its reach of the students across the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of such concept and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is promoting such idea to conduct online classroom lectures for the benefit of more students in the country; and

(d) if so, details of support and co-operation will be made to the universities for the technology based learning in the country, if not, the reasons therefor?

Validity status of foreign degrees

1494. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring comprehensive list of foreign degrees and its validity status for the benefit of students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be brought in public domain?

Seminar of Education Ministers of Asia region in Visakhapatnam

1495. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seminar/Meeting of Human Resource Development/Education Ministers seminar/meeting of Asia region will be held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the arrangements made so far; and

(c) the funds sanctioned/to be sanctioned/spent so far?

Huge expenditure for hospitality of NAAC in Jamia University

†1496. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether Jamia Millia University has shown a huge expense incurred on welcoming the representatives of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the year 2015;

(b) the item-wise details of amount spent on the representatives of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council; and

(c) whether similarly apprehension is also being raised about bungling of money spent on salary and other items in the name of research on Maulana Azad Chair and M K Gandhi Chair between the year 2013 and 2014?

Emergency response mechanism for schools

1497. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government set up emergency response mechanism like national disaster response force for schools across the country to deal with emergency situations like fire, violence, stampedes, terror attacks, children falling sick due to food-poisoning in mid-day-meal etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether set of guidelines have been issued to all concerned to deal with the state of emergency and safety precautions, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all schools have been recommended to have CCTV installed and in working order, if so, the percentage of schools with CCTV facilities?

Enrolment of students in rural areas

1498. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government reviewed the enrolment of students in rural areas in Government schools, in the last 3 years, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) steps taken to improve the standard of primary and secondary education in the country, with comprehensive details;

(c) efforts taken and funds spent for improving the quality through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat; and

(d) coordinated efforts taken to bring uniformity in curriculum and syllabus of various Boards under Council of Board of School Education in India (COBSE), especially in classes 9 to 12, with details?

Irregularities in Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha

1499. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 2013 and state:

(a) the updated status and details of the action taken by the Ministry regarding alleged irregularities in construction of building and the recruitment of staff for the Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University (MGIHU), Wardha;

(b) the corrective steps taken/contemplated by Government to improve reputation and efficiency of this University; and

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted or is in the process of conducting any inquiry regarding poor quality of various buildings of this University, if so, the details thereof?

Complaints regarding improper construction of toilets

†1500. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the toilets in all Government schools in the country are being built by school management or through any other organisation;

(b) if so, name of the organisation and State-wise details of funds allotted to States in 2015-16 for the purpose;

(c) whether Government has received complaints that the students are not able to use the toilets built for them as they are not built properly; and

(d) if so, name of States from which the complaints were received and the steps taken to address this problem?

Sustained enrolment of SC/ST students

1501. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is finding it difficult to ensure sustained enrolment of socially disadvantaged students in higher education;

(b) whether there is a sharp dip in the rate of growth in enrolment of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in higher education over the past four years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial steps Government is taking so that universities can take affirmative action to retain them?

Central University of North Bihar

1502. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central University of North

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Bihar, Motihari has not been started even after one year of enactment of Act by the Parliament, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there has been long delay in establishment of the university due to selection of Vice-Chancellor, release of funds, etc.;

(c) if so, whether there is urgent need to start its functioning by coming academic session 2016-17 to serve the educational aspirations of people of the region; and

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

Upgradation of secondary schools

1503. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many senior secondary schools are there in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) how many secondary schools are upgraded as senior secondary school in 2015-16 as contemplated in Union Budget 2015-16; and

(c) how many junior/middle schools are upgraded to senior secondary school level in 2015-16?

Fast food in school canteen

1504. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Courts including High Courts have recently banned the fast food in school canteens, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to ban fast food in school canteens throughout the

country keeping in view the health of school children; and

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

Research scholars in Central University

1505. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of dalit research scholars at the Central Universities, details thereof, university-wise; and

(b) ratio of total number of research scholars compared to dalit students pursuing Ph.D?

Free English tuition for SC/ST students of IITs

1506. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the main problems faced by SC/ST students who make it to IITs is lack of English competence;

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

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

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

Setting up of new technical institutes in the country

†1507. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has any action plan to set-up new technical institutes or to upgrade existing institutes in the field of education in the country;

(b) if so, whether those areas have been selected where this scheme is to be implemented; and

(c) the amount declared for above scheme by Government and the details of the amount allocated under this scheme for the current financial year?

Entry of foreign educational institutions

†1508. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to allow foreign educational institutions, entry into the field of education to promote the higher education;

(b) if so, whether a draft of policy has been formulated to facilitate the entry of such institutions, if so, by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the process of identifying various educational areas for entry of foreign institutions has been initiated under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of State/Union Territory-wise institutions identified for the purpose?

Reports on high rate of teacher absenteeism

1509. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of high teacher absenteeism

rates reported by the World Bank Survey and the Annual Status of Education report;

(b) if so, the details of the teacher absenteeism rates recorded by these surveys; and

(c) the reasons Government has identified for such high rates of teachers absenteeism and the measures it is taking to address each of the causes of teacher absenteeism?

Blacklisting of technical educational institutions

1510. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has blacklisted any higher technical educational institution of the country during the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken in this regard?

Pilot project for teaching in schools

1511. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to launch a pilot project to encourage volunteers and retired teachers for teaching in schools; and

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

Restructuring of curriculum in higher education

†1512. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the requirement of human resources in the country upto 2022 and the scheme of Government to meet it sector-wise;

(b) whether the human resources are being enrolled in Central Universities, State Universities and colleges of the country for the future needs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the justification for the curriculum which is no more required; and

(d) the reasons for not restructuring the curriculum of higher education as per the future requirement of human resource so that the youth of the country may have better tomorrow?

Revival of student union in BHU

1513. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Universities where student unions stand dissolved as on date along with the reasons therefor, university-wise;

(b) whether students have demanded for revival of student union in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) during visit of Prime Minister in BHU on 22nd February, 2016, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government thereto?

Peer assisted learning programme

1514. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of peer assisted learning programmes to be implemented in IITs;

(b) the details of funding allocated by Government to each IIT for this scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme or any other has been created to ensure that IIT students not fluent in English have academic and social support to help them catch up?

Fellowship for research degrees

1515. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students pursuing research degrees, including M. Phil and Ph.D who receive fellowships from Government, year-wise since 2013;

(b) the average benefits of these fellowships, including stipend, tuition fee allowance and study grants;

(c) the total budget allocated to research fellowships and the proportion disbursed, year-wise since 2013; and

(d) the number of research fellowships awarded to different subjects such as social sciences, humanities or engineering?

Business schools without AICTE approval

1516. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some business schools are being run even without AICTE approval;

(b) if so, the names thereof and how these are allowed;

(c) what actions have been taken against them; and

(d) whether students from such institutions are being employed by private sector?

SSA and RMSA in Puducherry

1517. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) status of implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamika Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in Puducherry in the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether it is true that allocations for the above two programmes have been coming down in the last three years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures the Ministry proposes to provide more funds and effectively implement SSA and RMSA in Puducherry?

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Mayurbhanj in Odisha;

(b) whether there is Kendriya Vidyalaya in Udla and if not, by when Kendriya Vidyalaya will be opened;

(c) whether it is possible to open residential school in Mayurbhanj constituency as it is a tribal dominated forest covered area;

(d) the number of places where Central Governments programme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is functioning keeping in view State's requirement; and

(e) whether funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are due in Mayurbhanj and if not, by when this amount will be disbursed?

Upgradation of autonomous colleges to university

1518. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Government autonomous colleges has been upgraded to university in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the private autonomous college to university; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to revise the guidelines of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyaan (RUSA)?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Mayurbhanj, Odisha

†1519. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

Problem of grade inflation in country

1520. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CBSE students in the country who have received 90 per cent and above marks in the Twelfth standard board examinations, year-wise details since three years;

(b) whether Government has recognised the reasons, which have led to the problem of grade inflation in the country and its impact on university admissions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is considering increasing application based questions or taking steps to increase efficiency in the way examiners mark answers to address the issue of grade inflation, if so, the details thereof, if not the reasons therefor?

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Employment generation for rural areas

†1521. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the latest programmes for employment generation for the rural areas by the Ministry;

(b) the details of employment opportunities created in the last one year, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the areas where employment opportunities have been created and the amount spent by Government for the said purpose, State-wise?

Working group on rehabilitation of sick SMEs

1522. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a working Group on Rehabilitations of Sick SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) was constituted by RBI to look into the issues of considerable delay or nursing of this vital sector and suggest remedial measures thereon, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the working Group has since submitted its recommendations; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof and what action Government has taken or proposes to take thereon?

Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises

1523. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has in collaboration with SIDBI launched Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGFTMSE) scheme for the benefit of micro and small enterprises, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries utilized along with the amount sanctioned, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) the details of the other such credit guarantee schemes and programmes available with the banks for micro and small entrepreneurs; and

(d) whether any collaterals have to be provided for availing such schemes, the details thereof?

Protection of whistleblowers

1524. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court observed recently to set up administrative mechanism to protect whistleblowers who are exposing corruption;

(b) if so, the response/position of Government at present; and

(c) the steps taken to fill the absolute vacuum in the system, to protect whistleblowers, including giving them police protection?

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**Vacancies in Jawahar Navodaya
Vidyalayas and KVs in Punjab**

1525. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of vacancies exist in teaching staff of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, with particular reference to Punjab; and

(c) the efforts taken by Government for filling up of these vacancies and ensuring adequate number of teaching staff in each school so that teaching is not affected?

Redressal of public grievances

1526. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of public grievances received during the last three years and the current year till date, year-wise and department/Ministry-wise;

(b) the case referred to concerned authorities to redress, cases finally disposed and pendency, year-wise and authority-wise; and

(c) whether grievances redressed are satisfactory, if not, the steps taken to make grievance disposal mechanism effectively?

**Sending of Government officials for
foreign training**

1527. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any observations as to the need for sending

Government officials to foreign universities for training, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the PMO has stated that domestic capacity of institutions should be built rather than sending officials to foreign universities;

(c) whether Government plans to review or cancel the scheme for sending officials to foreign universities for training, if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details and number of Government officials sent for training for last ten years and the expenditure incurred by Government therein?

**Approval of Minister to suspend IAS
officer**

1528. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers working with the Centre can now be suspended only with the approval of the Minister in charge of the Department of Personnel and Training, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the States would now have to inform the Union Government within forty eight hours of suspending any All India Services officer; and

(c) whether the States would also have to give reason of suspension?

**Doing away with self-attestation of
documents**

1529. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the procedure of attestation of documents by any authority has been done away with;

(b) if so, whether it has been notified by Government and circulated to all State Governments for implementation; and

(c) if not, by when it would be circulated to all State Governments for implementation?

Approving of LIGO-India

1530. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO), India, if so, the details thereof along with purpose and proposed research projects to be undertaken; and

(b) what is the amount of fund allocated for this project?

Progress in Big Data Initiative

1531. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made on the Big Data Initiative; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated and spent therein, if not, the reasons therefor?

Dearth of science teachers in colleges

1532. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of the dearth of science teachers in various colleges;

(b) what are Government plans and the budget allocated for it to encourage innovations in the area of science and technology; and

(c) the details of some of the most remarkable innovations by Indian scientists in last five years?

Enhancing research capabilities in universities of Gujarat

1533. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to enhance capabilities of researches in the universities and R&D institutions based in Gujarat;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released to various research institutions based in Gujarat in each of past three years; and

(c) the number of research projects entrusted to the said institutions during the said period, year-wise?

Progress in Clean Energy and Water Mission

1534. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in promotion and operationalization of the Technology Mission on Clean Energy and Water, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any fund allocation has been done under this mission in the past one year, if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive plan for fresh entrants of labour

1535. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated

any comprehensive plan for 10.4 crore fresh entrants who will be entering labour market between 2015-2022 under Skill India Mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Redressal of grievance and quality assurance under Skill Development Scheme

†1536. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the necessary measures are being given practical shape in mission mode to complete the target of training fifty crore people upto 2020 under new National Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Policy, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether necessary measures have been taken to ensure quality and redressal of grievances for the proper implementation of Skill Development Scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development Universities

1537. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government contemplates to set up Skill Development Universities in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government has any plan/target to provide skill development and training to youths of the country, if so, the

details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Funds for National Skill Development Fund (NSDF)

1538. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds received by National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) during last two years from Government, Non-Government and Private Organisation, which aims to provide financial assistance to conduct skill development activities in the country;

(b) whether Government has received any additional financial assistance from private sector organisations/corporates to aid skill development activities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would consider entering into an agreement with private sector organisations/corporate which would enable them to provide workshops/training for skill development?

Adarsh ITIs in Odisha

1539. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: 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 kaushal Vikas Yojana and by when it would be implemented; and

(b) how many such Adarash ITIs has

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been taken up in the country the details thereof, State-wise?

most number of job opportunities to youths so far?

National conclave on Skill development

1540. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has organized a national conclave on skill development recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the deliberations made in the said conclave; and

(c) whether Government has made any call for the improvement of skill development across all sectors and regions, if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development programme and Technology Development Mission

1542. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has announced a Skill Development Programme for the India Youth;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this programme; and

(c) in what way it differs from the Technology Development Mission launched and successfully implemented by previous Government which has produced millions of young Indian engineers who are now working all over the world?

Training in disciplines with most job opportunities

†1541. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training is being imparted in only some specific disciplines while many other important sectors are untouched;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and whether Government would pressurize training institutes to impart training in all important disciplines; and

(c) if not, the names of those disciplines the training under which has provided the

Funds under Training and Employment Programme

1543. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any fund under Training and Employment Programme for updating skills and new knowledge to support women;

(b) if so, the details of fund allocated during the last three years State-wise;

(c) the details of target fixed/achieved during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government has achieved the desired results?

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Skill development programmes in professional colleges

1544. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared and implemented guidelines to augment and implement Skill Development Programme in the existing Colleges Particularly Professional colleges in the country;

(b) if so, how many such centre have been allocated to rural areas;

(c) what is interface of private schools and colleges with Government to implement the Skill Development Programmes in India; and

(d) how much money has been earmarked for such institution to implement these programmes?

Skill development in rural areas

1545. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government is making efforts to identify the new areas for the skill development, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is formulating any scheme for more skill development in rural areas, if so, the details thereof?

Voluntary and other organisations working for SCs in Uttar Pradesh

1546. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Voluntary and other organizations working for Scheduled Castes in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of Grant-in-Aid given to each voluntary and other organizations working for Scheduled Castes in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year and last five years?

Release of funds for scholarship and pension

†1547. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fund to be provided to States for heads like scholarship for students pension for widows, pension for the differently abled etc., has been released;

(b) if so, the names of such States to whom the allotted fund has not been fully released and the names of the States along with the details of the outstanding amount; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not releasing the fund?

Facilities available in public places for physically challenged

1548. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any

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concrete steps to ensure dedicated facilities at public places, public transport and Government offices for differently able/physically challenged people, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of the State of current limited facilities available in public places for the physically challenged; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any detailed study regarding this and if so, the details thereof?

Facility provided to OBC students for studying abroad

1549. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any facility is being provided by Government to students belonging to OBC for studying abroad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the details of number of students provided such facilities during the last three years including this financial year and the amount given to them, State-wise?

Monitoring of fund utilisation by NGOs

†1550. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the NGOs to which financial aid has been given by the Ministry under various schemes being run in various States in the last three years and current financial year State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government has any mechanism to keep vigil on the utilisation of amount given to these non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any complaints regarding misuse of money by NGOs have been received and if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

Special Schools under disabled rehabilitation scheme in Madhya Pradesh

†1551. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh State under the disabled rehabilitation scheme during the last three years and in the current financial year, year-wise;

(b) the number of special schools being run in the State with the help of this scheme;

(c) the number of disabled children benefited in the last three years district-wise; and

(d) whether under this scheme more amount of money is likely to be allocated to State, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

'Divyang' for the people with disabilities

1552. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

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use the term 'Divyang' for the people with disabilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to get a legal base for the use of this word?

Recommendation of NCBC to lower standards for OBCs

1553. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for the Backward Classes (NCBC) recommended to reduce qualifying standards for OBCs to fill up the 27 per cent mandatory reservation for OBCs in employment; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendation and the action contemplated by Government in this regard?

National level survey on drugs

1554. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made any attempt to assess the prevalence of drug/ alcohol use in India;

(b) if so, whether there is any increase or decrease in the prevalence and how has the same been estimated;

(c) when the last survey was conducted by the Ministry regarding number of drugs addicts in the country; and

(d) if not, the reason for not conducting any national level survey on drugs despite Parliament Assurance?

Grants made by NSKFDC

1555. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various grants, subsidies soft loans or advances made under National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) for the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the various State channelizing agencies working under the NSKFDC; and

(c) the grants made by NSKFDC categorically under, education loan, term loan, Mahila Adhikarita Yojana, Mahila Samridhi Yojana Micro Credit Finance, Sanitation Workers Rehabilitation Scheme?

Poverty among Scheduled Castes

1556. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried any survey recently to monitor the prevalence of poverty among Scheduled Castes in India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of various policies Government has implemented or plans to implement to reduce the incidence of poverty among the Scheduled Caste population?

State-wise list of dry latrines in country

1557. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether houses with dry latrines are considered 'Households with Toilets' or

'Households without Toilets' under Swachh Bharat;

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to remove the prevalence of dry latrines from the country; and

(c) the number of dry latrines in the country, State-wise?

Financial Development Corporation for differently abled persons

1558. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has survey and research report on census of differently abled population in the country and if so, the details thereof, category-wise;

(b) whether Government is implementing special schemes and job initiatives for the differently abled persons in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated in the last five years, year-wise in various States/UTs for the various such schemes;

(d) whether Government has created exclusive Financial Development Corporation for the development of differently abled persons in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the performance in the last three years?

Reservation for Jats under OBC

1559. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has agreed to provide reservation to Jats, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time-frame by which Government would provide for Jat reservation under OBC; and

(c) the details of other castes and classes which are likely to be covered under SC/ST and OBC reservation?

Electronic artificial limbs production in India

1560. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the modern electronic artificial limbs are imported from Germany and England, if so, the details thereof;

(b) which of such limbs are made in India;

(c) whether these electronic limbs are quite helpful for the visually impaired and disabled in enhancing efficiency and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are any plans to set up 'Make in India' electronic artificial limbs production units in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to provide such limbs at affordable rates in the country?

Beneficiaries of Venture Capital Fund Scheme

1561. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries of the Venture Capital Fund Scheme along with the expenditure, State-wise;

(b) whether Scheduled Castes women entrepreneurs are preferred during the selection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of women beneficiaries of the scheme, State-wise?

Improving national space programme

1562. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the year 2016 is all set to see the national space programme slowly shift gears towards large satellites, a heavy lift launcher and improved earth observation capabilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the space agency would complete on priority the Seven-Satellite Regional Navigational Loop, in the first three months?

ISRO developing station in Vietnam

1563. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is developing a station in Vietnam;

(b) whether India would allow other nations to access pictures from our satellites;

(c) if so, the safeguards that are being put in place to ensure that Indian data is not accessed by other nations; and

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

Satellites of other countries launched by ISRO

1564. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the satellites of other countries which were launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during last three years;

(b) the details of the revenue earned through these launches; and

(c) the details of the revenue earmarked from this revenue earning for Cryogenic Rocket Development Programmes?

Launching of Satellites of foreign clients

1565. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign clients are vying to launch their satellites abroad the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully placed six Singapore satellite in orbit *i.e.* PSLV C-29 mission, if so, the details thereof?

Data showing inequality between urban and rural Indian

1566. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI RAMDAS

ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) data show stark inequality between urban and rural India and the data shows that 30 per cent of the rural households and 25 per cent of the urban households were under debt; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise?

Data on clothing needs of the poor

1567. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey or has any data on the number of poor and homeless people in the country who do not have adequate and necessary clothing including people who live in extreme climates or disaster prone areas in the country; and

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

Funds to set up Project Implementing Units at ULBs

1568. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance the funds provided for construction of Individual Household, Community and Public Toilets;

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

(c) whether funds provided to set up Project Implementing Units at the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) level with 1.5 per cent of the total budget earmarked for

capacity building activities is likely to be increased; and

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

Exchange of flats to help paraplegic persons

1569. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is harassing paraplegic persons by not exchanging their freehold flats to ground floor thereby depriving them to live in their flats; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to help paraplegic persons to ensure that the freehold DDA flats owned by paraplegic persons are exchanged without any hassle?

Encroachment on Kanjhawala road

†1570. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the main Kanjhawala road connecting Rohini Sector 20, 21, 22 with outer Ring road is encroached upon;

(b) whether any concrete action has been taken by Delhi Police or other agencies to remove the encroachment of stone market, furniture market and car workshops located in Mangolpur village and Poonth Kala village;

(c) whether any efforts have been made by Government in this area to smoothen the movement of vehicles and to reduce pollution; and

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(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Urban facilities in rural areas

1571. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has realized that urban development is more expensive than rural development in extending same quality of life to people;

(b) whether it is noticed that developing basic amenities as housing, water, transport, education, health, sewage, waste management entails more expenditure in cities than villages; and

(c) for this reason, whether Government would reconsider its move to develop more urban areas and try to promote urban facilities in rural areas?

Mega cities of Andhra Pradesh

1572. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh requested to make Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Tirupati as mega cities;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the action taken by the Ministry on the above proposal/request?

New sewage treatment plants in Bengaluru

1573. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will or can provide financial and technical assistance to State Governments for establishing sewage treatment plants in Karnataka, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has received a request from the Government of Karnataka seeking assistance for setting up new sewage treatment plants in Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof?

Alternate solid waste management under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

1574. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the progress of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in metropolitan cities like Bengaluru, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) given the failure of the local Government whether Government of India would intervene to develop alternate models for solid waste management for cities like Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof?

Launching of Clean India campaign

1575. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken the initiative of launching the Campaign Clean India with a vision to ensure an acceptable level of cleanliness and hygiene practices at tourist destinations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh under the scheme?

Cleanliness Index

1576. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has finalized a "Cleanliness Index" that would list the top five cleanest cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with cities identified as cleanest cities in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

Urban planning structure and process

1577. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's urbanization efforts have, in the past, suffered from disjointed projects/activities without adequate planning and coordination with different bodies for urban areas as a whole;

(b) if so, the steps taken to correct the situation; and

(c) how the States have been incentivized and provided support to strengthen the urban planning structure and process?

Periodic review of work/complaints of CPWD

†1578. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertakes periodic review of work/complaints of CPWD in Kali Bari area, Gole Market, New Delhi and whether the grievances of

allottees are not redressed even after repeated complaints;

(b) if so, whether the complaint no. 9038955 entered in CPWD is pending for redressal since September-October, 2015 and even on contacting with the concerned officer, only assurance is given and the work is yet to be done; and

(c) the number of such complaints received which are pending for redressal for many months and by when these complaints would be disposed of?

Privatisation of water supply in Nagpur

1579. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to undertake privatization of water supply in cities through PPP mode and if so, what is the rationale behind it;

(b) whether the Ministry has studied the success or failure of similar exercise undertaken in Nagpur in 2012;

(c) how many times, since the water supply was handed over to a French Water corporation in Nagpur, was the tariff raised by the company; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the fact that similar experiments done in cities all over the world have been a failure and lead to unrest?

Metro rail project in Ahmedabad

1580. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed the Metro Rail Project in Ahmedabad;

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(b) whether Government has any plan to connect the Ahmedabad Air Port with the Metro rail; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to start and finish the Ahmedabad metro rail project within particular time and if so, the details thereof?

Fine for littering in public places

1581. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring a new legislation on the lines of what Singapore has done, in imposing a fine on those littering in public places and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that many organizations have approached Government to bring in such legislation and if so, the details thereof?

Women helpline and women welfare committee

†1582. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced the starting of women helpline and women welfare committee in all districts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the work in this regard is in progress and whether there is possibility of completing it shortly and if so, the details thereof?

Post-Nirbhaya crisis action plan

1583. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out some Post-Nirbhaya crisis action plan to help women in distress;

(b) whether under the above action plan, it is proposed to extend financial help to such centres in each district of the country; and

(c) how far has it helped the women in distress in the country?

Relief and rehabilitation for displaced children

1584. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children do not get financial aid if they are displaced by Government;

(b) whether children have any right to demand relief and rehabilitation if they and their families are displaced;

(c) what steps Government is taking to ensure that children are treated fairly and with rights;

(d) whether there is any law to protect children's rights; and

(e) if so, the details of such laws protecting children?

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Gender preference in adoption of children

1585. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to encourage adoption of children by Indians and foreigners and the details thereof;

(b) whether girl child is less likely to be adopted, the general outlook of parents who apply for adopting children in regard to the gender-preferences; and

(c) the number of children who are waiting to be adopted in various Government run shelter homes, the details thereof, State-wise and gender-wise?

Reproductive rights of women

1586. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to spread awareness about the reproductive rights of women, especially among the rural population;

(b) whether Government is planning to criminalize the offence of marital rape to ensure the protection of these rights for married women; and

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

Indira Gandhi Maternity Benefit Scheme

†1587. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Indira Gandhi Maternity Benefit Scheme a sum of ₹ 14.95 crores is still payable to Rajasthan Government and by when the outstanding would likely to be released by the Government; and

(b) whether a sum of ₹ 33.97 crore is still payable to Rajasthan for construction of Anganwadi centres under Mission Mode Scheme and by when the outstanding amount would likely to be released by Government?

Newly constructed Anganwadi Centres

†1588. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of anganwadis having their own buildings in blocks with highest malnutrition and whether these centres are operating as per the norms of the Ministry;

(b) the number of anganwadi centres constructed in the last one year, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of children who go to the anganwadi centres currently and whether the anganwadi workers are getting their salary in time and if not, the reasons therefor?

Existing vacancies in Anganwadi Centres

1589. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge vacancy exists at the level of Anganwadi Workers (AW) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWH) in

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Anganwadi Centres (AC) across the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of the sanctioned posts, in-position and vacancy, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill them in a time bound manner?

Awareness about child adoption

1590. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how is Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) functioning;

(b) how many applications for adoption of child have been received and how many have been legally adopted, the details thereof; and

(c) the country-wise statistics regarding childless parents with their youth age and whether enough awareness have reached over the people who are eager of a child adoption around the country?

Supplementary nutrition scheme under ICDS

1591. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent of child mortality under five years age can be attributed to malnutrition, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to provide fortified food products like wheat, rice, salt and milk in schools, mid day meal and the supplementary nutrition scheme under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and other States; and

(c) whether this initiative of the Ministry would check malnutrition levels which are shockingly high?

State-wise data of Anganwadi Centres

1592. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise data including that of Tamil Nadu, of the number of Anganwadi Centres sanctioned by Government and the State-wise data on the number of Anganwadi Centres operational;

(b) State-wise data including that of Tamil Nadu on the number of Anganwadi workers sanctioned by Government and in-position; and

(c) the details regarding the steps taken by the Ministry to help the State Government fill the vacancies?

Schemes for women development

1593. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Ministry for women development during last two years, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) the details of physical targets sets and achieved during the above period State-wise and Scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry is implementing any special scheme for women from SC/ST and Other Backward Classes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the above period State-wise and year-wise?

Safety of children in creches

1594. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many issues related to safety of children in creches have come to the light and there have been frequent instances of abuse of children in the creches;

(b) if so, how many such cases of abuse of children have come to the light of Government;

(c) what action have been taken by Government to ensure proper care of children in the creches; and

(d) whether Government regularly monitors the situation in creches, orphanages and other places, the details thereof?

Promotion of breast feeding

1595. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks lowest in South Asia in breast feeding practices, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by Government for promotion of breast feeding including an effective mechanism for strict implementation of regulations controlling baby foods, revival of baby friendly hospitals and maternity protection and policies?

IT enabled services in Anganwadi Centres

1596. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government took any initiative to apply IT enabled services in Anganwadi Centres in order to obtain real time information; and

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

Schemes for the benefit of widows, destitute and aged women

1597. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any survey and census research in the recent times to evaluate the current status of widows, destitute women and aged women population in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is implementing any special schemes for them;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise in various States/Union Territories for the various such schemes; and

(d) whether Government has created any exclusive Financial Corporation to benefit the widows, destitute women and aged women and if so, the details thereof?

Fast track adoption in special cases

1598. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will allow fast track adoptions in special cases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the department of women and child development has outlined certain special

circumstances that will allow prospective parents to jump the queue; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that applications of these cases will be scrutinized by a committee headed by the Central Adoption Resource Agency and if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for single earning mothers

1599. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND

CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes provided by Government to the single earning mothers to sustain their family;

(b) the steps Government has taken to provide professional/vocational training to such mothers; and

(c) list of such professional courses being imparted to such mothers?

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