

## RAJYA SABHA

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### 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; Overseas Indian Affairs; 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

#### **Performance Monitoring and Evaluating System**

1281. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether different Ministries have outlined the list of the objectives, targets and actions proposed during the financial year with regard to the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES);

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

(c) whether the reports of the Ministries have been finalised for the year 2014-15 and if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any monitoring

committee(s) for PMES has been constituted; and

(e) if so, the details thereof regarding the constitution, functioning and reports of monitoring committee(s)?

#### **Agreements with different countries for nuclear energy**

1282. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any efforts towards producing nuclear energy in the country;

(b) the names of the countries with whom Government has succeeded in entering into deals or agreements; and

(c) the countries with whom the talks are in pipeline?

Government to monitor the projects and to make these time-bound?

**Nuclear plant in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal**

1283. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up nuclear plant in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has not taken any decision to scrap the Haripur project in West Bengal;

(c) whether Government shall revive the project if the State Government wants it; and

(d) if so, the views of the State Government in this regard?

**Non-lapsed pool of resources in Assam**

†1284. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned projects in Assam under schemes of Non-Lapable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF) and North Eastern Council from the inception of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and present status thereof;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for the completion of these projects;

(c) the names of the projects which are lagging behind the schedule and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete and effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by

**Connectivity through Japan International Cooperation Agency**

1285. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the role being played by the Ministry in facilitating the North East connectivity project with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA);

(b) what are the nature of roadblocks that is preventing the project from taking-off; and

(c) whether the Ministry has estimated the losses associated with the delay of this project?

**Project under SIDF in North Eastern States**

1286. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF), projects are allocated to North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many projects have been selected under SIDF for North East;

(c) how much funds released/utilised, project-wise and year-wise so far; and

(d) when the projects have been started and when it will be completed?

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### **Delivery Monitoring Unit**

1287. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Delivery Monitoring Unit (DMU) projects, funds are allocated to North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many projects have been selected under DMU for North East;

(c) how much funds released/utilised, project-wise and year-wise so far; and

(d) when the projects have been started and when it will be completed?

### **Monitoring Committee for infrastructural project**

1288. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a monitoring committee to supervise the progress of infrastructural projects in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of projects which are completed; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to monitor the satisfactory implementation of the ongoing projects in North Eastern Region?

### **Proposed projects for North East**

1289. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocation and disbursement by Government for 2015-16 plan outlay;

(b) the details of last five years allocation and sanction of funds from Government exchequer through the Ministry;

(c) detail of project proposals received by Government for 2015-16 from North East States thereof; and

(d) present status of the projects thereof?

### **Haj pilgrims dying in stampede**

1290. SHRI ANIL DESAI:  
SHRI C. M. RAMESH:  
SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Haj pilgrims who died in the stampede;

(b) the names and natives of which States in the country they were;

(c) whether the families of the victims have received any compensation; and

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

### **Road blocks against Indian workers in USA**

1291. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen media reports that USA Senators plan road blocks against Indian Guest workers; and

(b) whether Government would take up with the USA Administration, the adverse

effects of the Grassley-Durbin bill on hiring of Indian IT personnel from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and other States?

**Sri Lankan navy arresting Indian fishermen**

1292. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:  
SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan Navy arrested 34 Indian fishermen and their boats seized at Thalaimannar and Kangesanthurai off the northern coast of Sri Lanka;

(b) whether the arrest followed Sri Lankan Government claims that new legislation is being planned in order to confiscate equipment of Indian fishermen allegedly poaching in Sri Lankan waters;

(c) whether the Sri Lankan Navy allegedly damaged two boats by forcing them to collide, seized seven boats and also ruined 40 fishing nets; and

(d) if so, whether Government has taken up this issue with the Sri Lankan Government?

**Resolving of issues by India and Pakistan**

1293. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan decided to jointly resolve sensitive issues like ceasefire violations and infiltration along the border by initiating timely exchange of information and inked some new confidence-building measures, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the issues of incidents of firing at the borders, smuggling of narcotics and defence construction activities were discussed during the meetings, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether both the sides agreed for constant endeavour to maintain peaceful and tranquil borders and also agreed to stop ceasefire along the line of the International Border (IB) through enhanced communication; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Extradition treaty with foreign countries**

1294. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the countries with which India has got an extradition treaty;

(b) whether India is yet to formalise an extradition treaty with Indonesia, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether India does not need a formal extradition treaty for somebody to be extradited to another country from India, if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

**Making passport process transparent and easy**

1295. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for making the process of getting passport transparent and easy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also trying to ensure to make the passport issuing process foolproof so that no anti national

element can misuse it and if so, the steps taken in this direction;

(c) whether a racket of middlemen involved in making passports on fake address has been allegedly exposed recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against those found guilty?

#### **USA continuing spying over countries**

1296. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 961 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17 July, 2014 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USA continues spying on many countries including India through Internet and other means, if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) the action being taken to safeguard the security and sovereignty of India?

#### **Country's support to join US led fight against terrorism**

1297. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand that India should support and join the US led fight against the terror outfit, Islamic State and support the ongoing Afghan Taliban talks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any decision to join any country who intends to take on the said terror outfit, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka**

†1298. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to resolve the racial issues at the earliest and maintain peace in Sri Lanka, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the incidents of killings of the Tamils have occurred in Sri Lanka; and

(c) if so, whether this matter has been taken up with the authorities of Sri Lanka and if so, the outcome thereof?

#### **Additional staff in proportion to passports issued**

1299. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 800 posts lying vacant in various passport offices across the country and in missions abroad, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it was approved long back that for an every increase of one lakh passport there would be additional sanction of 32 or so staff members; and

(c) whether this was never implemented all these years since approval by the Cabinet Committee?

#### **PSKs in Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand**

1300. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) that are working in the country especially in the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

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(b) whether Government is planning or has planned to set-up more Passport Seva Kendras in different States and Union Territories of our country; and

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

#### **Resolution of UNGA for Security Council reforms**

1301. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a resolution for beginning discussions on Security Council reforms at the Inter-Governmental Negotiations Group (ING) on the basis of a framework document; and

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

#### **China against UNSC reforms process**

1302. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL:  
DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has stepped up its efforts to move on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) reforms process;

(b) whether India is facing significant challenges to its decade long bid to reform the UNSC; and

(c) whether China has mounted a strong diplomatic offensive against text based negotiations; and

(d) whether it is also true that China's opposition stalls India's UNSC reform bid, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Country's membership to NSG**

1303. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is pursuing for membership to the 48 members Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has presented its case before the NSG during the visit of the Chairman of NSG recently to India; and

(c) whether it is also true that there has been a growing appreciation for Indian nuclear controls and capabilities since 2008, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Countrys candidature for permanent membership of UNSC**

1304. SHRI S. THANGAVELU:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA continues to support India's candidature for a permanent seat in United Nations Security Council (UNSC);

(b) whether the USA has promised that in the event of a vote on the issue, the USA would support India;

(c) whether India has been demanding for expansion of the United Nations Security Council; and

(d) if so, the total number of countries that were in favour of expansion of UNSC?

#### **Agreement made in BRICS Summit**

1305. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has visited Central Asia and attended Brazil,

Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Summit recently; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of discussion had and bilateral agreement made?

#### **Problems of logistics for Haj pilgrims**

1306. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that problems continue to afflict Haj pilgrimage and its logistics year after year, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is corruption in preparation as well as execution of arrangements for the Haj pilgrimage, the action being taken in the matter; and

(c) the details of suggestions received for solving the recurring problems in this regard, and the action taken thereon so far?

#### **Agreement signed with Sri Lanka**

1307. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agreements signed on the eve of Sri Lankan Prime Minister visit to India recently, the details thereof;

(b) whether discussion was held on intensifying cooperation in combating terrorism and to work together for security and stability in maritime neighbourhood, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made in comprehensive economic partnership agreement between the two countries?

#### **Global economic recession affect**

1308. SHRI K. C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/ proposes to take steps to keep the Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises unaffected by the ongoing global economic slowdown, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any decision has been taken to downsize the strength of workers in the Public Enterprises in view of the global economic recession and if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Electric Mobility Mission**

1309. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Electric Mobility Mission was approved five years ago;

(b) the main aims and objectives of the above Mission; and

(c) in what manners the Ministry is going to support the electric/hybrid vehicles through the above Mission and details of incentives being given to manufacturers and consumers who buy electric/hybrid vehicles?

#### **Vacancies in Boards of Directors of Public Undertakings**

1310. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing vacancies in

the Boards of Directors of Public Undertakings;

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

(c) whether the task would be entrusted to provide head hunting consultancy firms?

#### **Delay in supply by BHEL**

1311. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in supply of electrical equipments by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to various power generating companies; and

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

#### **Nominee Directors on the Boards of the PSUs**

1312. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Companies Act does not recognize Government Nominee Directors on the Companies, Boards;

(b) if so, under what provision the administrative Ministries have appointed Nominee Directors on the Boards of the PSUs;

(c) the steps DPE have taken to caution concerned PSEs and their administrative Ministries against such practice; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that certain PSUs count Nominee Directors as Independent Directors?

#### **Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana**

1313. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana is helping the urban poor to get employment and lead a decent life;

(b) the performance of the above scheme in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any targets have been set under the above scheme; and

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

#### **Green Building Council**

1314. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has worked for more than a year to come out with a comprehensive guidelines and a frame-work for affordable housing which will guide prospective developers in setting up affordable houses with all the elements of quality, comfort and basic amenities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Indian Green Building Council of the Confederation of Indian Industry has come out with rating system for the country's affordable housing segment, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Green Building Council will certify green products categorising them under the Green Product Category and if so, the details thereof?



**Urban Local Bodies covered under NULM**

1315. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would consider to cover all the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM); and

(b) whether the Ministry would revise the NULM guidelines to provide one community organiser for 2000 BPL households as it was under SJSRY?

**Sanitation facilities in slums**

1316. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanitation facilities built in the slums under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether the number of slum dwellers who has defecate in the open come down after the toilets have been built and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds utilization under poverty alleviation programmes**

1317. SHRI K. C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various poverty alleviation programmes undertaken for improving condition of the urban poor of the country; and

(b) the details of the funds made available and utilized under these poverty alleviation programmes during the last two years and other measures taken to reduce the urban poverty?

**Construction of Housing Units for Urban Weaker Sections**

1318. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

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

(a) whether at present Government is battling a housing shortage of 18.78 million units and 95 per cent of it is driven by low income population who live in and around the urban centres, if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to construct 2,28,204 housing units for economically weaker sections and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the estimated cost of the aforesaid project;

(d) whether Government has requested the States to contribute their share in the aforesaid scheme; and

(e) if so, the response of Government thereon?

**Cities selected for Housing to All scheme**

†1319. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 305 cities/towns of only nine States have been selected for the Housing for All scheme;

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(b) if so, the number of houses proposed to be constructed, State-wise and by when;

(c) the basis on which the States and the cities/towns therein have been selected; and

(d) by when decision would be taken for the construction of affordable houses in the six States that have expressed their commitment for the implementation of reform measures and the number of houses to be constructed in each State?

#### **Projects started under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana**

1320. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects that have been sanctioned and work has started under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether there are any projects that have started in partnership with the private sector for rehabilitation of slums, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for effective monitoring and implementation of schemes for the development of slums?

#### **Sanctioned projects under JNNURM in Himachal Pradesh**

1321. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the projects sanctioned before March 2012 under JNNURM in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds spent thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that many projects of Himachal Pradesh are pending with Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon project-wise?

#### **Education of tribals**

1322. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals are lagging behind in education;

(b) if so, the details thereof compared to the other sections of SCs, OBCs and general category during the last five years; and

(c) the steps being taken to overcome the situations in future with coordination with States?

#### **Ceiling on tuition fee by Justice Srikrishna Committee**

1323. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Srikrishna Committee set up on the directions of Supreme Court in the TMA Pai Foundation case has recommended a ceiling on the tuition fee charged by all private institutions for technical courses such as MBA and engineering;

(b) whether the Srikrishna panel has pegged the maximum (tuition and development) fee for a 2 year MBA Course in the range of ₹ 1.57 lakhs and ₹ 1.71 lakhs

per annum depending on the location of the institution, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) beyond attempting to cap the tuition and development fee in private institutions for MBA and engineering what steps are being taken to tackle the scourge of capitation fee modelled on courses for medical education?

**Special training centre in Minority concentrated districts**

1324. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government aided and unaided schools in minority concentrated districts;

(b) the number of Special Training Centres (STC) in these districts;

(c) the number of students enrolled in the schools and STCs in these districts; and

(d) the drop-out rate in these districts at the elementary and secondary school levels?

**Better education system for North-Eastern region and Odisha**

1325. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE proposes to focus on North East (NE) region in development of better education system, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether such a project is also proposed to be implemented in the

backward regions of the country, especially Odisha region, if so, the details thereof?

**Examination policy at school level**

†1326. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of examination policy at primary, secondary and higher secondary level in present education policy;

(b) the effective measures to fill up the gap/discrepancy in teaching fee charged for higher studies in Government sector and private sector; and

(c) the basic concept of new education policy or proposed education policy?

**Retaining of original birth certificates by schools**

1327. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules/directions/guidelines has been issued by the Ministry to the schools wherein they have been asked to keep original copy of birth certificates at the time of admission of a child in class KG, nursery, first etc. and never to return that certificate, not even at the time of leaving school also;

(b) if so, the details and the purpose behind this kind of directions; and

(c) if not, how parents could get back original birth certificates of their children from schools who are keeping these, whether Government would issue any directions in this regard?

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**Time used for preparation and consumption of Mid-Day Meal**

†1328. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Government schools, all the students and teachers spend their time by indulging in eating and preparing food instead of studies and teaching, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the guardians of the students send their children to schools for food and not for studies;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey about the quality of food provided to the students; and

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

**Arbitrary fees from SC/ST students of Uttar Pradesh**

†1329. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that fees is being charged in an arbitrary manner from the students belonging to the SC and ST community in the schools/colleges of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether any action is being taken by Government to help the students belonging to SC/ST families in order to make them capable of receiving education and if so, the details thereof?

**Uniform timing of schools**

1330. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to adopt a policy to start all schools after 8.30 AM to allow school children to have sufficient sleep in view of research which found that 8 out of 10 students are deprived of full sleep in the country; and

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

**Barrier free access in schools**

1331. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools fully or partially funded by the Central Government, State-wise;

(b) the number of differently-abled students in these schools;

(c) whether all such schools have barrier free access and educational aids to augment learning process for differently-abled students and the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken for inclusive/integrated education for the differently-abled children in the country?

**Peer reviewed journals from India**

1332. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many publications came out in peer reviewed journals from India as compared to the other countries of BRICS, *i.e.* Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to encourage research in India?

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**Social development plans by schools**

1333. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many School Management Committees have prepared Social Development Plans, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) how many toilets will be brought under the SDPs;

(c) whether Government is aware of media reports stating that dalits are being made to clean school toilets in parts of India; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to monitor the schools and ensure that the facilities that are being created are properly utilized by the students?

**Girl students for IITs**

1335. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the number of girls admitted to IITs has gone up marginally this year from 8 per cent last year to 9 per cent in the current batch;

(b) whether it is also true that the number of girls registering for the joint entrance examination was steadily on the rise; and

(c) whether it is also true that there are not many girls taking the JEE (Main), so there are fewer students for JEE (Advanced)?

**Inclusion of private technical universities for all India ranking**

1334. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to include private technical universities and colleges in all India ranking and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether many private technical universities and colleges were doing better work than some centrally funded technical institutes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is also considering to make it mandatory that all deemed universities should also adopt the JEE main examination for admission avoid multiplicity of entrance exams and if so, the details thereof?

**CBSE-International for global education**

1336. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced CBSE-International for global education, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would include Indian culture, ethos, traditions as part of syllabi;

(c) the difference between CBSE system and CBSE-i (International) in respect of teaching, training, project work and evaluation and grading; and

(d) what is the number of enrolment in CBSE-I as on 31st October, 2015?

**Vacancies of faculty at higher institutes**

1337. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that 37 per cent of faculty posts in 16 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) 28 per cent of faculty posts in 30 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and 42 per cent of teaching posts in Indian Institute of Information Technology IIITs are lying vacant across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the action taken by Government to fill these vacancies; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to attract the quality teacher and to enhance the quality of higher education in the country?

**Diversion of funds by Delhi University**

1338. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Delhi University Vice Chancellor (VC) has admitted that he had diverted the funds for OBCs to other heads, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any action is initiated against the VC; and

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

**Vacant post of Deputy Vice Chancellor and professors in central universities**

†1339. SHRI VIJAY GOEL:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the total number of Central Universities in the country and the number of universities out of the above where the post of Deputy Vice Chancellor is lying vacant;

(b) since when the posts of Deputy Vice Chancellor are lying vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact that permanent posts of professors are also lying vacant in many Central Universities;

(d) if so, the number of posts that are lying vacant and since when; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to fill the vacant posts?

**Indian Institute of Information Technology in Nagpur**

1340. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the setting up of an Indian Institute of Information Technology at the site selected and proposed in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the details and time-frame proposed for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Parameters under Right to education in Maharashtra**

1341. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of parameters set under Right to education;
- (b) how States have performed under each of the above parameters;
- (c) whether Maharashtra has made positive strides in implementing these parameters, if so the States which have lagged behind in implementation of these parameters; and
- (d) steps taken by Government to help States in achieving targets under these parameters?

**Low female literacy**

1342. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in literacy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details as per 2011 census with percentage increase State-wise;
- (c) whether female literacy is still low in the country, if so, districts with low female literacy, State-wise; and
- (d) steps taken by Government to increase female literacy?

**National Uniform Education Policy for regional languages**

1343. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to

frame a National Uniform Education Policy throughout the country in regional languages of concerned States, if so, the updated status of the action taken in this regard;

- (b) whether Government has consulted/ would consult the States in this regard;
- (c) if so, whether Government intends to organize meetings/conferences with State Education Ministers to chalk out further strategy in the matter, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has made any assessment regarding benefits of implementing such National Policy, if so, the details thereof?

**Education in self-financing professional colleges**

1344. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government is aware about the quality of education, facilities and fee structure in the self financing professional colleges in India, if so, the details thereof?

**Sub-committee for 'No detention' policy**

1345. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:  
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Sub-Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education constituted for assessment and implementation of continuous and comprehensive evaluation (CCE) in the context of "no detention" provision has submitted its recommendations, if so, the details thereof;

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

(c) the further course of action taken by Government to implement the recommendations accepted by it?

#### **MoU with foreign countries**

1346. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various countries in the field of education, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any special focus/ importance has been accorded to Higher Education in these MoUs, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Establishments of Kendriya Vidyalayas**

1347. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact related to the burden for recommendations from parents for admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) due to its fees and quality;

(b) if so, the details for establishing more KVs, State-wise; and

(c) the steps to match existing Government schools as per the standard of KVs?

#### **SC/ST teaching position in Delhi University**

1348. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of SC/ST teaching position in all colleges under Delhi University;

(b) the number of SC/ST teaching position filled, subject-wise (in all D.U. colleges); and

(c) the number of SC/ST vacancies, subject-wise, in all D.U. colleges?

#### **Construction of toilets for girl students**

†1349. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary, secondary and higher secondary schools in the country where no toilets are there for the girl students, the details thereof;

(b) the time-frame fixed for construction of toilets for girls students in such schools, the number of toilets constructed so far in compliance of target fixed and the number of toilets yet to be constructed, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that in some parts of the country particularly in western Rajasthan, toilets are not being used due to non-availability of water; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes for the availability of water in toilets, the details thereof?

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**Yoga and sports as subject in schools**

1350. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH  
TENDULKAR:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government plans to introduce/has already introduced yoga as a compulsory subject;

(b) whether any representations are received from various quarter against this move, if so, the reaction of Government;

(c) whether Government also plans to introduce sports as a graded subject in schools under the New Education Policy (NEP); and

(d) what steps have been taken in this regard and by when is it proposed to be achieved?

**Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in Jharkhand**

1351. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released by the Centre towards the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme for Jharkhand in the last three financial years;

(b) whether the Ministry received complaints regarding financial irregularities and poor quality of food served to children in Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in Jharkhand, if so, particulars of action taken against the delinquent officer(s); and

(c) what system is in place in the Ministry to ascertain that the large amount of grants released for the scheme are being utilized for the intended purposes?

**Infrastructure for disabled students**

1352. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students with disabilities enrolled in Government schools across the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study to evaluate the provision of infrastructure and resources to support disabled students, if so, details thereof, findings of the study and corrective action taken, if not, reasons thereto;

(c) whether Government schools have infrastructure facilities in schools to support disabled student, if so, details thereof, State-wise, if not, reasons threto and action Government envisages to undertake to correct the same; and

(d) the measures taken to sensitize and train Government school teachers towards teaching disabled students, details thereof?

**Increase in enrollment of girls students**

1353. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been surge in enrollment of girls in primary, secondary and higher secondary education in India in the last year, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons thereto;

(b) whether Government has introduced schemes to create awareness about girls education, if so, details thereof, State-wise and their progress, if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the number of girl drop-outs have reduced over the last three years, particularly in the case of girls belonging to SC/ST and OBC communities, if so, details

thereof, State-wise, if not, reasons therefor and corrective action Government plans to take?

#### **Promotion of Sanskrit language**

1354. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any special plan to promote any language, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has set up a panel to deliberate on issues related to Sanskrit as part of its attempt to promote the language, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Insufficient publicity of Quality Education in Madarsas**

1355. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefits of Scheme to Provide Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) scheme are not able to reach a number of Madarsas due to insufficient publicity of the scheme, if so, details thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) the total number of Madarsas recognized throughout the country, State-wise, till 2015; and

(d) the details of Madarsas financed under SPQEM, State-wise, till 2015?

#### **Maulana Azad Urdu University in Kurnool or Kadapa**

1356. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up Maulana Azad Urdu University in Kurnool or Kadapa District in Andhra Pradesh after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

#### **Reduced funding of National Institute of Technology**

†1357. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any plan for reducing funding of National Institute of Technology (NITs);

(b) whether there will be extra economic pressure on poor students owing to increase in fee structure; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to increase the fee for students of other institutions?

#### **Free education in unaided primary schools**

1358. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many students get free education in unaided primary schools in the country;

(b) how many of them are girls, SCs and STs, corresponding numbers for previous two years;

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(c) whether any of the unaided institutions refused to admit students from these sections, how many students were affected by this stand of private managements; and

(d) whether Government ensured admission to them in other institutions and if so, to how many of them?

**Net enrolment at Secondary and Higher Secondary level after RTE Act**

1359. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children admitted to schools after implementation of the Right to Education Act (RTE), *vis-a-vis* prior to its implementation, State-wise, district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) at Secondary and Higher Secondary level is decreasing constantly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the statistics of net enrolment ratio in the country at Secondary and Higher Secondary level in last five years, State-wise, district-wise, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Time-frame for special research projects of ICHR**

1360. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Special Research Project of Indian Council of Historical Research in hand at present along with the year of their start and expenditure made so far;

(b) whether it is true that certain book

projects are decades old and not likely to be completed in near future and if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure thereon so far; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for completion of work on these Special Research Projects within a definite time-frame in order to contain bleeding of exchequer?

**Cell for reservations in posts and services**

1361. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had issued a circular in the year 2013 directing all Departments/offices under the control of the Union Government to appoint a Liaison Officer and set up Cell in each Ministry/Department for enforcement of orders of reservations in posts and services; and

(b) whether it is a fact that such an arrangement does not exist in universities/institutes/subordinate offices under the administrative control of the Ministry, if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken in this regard?

**Students of KVs and JNVs in Uttarakhand**

1362. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students studying in Kendriya and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country as on date particularly in Uttarakhand, State-wise;

(b) the monitoring system put in place

for maintaining high standards of education in JNVs;

(c) whether Government has evaluated the performance of Kendriya Vidyalayas and JNVs in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the financial assistance provided to poor but otherwise meritorious students of these schools?

#### **Autonomy to higher institutes**

†1363. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to give autonomy to the institutes of higher education and universities;

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

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

#### **Global standards for educational institutes**

†1364. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is making some efforts to bring higher education institutes and universities at par of the standards of world criteria;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction; and

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

#### **New Indian Institute of Science Education and Research**

1365. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced setting up of new Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISERs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of States where the new IISERs are proposed to be set up; and

(c) the details of progress made in establishing the new IISERs?

#### **People employed in MSME sector**

1366. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information on the number of people employed in the MSME sector in India, if so, the State-wise details for the last five years thereof; and

(b) whether any information about level of wages, social security and job safety of the workers employed in the MSME sector in India is available with Government, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Targets under SFURTI clusters**

1367. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of setting up the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) clusters in the Eleventh Plan, and how many of them have actually been established, vocation and location-wise details;

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(b) whether there has been under achievement *vis a vis* the target, if so, reason for under performance;

(c) what was the original target for Twelfth Plan and whether it has been drastically reduced, if so, reasons for reduction of target; and

(d) how many Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) clusters have been established so far during Twelfth Plan, the details vocation and location-wise?

#### **Introduction of new MSME Policy**

1368. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce new MSME policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the said new policy will be finalized and introduced?

#### **Self employment under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana**

1369. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youths provided self employment under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last two years and the State-wise;

(b) the rules fixed under the Yojana in this regard, at present;

(c) whether the recommendation of the State Government is necessary for self employment under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the

number of youths who have been recommended for self-employment by the State Governments during the above period, State-wise?

#### **Technical fault in the e-migrate system**

1370. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain faults have been noticed in the e-migration system launched recently by Indian Mission in UAE to smoothen and streamline the recruitment of Indian workers;

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

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government for early resolution of the problem in order to ensure smooth recruitment of Indian workers?

#### **Swarna Pravas Yojana**

1371. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swarna Pravas Yojana implemented by Government to impart skill development for overseas employment to the Indian youth is yet to be implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons proposed by Government for skill development for overseas under that scheme;

(c) the details of fund allocation made by Government for this purpose; and

(d) the corrective measures and the action taken by Government for

implementation of the scheme expeditiously and successfully?

**Indians on hunger strike in Florida jail**

1372. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 22 Indians are on hunger strike in a Florida jail in USA, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up their matter with the USA Government and if so, the response received by Government?

**Illegal staying of Indians in foreign countries**

1373. SHRI PANKAJ BORA:  
SHRI K.K. RAGESH:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report on the number of Indians whose visa has expired and staying illegally in various foreign countries;

(b) whether Government has any report on the number of Indians convicted and jailed in various foreign countries for overstay after the expiry of visa; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government for assisting Indians who are stuck in foreign countries after visa expiry?

**Dilution of quota/reservation**

1374. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be no dilution

of quotas/reservations for various sections of society; and

(b) whether Government considers incorporating such commitment in the statute so that there would be no tinkering with the reservation policy in future?

**Lateral entry in IAS**

1375. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to review the recruitment procedures to permit lateral entries based on professional experience from the private sector into the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the measures that are being taken by Government to make up for the shortage of officers and fill up vacant posts in civil services?

**Identification of civil servants of doubtful integrity**

1376. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued instructions to all departments to identify civil servants of doubtful integrity who should be booted out to raise probity bar in Governance, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to compulsorily retire employees if they are suspected to be ineffective, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of officers identified so far after issue of above instructions and the action taken against them?

### **Reservation in promotion**

1377. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the stand of Government on reservation in promotion cases involving Central Government employees; and

(b) what is latest order issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) in the matter?

### **Verdict on Sanskriti School**

1378. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Delhi High Court verdict ending the system of reservations for children of bureaucrats in the city Sanskriti school and asking Central Government to immediately roll back reservation or convert the school into Kendriya Vidyalaya; and

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

### **Financial resources for scientific research**

†1379. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the fact that Government has asked the institutes involved in scientific research to mobilise financial resources themselves for the scheme, whether this decision of the Ministry will not affect the level of research in the country;

(b) whether Government wants to commercialise the research work;

(c) whether Government has made assessment of the financial condition of institutes before taking this decision and has considered any optional arrangement;

(d) whether this decision of the Government will not affect the morale of new researchers; and

(e) whether make in India can be successful without encouraging research?

### **Deterioration in science, education and research**

1380. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether overall deterioration in science, education and research are matters of far greater concern, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is allotting less than one per cent of GDP to science;

(c) whether private sectors' complete indifferent to long term industry academia linkages are fast approaching; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is taking to check negligence of science?

### **Increasing interest of youth in research and development**

1381. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that only few number of youth are taking up research and development in the country;

(b) whether Government has taken any initiative to attract young talent towards research and development; and

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

#### **Setting up of Skill University in Telangana**

1382. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that recently Skill India Mission has formally launched, if so, the details of aims and objectives of the Mission;

(b) whether setting up of Skill Universities in the country are part of the Mission, whether Skill University is a Central University;

(c) if so, the details of States where Skill Universities are likely to be set up; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Telangana has been demanding for setting up of Skill University in Telangana, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Special funds for skill development**

1383. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of money allocated towards skill development at the Centre as well as States during the last three years till date and the utilisation of the same; and

(b) whether Government has provided any special fund to any State for skill development, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Skill Council for artists/crafts persons**

1384. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the skill council to promote skill development among artists, craft persons and workers with latest techniques;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria laid down to identify the beneficiaries;

(c) whether Government has also planned to operationalise the skill councils at district level through State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the allocations proposed by Government for this purpose during the current year?

#### **Unemployment after vocational training**

1385. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a 2014 Labour Bureau survey that found high unemployment among workers with formal vocational training;

(b) if so, measures taken by Government to address this problem in the National Skill Development Mission; and

(c) the reasons why workers with formal vocational training are still unable to find employment?



**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas  
Yojana**

†1386. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana is failing to attract the youth, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the number of youth who have received training and also provided with jobs in the country under this scheme, so far?

**Public Service areas easily accessible  
to disabled**

1387. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion and number of airports, railway stations and government buildings that are accessible to visually and physically disabled persons, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is taking steps to ensure that all such transport stations are easily accessible to differently-abled, if so, the details of these steps;

(c) whether there are any guidelines in place to ensure that public service areas, such as government buildings, are accessible to visually and physically impaired persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Establishment and maintenance of old  
age homes**

†1388. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides any financial assistance to State Governments for establishment and maintenance of old age homes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of old age homes run by various States including Madhya Pradesh during last three years?

**Inclusion of Mallah communities in  
SC list**

1389. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent proposals from Bihar to Registrar General of India (RGI) regarding inclusion of communities in Scheduled Castes list;

(b) if so, the details thereof and RGIs comments thereon;

(c) whether proposal of Bihar Government for inclusion of Mallah caste in the list of Scheduled Castes are pending with Government, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

**Funds to NGOs and its auditing**

1390. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs are registered and are in operation under the Ministry of SJ&E currently;

(b) how many of such NGOs are provided with funds for running their NGOs and programmes;

(c) whether the accounts of such NGOs that are registered with the Ministry and

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are provided with funds are properly audited annually by the authorized Chartered Accountants empanelled with the Ministry;

(d) if not, then what is the procedure for the NGOs to get their accounts audited; and

(e) the actions proposed against those NGOs who do not follow the norms and do not maintain their accounts properly and do not get them audited?

#### **Survey of disabled friendly amenities at public places**

1391. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government conducted any detailed survey regarding the amenities created in public places for differently abled persons, particularly as per Secs. 44, 45 and 46 of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and Full Participation) Act, 1995;

(b) if so, the details of the survey undertaken; and

(c) if no such survey is undertaken, the reasons therefor?

#### **Job opportunities for disable persons of Rajasthan**

†1392. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and district-wise, number of disable persons seeking jobs in Rajasthan during the last five years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the above period their number is increasing

every year and opportunities of employment is decreasing; and

(c) if so, the scheme Ministry is formulating to increase the opportunities of employment for disable people?

#### **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities**

1393. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2008 India ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which stresses on adopting a social model definition of disability;

(b) if so, the details how the Ministry plans to put this in force, if not, the reasons for delay; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning on continuing the usage of the medical definition of disability, as defined in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995?

#### **Assistance for improving socio-economic conditions of OBCs, SCs and STs**

1394. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from NGOs, voluntary organisations and from the State Government of Telangana seeking financial assistance for improving socio-economic conditions of OBCs, SCs, and STs through skill development;

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(b) the status of above proposals and the number of beneficiaries, category-wise; and

(c) in what manner OBCs, SCs and STs stand with regard to skills when compared to other States?

#### **Recommendations of National Commission for Backward Classes**

1395. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Backward Classes has recommended recently that children of MPs, MLAs are not eligible for reservation under OBC category;

(b) if so, the details of recommendation and justification for the same;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any view on this; and

(d) if so, will this be made applicable to other categories like SC, ST, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Grievances of aged people**

1396. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Commissions/Corporations/Statutory bodies are functioning under the Ministry;

(b) whether Government is going to form or give additional power to any of these bodies to look after and address the grievances of the aged people and senior citizens of our country; and

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

#### **Proposals from States for inclusion of castes in lists of SCs/STs/BCs/EBCs**

†1397. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from various States to include some castes in the lists of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Backward Castes/Extremely backward castes in respective States of the country since 2010;

(b) if so, when and for which castes the proposal to include them in the lists of SCs/STs/BCs/EBCs has been received from those States;

(c) the names of the castes for which the proposals were approved by the Government and the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are such castes also as are needed to be included in the lists of SCs/STs/BCs/EBCs, if so, the list thereof?

#### **Procedure for pension/assistance under social welfare schemes**

1398. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Public Representatives for simplification of procedure for sanction of various pensions/assistance under the social welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard so as to avoid harassment to the poor people and delay in sanction of funds; and

(c) the time by which the simplified procedure is likely to be implemented?

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### **Making of Indian Regional Satellite Navigation System global**

1399. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has unveiled plans to gradually make its regional satellite navigation system global such as USA's GPS and the Russian GLONASS;

(b) whether the ISRO's four of the seven Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) satellites are in orbit and the last three spacecraft would be added in orbit by March, 2016;

(c) whether the IRNSS would provide self-reliance in the strategically important areas of position related information; and

(d) whether ISRO is now focussing on completing the regional constellation and extending it to SAARC countries later on taking it gradually over the entire globe?

### **ISRO performing post launch orbit raising manoeuvres**

1400. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) performed the first of three post launch orbit raising manoeuvres on the new GSAT-15 spacecraft recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether two more orbit connections are slated for the next two days; and

(c) whether the Ku-band satellite is expected to be ready for use in a month once its orbital slot and functions are stabilised, if so, the details thereof?

### **Funds for SHAR and ISRO**

1401. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided adequate funds for the Sriharikota Range (SHAR), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) at Sriharikota and other facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated, disbursed and utilized for these projects, project-wise;

(c) the total amount left unutilized in the last five years and the amount returned and the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the bilateral agreements signed with foreign countries in the fields of space research and rocket launch technology; and

(e) the outcomes expected from various new space projects to be initiated by the Department of Space in the coming years?

### **Coordination of incomplete projects**

1402. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that a large number of projects in the country are stalled which are creating hindrances in the process of development in the country;

(b) the details of projects along with the investments made which have been reviewed under the 'Pragati' initiative along with the current state of completion of these projects, State-wise, project-wise; and

(c) the details of the projects stalled due to disputes or court cases or because of lack of coordination between Government Ministries/Departments/Bodies etc. along with the value of these projects, State-wise and project-wise?

**Online dissemination of data**

1403. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is devising ways to ramp up online dissemination of data and make more data available to public free, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is in the process of drafting an agenda note in which it has differentiated between data that cannot be shared on its website; and

(c) whether Government is also planning to make the shareable data available at every one for free in contracts to the current practice of charging a normal fee for accessing data at the unit level?

**Twenty Point Programme**

†1404. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty point programme is still going on in the country;

(b) number of amendments made in this programme operational for the last 40 years, till date;

(c) whether Ministry has received such suggestions that according to the circumstances, a new programme may be started after reviewing this twenty year programme or this programme itself may be revamped; and

(d) if so, the view of Government in this regard?

**Status of the current projects/ programmes under JNNURM**

1405. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the research project and capacity building programmes sanctioned and taken up under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) whether some of the projects have since been discontinued;

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

(d) if not, the status of the current projects/programmes under implementation?

**Acquisition of land by DDA**

1406. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is pursuing with Land and Building Department of Government of NCT of Delhi since 1989 to acquire a piece of land located in a residential scheme bearing khasra no. 1230/2(new) falling in Mehrauli Revenue area;

(b) whether due to non-response of L&B Deptt., DDA has decided not to pursue acquisition after 26 years;

(c) if so, in how many cases, DDA has dropped the acquisition of its land due to non-response of L&B Deptt.; and

(d) whether DDA have any option of acquiring above land in case of non-response of L&B Deptt.?

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**Consultation before finalisation of smart cities**

1407. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held wider consultation with States and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) before finalizing the list of 98 smart cities across the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

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

**Report of sub-group on Swachh Bharat Mission**

1408. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Group on Swachh Bharat Mission has submitted its report recently, if so, the details of each of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has recommended for imposing Cess on petrol, telcos, coal, ores, etc., if so, whether Government has accepted those recommendations; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the panel has recommended for increasing the aid to construct toilet to ₹ 15000, if so, from which date it is going to be implemented?

**Returning of small LIG units of DDA by allottees**

†1409. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of successful allottees of DDA Housing Scheme, 2014 have returned their residential units, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for returning residential units under this scheme and the steps taken for resolving the reasons in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the residential units to be built for EWS category were converted to LIG residential units which are very small and this is also one of the reasons for which the allottees have returned their residential units; and

(d) if so, the people found involved in the construction of so small LIG residential units?

**Lease rights to allottees under 20 Point Programme**

1410. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has granted perpetual lease rights to the allottees and subsequent purchaser of residential plots distributed under 20-Point Programme in Delhi;

(b) whether the process of granting perpetual lease rights to the subsequent purchaser of residential plots has been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by which date the said process will be completed; and

(d) the reasons for Municipal Corporations of Delhi not sanctioning building plans of residential plots distributed under 20-Point Programme and owned by subsequent purchasers measuring less than 100 sq. meter?

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**Funds to States for purchase of buses under JNNURM**

1411. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:  
SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had provided funds to States for purchase of buses under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission in 2013-14;

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated/utilized/lying unspent so far along with the details of buses purchased, State-wise, including Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and West Bengal; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to withdraw unspent funds with interest from States in order to avoid any chances of misappropriation of such funds?

**Electricity and compost generation from solid waste**

1412. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made some crucial policy changes in the Swachh Bharat Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has plan to generate electricity and compost from Municipal solid waste;

(c) whether Government has proposed to subsidise compost generated from the municipal waste, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry has discussed the matter with the nodal Ministries in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof?

**Review of conversion of existing urban cities into smart cities**

1413. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the idea of converting existing urban cities into smart cities will be reviewed for practicality; and

(b) if so, whether the States may be asked to send alternative proposals for constructing a few brand new smart cities on lines similar to Chandigarh and Amaravati rather than proposals for retrofitting existing urban locations?

**National Mission on Sustainable Habitat**

1414. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mission on Sustainable Habitat has been discontinued; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the work done under the mission since June, 2014?

**New modified scheme for Urban Development**

1415. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to launch a new modified scheme for Urban Development, if so, the details thereof;

(b) in what manner this scheme would be different from the JNNURM, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would continue with the JNNURM, the details thereof?



**Financial empowerment of urban civic bodies**

1416. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating financial empowerment of urban civic bodies in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Process of Urbanisation in India**

1417. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of World Bank, process of urbanisation in India is very slow, messy and partly hidden;

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

(c) whether at least ₹ 2 lakh crores are required every year to provide basic amenities to additional urban population every year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and allocation for provision of basic amenities to additional urban population during current year and utilization thereof, State-wise?

**Implementation of the National Building Code**

1418. DR. K. KESHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of the National Building Code has been strictly monitored;

(b) the number of major buildings and structures that have collapsed in the last two years; and

(c) whether there are any efforts being made to integrate Central and State rules and develop an agency to overlook construction activity?

**Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Publicity campaign by professionals**

1419. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to outsource the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan publicity campaign to any professional agency, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for hiring private professionals;

(c) whether the agency has been selected and if so, the details thereof along with the details of works to be handled by it; and

(d) the total amount to be paid to such agency during the current financial year?

**Water management system in urban areas**

†1420. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has decided to give top priority to water management system in urban areas of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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**Funds for development of smart cities  
in Punjab**

1421. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
Will the Minister of URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for selection and number of cities and suburbs selected for smart cities and rejuvenation in the country, particularly Punjab;

(b) the amount earmarked for the projects under various schemes including Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation and Housing for All; and

(c) the number of private players involved and joint ventures in the development of smart cities, including foreign institutions, with details?

**Funds for infrastructure development  
for the cities of Jharkhand and  
Gujarat**

1422. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:  
Will the Minister of URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has schemes to support the infrastructure development of tier-2 and tier-3 cities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of plan outlay in the current plan for the above schemes and the funds spent in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the cities in Jharkhand and Gujarat granted funds from the above said scheme and the amount approved for such projects per city?

**Increase in urban population after  
smart cities project**

1423. SHRI MD. NADIMUL  
HAQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the advent of smart cities project the population of urban areas is likely to rise in the coming years due to increased migration from the rural areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to accommodate or specified a particular area to accommodate the rural or poor population within the smart cities; and

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

**Overcrowding of women coaches in  
Delhi Metro**

1424. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP  
SOOD: Will the Minister of URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for handling the overcrowding problem of women coaches of Delhi Metro;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is going to add one more coach for women in each Delhi Metro Train, if so, by when this coach is likely to be added in Delhi Metro Trains and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is no provision of separate ticket counter for women at each DMRC stations?

**DDA loosing monitoring of housing activities in Delhi**

1425. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA is soon loosing its monitoring role over all housing activities in Delhi; and

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

**Budget cut for programme to fight child malnutrition**

1426. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's main programme to fight child malnutrition has been hit by budget cuts;

(b) if so, whether programme feed more than 100 million poor people but the current budget was only enough to pay salaries of 2.7 million health workers;

(c) the extent to which the programme to fight child malnutrition has suffered due to budget cut; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to allocate sufficient funds to the Ministry to fight the malnutrition problem?

**Establishment of hostels for working women**

1427. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish hostels for working women in Maharashtra and rest of the country on PPP model; and

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

**Plans to construct Aanganwadi centres**

1428. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to construct Aanganwadi centres with the help of MGNREGA workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of guidelines framed for implementation of the plan;

(c) the locations identified for the purpose in the first phase; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for execution of the plan in a time-bound manner?

**Empowerment of women**

1429. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted regarding empowerment of women as an effective and active economic agent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its findings thereof;

(c) whether the participation of women in the country's workforce is very less *vis-a-vis* their population and it is declining at the same time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for economic and social upliftment of women and to provide equal opportunity at par with men in entrepreneurship?

**Major cut in allocation for ICDS for West Bengal**

1430. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether major cut was made in the allocation for the ICDS in the year 2015-16;

(b) if so, how much was this cut in the case of West Bengal;

(c) what was the proposal to make up for the cut made in the ICDS; and

(d) what has been done to compensate that cut in the case of West Bengal?

**Implementation of Domestic Violence Act**

1431. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005 has been effective in fulfilling its objectives;

(b) if so, the year-wise number of cases filed for violation of the Act in different States; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to address the issues of effective implementation of the Act?

**Discrimination against SC/ST in Aanganwadi centres**

1432. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is wide scale caste discrimination, particularly against SC/ST,

in Aanganwadi centres across the country; and

(b) if so, the action/steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Omnibus legislation to tackle trafficking**

1433. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

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

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

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

**Sukanya Samridhi Accounts details under BBBP**

1434. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that has been allocated for the media campaign for the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme;

(b) the details regarding the multi-sectoral action taken by the Ministry so far, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details relating to the number of Sukanya Samridhi Accounts opened under the BBBP scheme till date, State/Union Territory-wise?

**Condition of Government run orphanages**

1435. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of Government run orphanages have gone from bad to worse in the past five years;

(b) the reason that most of the children of the orphanage prefer to run away rather than staying back;

(c) whether the Minister would consider attaching every Government run orphanage to a volunteer organization for close monitoring and proper maintenance; and

(d) if not, what measure would the Minister suggest to improve the condition and the management of Government run orphanages?

**Complaints related to portal 'Khoya-Paya'**

1436. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding various issues related to the portal Khoya-Paya;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the misuse of portal for child trafficking, extortion, violation of privacy etc.?

**Time-bound measures to curb skewed sex-ratio in Maharashtra**

1437. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the child sex ratio (CSR) in Maharashtra is alarming, and has been declining over the years;

(b) the reasons for the decline in CSR;

(c) the measures taken to rectify this issue; and

(d) any time-bound measures to curb the skewed ratio?

**Abuse and neglect of children in juvenile homes**

1438. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the different kinds of juvenile homes in the country, State-wise position thereof;

(b) whether there have been reports of abuse and neglect of the children in such homes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the above system is monitored by the concerned authorities regularly to ensure that the children do not follow the wrong and illegal path after their release in such homes and if so, the details of the feedback?

**Money allocated for women and child welfare**

†1439. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of money

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allocated for women and child welfare has been reduced in the last two financial years;

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

(c) if not, the details of fund allocated for the above items during the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?

**Lack of education and food for women**

1440. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Socio-Economic and Caste Survey conducted by Government and

UNICEF sample survey reveal that substantial sections of women and children are still poorly fed and treated badly by the society;

(b) whether lack of education and food make women rather incapable of nurturing healthy children;

(c) whether continuing discrimination of adolescent girls deliver a warning that this tragedy will persist in future as well; and

(d) whether budget allocations for school education and women and child development are sufficient to improve their health conditions?

NEW DELHI;  
The 4th December, 2015  
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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