

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, August 11, 2016/Sravana 20, 1938 (Saka)*

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

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Diplomatic efforts for strengthening India's stand on Kashmir

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

(a) whether Government is aware that Pakistan Foreign Secretary briefed the envoys of five countries on the situation in Kashmir;

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

(c) whether Government protested to Pakistan and briefed the five member countries of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) about Kashmir being India's internal matter; and

(d) the diplomatic efforts being made to strengthen India's stand on Kashmir in the international community, the details thereof?

Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar

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

(a) whether foundation-stone for Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Amritsar campus was laid recently in Amritsar, Punjab, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the estimated cost of the project and what is the total budget allocation made to this IIM, and by what time it would be fully operational; and

(c) whether any other Central educational institutions are proposed to be established in Punjab, if so, the details thereof?

**Establishment of theme-based parks
by DDA**

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

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority (DDA) proposes to establish theme-based parks on par with international standards on the lines of London's Hyde Park, New York's Central Park or the Jardin des Tuileries of Paris, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said parks would have themes ranging from culture and science to heritage and ecology; and

(c) whether Government is exploring the different concepts presented by twelve reputed landscaping firms, if so, the details thereof?

**Special help to States having high
malnutrition children**

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to deal with the problem of malnutrition in children;

(b) the manner in which special assistance has been provided to the States where there are more malnourished children; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide nutritious food to children as per the international standards?

**Filling up of vacancies of differently
abled persons by recruitment and
promotion**

*275. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has recently directed Government to fill up three per cent of the vacancies including in promotion from the differently abled in Government employment, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the present backlog of vacancies in direct recruitment and promotions for the differently abled in Government and all its establishments; and

(c) what action Government has taken to implement the direction of the apex court?

**Impact of global warming and climate
change on rainfall pattern**

*276. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to analyse the impact of global warming and climate change on rainfall pattern in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there has been a decline in average seasonal rainfall in India over the last five decades, if so, the reasons therefor?

Skill training in Telangana

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

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to establish, manage, run and promote institutes for imparting skill training in the country, with particular reference to Telangana;

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve supply of skilled professionals, sector-wise; and

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(c) the measures taken and funds earmarked to establish Skill Development Centres in unserved blocks across the country, particularly in Telangana?

Review of MPLAD Scheme

†*278. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) has been reviewed in the last few years;

(b) the various heads under which most of the amount of MPLAD Scheme has been spent for development works in the country, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the number of complaints received by Government regarding the development works under MPLADS, during the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise together with the number of complaints addressed to, out of them; the details thereof?

Vacant posts in Central Universities of Himachal Pradesh

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

(a) the details of sanctioned and vacant posts of lecturers in the Central Universities in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to fill the said vacant posts and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Uniform education policy in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the existing education policy there is a wide gap in education between haves and have-nots;

(b) to what extent privatization is bringing in division between the students; and

(c) the reasons for not having a uniform education policy throughout the country and have a common school system to address this problem?

Submission of utilisation certificates by States

*281. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the States to submit utilisation reports for projects run by the Ministry for 2015-16 by June end;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has also asked the State Governments to develop advance annual action plans for the coming year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Decrease in funds for research in science

*282. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount and percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) that has been allotted and released to the field of research in science in the last three years, institute-wise;

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(b) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to generate half of its funds, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to cut funding for all Government funded research institutes, particularly in field of science and insists on self-funding?

Budgetary allocation for the welfare of SCs

*283. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) are living below the poverty line and do not possess any assets;

(b) if so, the percentage of such people out of the total population of the country;

(c) whether the number of such people has increased and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the budgetary allocation made for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) during each of the last two years along with the utilisation of the said funds?

Problems faced by Indians in Gulf countries

†*284. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians living and working in Gulf countries have been facing several new problems for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to resolve these problems;

(c) whether there has been a considerable rise in the number of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) coming back from Saudi Arab in the last one year; and

(d) if so, the number of Indians coming back to India and the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to help the Non-Resident Indians coming back to India?

Criteria for advertisements to media house

*285. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government in giving and rejecting Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) advertisements to media;

(b) whether Government has refused advertisement to any media houses in the country in the recent past, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received any complaints or representation regarding the matter from the State of Rajasthan?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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