

## 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; 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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#### Use of radiation technology for storage of Agricultural products

2782. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to use radiation technologies for processing and storage of agricultural products in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has made any primary report on the effect of radiation on food products, if so, the details along with the outcome thereof?

#### Revival of Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership at Haryana

2783. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department has revived the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership located in Haryana;

(b) what are the reasons that it become defunct since its establishment in 2010; and

(c) to what extent the revival would help in the backdrop of India not getting Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Membership?

**Increase in Atomic power units in Rajasthan**

†2784. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atomic power units functioning in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the number of atomic units in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, by when the units would be increased, the details thereof?

**Special plan for Tripura**

2785. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated for the North —Eastern States in the financial year 2016-17; and

(b) whether Government has initiated any special plans for the States like Tripura and border areas of North Eastern Region which need special attention, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Infrastructure development in the North Eastern Region**

2786. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the region of the North East is not getting its due share in infrastructure development specially the road construction, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount spent on road construction and the share of each North Eastern States, State-wise; and

(c) the projects in hand with Government to link every village in the North-East with road?

**Budget allocation for States of NE region**

2787. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes for the NE States under the Ministry;

(b) whether there is a specific budget allocation for each of the North East States; and

(c) if so, the details of budget allocation and expenditure for last year and the 2016-17 budget for each state, State-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Impediments in implementation of programmes in North-Eastern States**

2788. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the major impediments in implementing programmes in the North-Eastern States; and

(b) whether a redress cell for assessment and rectification has been established, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Monsoon forecast from Australia Weather Bureau**

2789. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a report

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on monsoon forecast from the Australia Weather Bureau, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the forecast of Indian Meteorology Department (IMD) in this regard?

**More Climate Reference stations in country**

2790. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to start more Climate Reference stations in the country and other places, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the parameters that would be recorded in these stations for studying climate change;

(c) the total amount that would be required for setting up these stations, location-wise; and

(d) by what time, these stations would be operationalised, the details thereof?

**Long range forecasts of IMD**

2791. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the long range forecasts issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) during the last concluded South-West monsoon season went wrong;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for making the wrong forecasts by IMD and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to improve the working of IMD and to remove the shortcomings in its functioning?

**Increase in frequency of severe heat wave**

2792. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India Meteorological Department had said that the frequency of severe heat waves had increased sharply in the past fifteen years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the average frequency of severe heat waves had doubled from fifty days a year across India until 2000, to about 100 in the 2001-2010 decade; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that between 2010 and 2016 too, heat waves showed an upward trend, if so, the details thereof?

**Unequal distribution of rainfall in the country**

2793. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monsoon rainfall till 12th July, 2016 was four per cent higher than normal or the long period average, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that in many parts of the country rainfall has been deficient and in some parts of the country the rainfall was above benchmark, if so, the details thereof?

**Launching of National Monsoon Mission**

2794. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch a National Monsoon Mission;

(b) if so, the salient features of the mission; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to develop a state-of-the-art dynamical prediction system for monsoon on different time scales?

#### **Desalination plants for coastal cities**

2795. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has considered procuring desalination plants for coastal cities hit by drought for urban, industrial and agricultural purposes;

(b) whether any study has been conducted on the cost-benefit analysis of the desalination plants; and

(c) whether the Ministry has consulted with foreign Government where this system is in operation?

#### **Attack on people from foreign countries**

2796. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of attacks on Africans and people from the other countries in the last three years, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) what are the reasons that the number of incidents of attacks on Africans are increasing over the years, particularly in major cities of the country; and

(c) the preventive and other steps the Ministry is taking to prevent recurring of such incidents?

#### **Opening of road and rail links by China in Nepal**

‡2797. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether opening of road and rail link by China in Nepal is a matter of concern for India;

(b) whether it is a fact that with increasing investment by China in Nepal, today India's internal cordial relations with Nepal is faltering and an undue malice is building up in Nepal against our country; and

(c) whether Government is making efforts for restoring its cordial relations with its friend Nepal the details thereof?

#### **China becoming top aid donor to Nepal**

2798. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministry's reaction to China piping India and becoming the top aid donors to Kathmandu;

(b) what are the reasons for India's Official Development Assistance to Nepal plummeting by over 50 per cent in 2014-15; and

(c) what diplomatic, political and economic measures the Ministry is proposing to be a major player in Nepal?

#### **Help to Indians stuck in Syria**

2799. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indians are still stuck in Syria and other war affected countries;

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(b) how many Indians have been rescued from these countries during the last two years; and

(c) what measures have been taken to bring the Indians who are still stuck in Syria and other war affected countries the details thereof?

#### **Inclusion of Cuttack under HRIDAY**

2800. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Ministry consider to include Cuttack city of Odisha under the Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) launched by Ministry?

#### **Coordination of talks between Indian and Sri Lankan fishermen**

2801. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government has coordinated any talks between fishermen of India and Sri Lanka during the last one year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in Indian women working in Gulf countries**

2802. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of Indian women working in Gulf countries over the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the nature of jobs being offered to these women; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure their protection in these countries?

#### **Extradition treaty with Bangladesh**

2803. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has extradition treaties with its neighbouring countries including Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the names of such countries along with the reasons for not having the said treaty with other countries;

(c) whether Government is aware that Bangladesh has amended its extradition treaty with India to simplify the process for handing over suspects wanted by both countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would request other countries to sign similar treaty with India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Scuffle between Chinese and Indian troops in Arunachal Pradesh**

2804. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recent scuffle between Chinese and Indian troops at Shankar Tikri of Yangtse area in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the number of cases of

intrusion by Chinese army and scuffle reported during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Ministry has taken up the matter of scuffle in Arunachal Pradesh with Chinese Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and response of China thereto, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Nutrition food to pregnant/lactating women**

†\*2805. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pregnant/lactating women are provided nutrition worth rupees seven under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme and adolescent girls are provided nutritious food worth rupees five under SABLA yojna on daily basis in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government has received any request from Chhattisgarh Government to provide nutritious food worth rupees seven to adolescent girls under SABLA yojana; and

(c) if so, the response of Government and by when the decision would be taken in this regard?

**Fishermen from Gujarat in jails of Pakistan**

2806. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many fishermen of Gujarat are in Pakistan Jails;

(b) how many fishermen of Pakistan are in Indian Jails; and

(c) whether Government is taking steps rush to release of fishermen of Gujarat from the jails of Pakistan?

**Talks with Pakistan after visit of JIT to Pathankot**

2807. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entered into any talks, formal or other-wise, with Pakistan after the visit of Pakistan Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to Pathankot, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it was agreed by Pakistan to allow the National Investigation agency (NIA) to visit Pakistan to investigate the Pathankot attack incident; and

(c) whether any information has been received from Pakistan regarding the visit of NIA team to Pakistan for the above mentioned probe, if so, when would the NIA team visit Pakistan?

**Failure of Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan**

2808. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much anticipated talks between India and Pakistan Foreign Secretaries failed to make headway on the comprehensive bilateral dialogues with both sides trading allegations, if so, the details thereof:

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has made it clear to Pakistan that Pakistan cannot be in denial on the impact of terrorism on the bilateral relationship; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India told Pakistan that terrorist groups based in Pakistan targeting India must not be allowed to operate with impunity, if so, the details thereof?

**Help for Indian workers in foreign prisons**

2809. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian workers presently being held in foreign prisons;

(b) whether it is a fact that many Indians being held in foreign prisons are unable to afford proper legal assistance;

(c) how does our Embassies help in instances where there are visa infringements by Indian workers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that delays in providing identification proof and passport data from India is a major cause of delays in helping Indians abroad; and

(e) the steps proposed to create a modern system so that all such data and passport information is available with our Embassies for instant authentication?

**Process for becoming member of MTCR**

2810. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) succeeded in controlling spread of missiles, chemical weapons and nuclear attacks;

(b) the details of process for becoming a member of the MTCR; and

(c) the efforts made by the Ministry to become a member of the MTCR?

**Waiver of No Objection Certificate for a child travelling to India alone**

2811. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Ministry for a waiver of the No Objection Certificate required from a father in case a child travels to India alone on tourist visa;

(b) whether it is mandatory in case the parents who are separated; and

(c) whether Government is going to extend the waiver, if so, the details thereof?

**Foreign countries having nuclear pact with India**

2812. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the countries which have signed nuclear treaties/pacts with India;

(b) whether the nuclear deal of 2008, exempts India for nuclear trade with nuclear power nations; and

(c) if so, the reasons and rationale for Government's move to secure Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG) membership?

**Outcome of Eleventh Asia-Europe (ASEM) Meeting**

2813. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outcome of the Eleventh Asia-Europe (ASEM) Meeting for India;

(b) the tangible areas of co-operation that were identified with ASEM partners; and

(c) whether Government has any specific plans for promoting ASEM partnership in tackling problems of climate change and terrorism, if so, the details thereof?

**Quota for Kailash Mansarovar**

†2814. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage quota from India as on date;

(b) whether Government provides financial assistance to pilgrims for Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide facilities to all pilgrims going to Kailash Mansarovar akin to Haj pilgrims, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Status of India's membership to MTCR**

2815. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any official communication regarding the status of India's membership to MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) how would this membership help in development of India's ballistic missile development programme?

**Pakistan's reaction over violence in Jammu and Kashmir**

2816. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has attacked on India over the violence in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan

accused India of using excessive and unlawful force against civilians in the State to quell protest over the killing of terrorist; and

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

**Legal aid to Indians in jails abroad**

2817. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to provide legal aid to Indian citizens who are facing legal proceedings or jailed in foreign countries;

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

(c) the procedures for availing of support from such mechanism?

**Countries visited by Prime Minister**

2818. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the countries visited by Hon'ble Prime Minister during the last two months;

(b) the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs), bilateral agreements pertaining to socio-economic relations, diplomatic relations, etc. entered into with each of the countries; and

(c) the prospective to strengthen the relations amongst the countries?

**Deterioration of Indo-Nepal relations**

2819. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the reasons for the deterioration of Indo-Nepal relations in the recent past; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to rectify the unfortunate fall-out in Indo-Nepal relations?

**Operation Sankat Mochan to rescue Indians in Sudan**

2820. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India recently carried out successfully its rescue operation code named operation Sankat Mochan to evacuate a large number of Indians stranded at Jubah in South Sudan where a civil war had erupted earlier killing more than 300 persons from various ethnic factions; and

(b) whether considering the urgency and complexity of the situation, India chose to depute its Minister of State for External Affairs to personally supervise the rescue operations, if so, the details thereof?

**Indian's entry into SCO**

2821. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a long drawn process lies ahead for India to complete its entry into the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO);

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has sought fairly flexible multilateralism in its extended neighbourhood; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has signed a base document which is called the Memorandum of Obligations, if so, the details thereof?

**States selected under "Housing for All" scheme**

†2822. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have been selected under "Housing for All" scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of houses to be constructed, State-wise and the marks in which the States and the cities or towns there in have been selected;

(c) whether Government proposes to implement this scheme in all the cities and towns of the country, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government proposes to implement this scheme in the rural areas also, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Social rental housing scheme in urban areas for migrants**

2823. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide rental housing in urban areas for migrants under Social Rental Housing Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Percentage of residents living in rented houses**

2824. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the percentage of residents in urban areas of this country who live in rented housing, year-wise and State-wise since 2012;

(b) whether a Government Task Force for Rental Housing 2013 recommended the inclusion of rental housing with Central assistance Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; (PMAY);

(c) the reasons why provisions of rental housing were left out of PMAY; and

(d) the details of the steps taken, if any, by Government to ensure provision of affordable rental housing, especially for those who cannot afford to purchase homes?

#### **Houses for people with low income in Rajasthan**

†2825. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses proposed to be built for people with low income in Rajasthan;

(b) whether such a plan for every district is under consideration of the Government; and

(c) if so, by when it would be approved?

#### **Shelters for workers and poor people in cities**

†2826. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to provide livable shelter for winter, summer and rainy season to workers and poor people, who come to

cities in search of employment and settle there, in proportion to their number; and

(b) the number of such workers and poor people who do not have houses to live in the capital of the country as well as the capitals of States with reference to above and arrangements made to provide them shelter till houses are not built for them?

#### **Shelter for urban homeless under NULM**

2827. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shelters for urban homeless set up under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), State-wise;

(b) the number of those shelters that provide amenities including water and electricity;

(c) the amount of funds disbursed by Government for the construction of these shelters; and

(d) the number of urban homeless people who availed of these shelters, State-wise and year-wise since 2012?

#### **Estimated shortage of urban houses**

2828. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technical Group on Urban Housing Shortage (TG-12) has estimated shortage of 18.78 million urban houses in India;

(b) whether this figure has increased as on date; and

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(c) if so, how it is proposed to meet this shortfall in view of Housing for all by 2022?

**Target for creation of housing and infrastructural facilities in cities of Haryana**

2829. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether Government has achieved the target for creation of housing and infrastructural facilities under provisioning of Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) all over the country and particularly in Haryana;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made of this Programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Programme for training teachers of engineering colleges**

2830. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) have undertaken Quality Improvement Programme and Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme to train teachers of engineering colleges, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any teachers from engineering colleges of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been trained by IITs under

the above or any other programme, if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the above training helps in improving the quality of teaching in engineering colleges and research?

**Funds for vocational training in Madhya Pradesh**

†2831. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only one thousand seats are sanctioned in the vocational training centres in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether ₹ 30000/- is released to each trainee thus amounting to ₹ 300.000 lakhs each year;

(c) whether no fund has been received from the Ministry for the last three years; and

(d) by when the fund of ₹ 869.91 lakh would be released by Government to State Government of Madhya Pradesh?

**Schemes for Education in Madrasas**

2832. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes for providing education in Madrasas;

(b) how many students have been benefited from the scheme since its inception;

(c) the details of targets fixed and achievements made during last three years; and

(d) the steps taken to make the schemes more effective?

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**Shortage of specialist teachers in  
Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh**

2833. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre-sponsored study on the demand and supply of teachers suggests that Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh are facing severe shortage of subject specialist teachers for secondary schools in the States; and

(b) if so, the percentage of shortage in these States; and

(c) the reasons for shortage of teachers and recommendations to ensure availability of subject specialist teachers and the details thereof?

**Assessment of performance of  
Government and aided schools**

2834. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure adopted by Government to assess the performance of Government schools and Government aided schools;

(b) whether the performance of the schools have any bearing on the performance of the teacher and the principal of the respective schools; and

(c) whether Government forwarded any suggestion to the Education Departments of the State Governments for improving the quality of teaching for better results?

**Implementation of no detention policy**

†2835. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to scrap the "No Detention Policy", if so, by when;

(b) the number of State Governments that have recommended scrapping of "No Detention Policy"; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to bring uniformity in curriculum of all the education boards of the country?

**Status of Central University to  
Vikramshila University**

†2836. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accorded approval for giving of Central University Status to the Vikramshila University; and

(b) if so, the salient features of this action plan and the provision of amount to be spent for this purpose, the details thereof?

**Malpractices in distance education  
system**

†2837. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to constitute any agency or formulate any law to keep a watch on the distance education system and institutes as well as to prevent their uncontrolled spread;

(b) whether the complaints of misleading the students, cheating and conducting courses without approval are increasing in the higher education being

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imparted through the distance education during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

**Proper hygienic toilets for girl students**

2838. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in the capital city of the country which are exclusively for Girl students;

(b) how many of them have provision for proper hygienic toilets for the students and the Teachers; and

(c) the ratio of toilets per student and what is the ratio of toilets per safai karamcharis for cleaning them?

**Drop-out students after primary and secondary level**

2839. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drop-out students after primary level and secondary level in the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for such huge number of drop-out students; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the number of drop-out students?

**Allotment of land for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Goa**

2840. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land

allotted to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in Valpoi in North-Goa is involved in legal tangle;

(b) how much land was allotted to JNV, notification/circular issued for the purpose and the date thereof;

(c) the issues involved in the allotment of land;

(d) whether Government proposes to have any amicable settlement with respect to the land; and

(e) what efforts have been made in this regard and result of any talks held with respect to the same?

**Upgradation of Navodaya Vidyalaya upto graduation level**

2841. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to upgrade the Navodaya Vidyalayas up to Graduation level, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details about the academic performance of students along with their employability ratio for the last three years?

**Vidyanjali Yojana**

†2842. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed one and all to study in all the Government schools under Vidyanjali Yojana;

(b) if so, the criteria to determine

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whether teacher fulfils the eligibility conditons or not; and

(c) if not, the real objective of Vidyanjali Yojana?

**Buxar Kendriya Vidyalaya functioning without its own building**

†2843. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar not having their own building;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya at Buxar, having no building of its own is being run in the premises of another Vidyalaya;

(c) the impediments being faced in providing building for the Vidyalaya; and

(d) the details of efforts being made to remove those impediments?

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Gujarat and Rajasthan**

†2844. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of establishing Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the details of such operational Vidyalayas currently, State-wise;

(c) the extent to which the objectives of establishing Navodaya Vidyalayas have been achieved; and

(d) whether there is any plan for opening such Vidyalayas in the country, particularly

in Gujarat and Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the location?

**Trained teachers for polytechnics in Odisha**

2845. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has plan for establishing a Technical Teachers Training Institutes (TTTI) on the pattern of National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), with practical training facilities in the State of Odisha to create a pool of trained teachers for the Polytechnics to maintain quality of teaching in Government and Private polytechnics?

**Technical education quality improvement programme in Odisha**

2846. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government is considering coverage of a four Government Engineering Colleges, two Professional Colleges and one Technological University in the State of Odisha under Technical Education University Quality Improvement Programme-II (TEQIP-II)?

**Increase in KV and Navodaya Vidyalayas**

2847. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing number of

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Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas is insufficient in comparison to demand;

(b) whether Government feels that the students are being forced to take admission in private schools that charge hefty fee which is unaffordable, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any programme to increase the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in near future; and

(d) if so, the proposed time-frame, with relevant details?

**AICTE notices to institutions running without approval**

2848. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether notices are issued to the institutions running without the approval from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) if so, names of such institutions and response thereto;

(c) whether these notices are about to close down or to get the approval;

(d) how many of these have responded; and

(e) action taken against those who did not comply?

**Language laboratories for cultural diversity**

†2849. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

set up language laboratories in all parts of the country for preservation of cultural diversity;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to set up such language laboratory in Gujarat State also; and

(c) if so, the places where they would come up and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Bringing State Universities to the level of central institutions**

2850. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of central universities, IITs, IIMs, subject-specific institutions, etc. which are funded by Government;

(b) the funds spent on such Government educational institutions of all types and categories in 2015-16;

(c) whether there is any effort to extend similar and parallel help to State Universities in the country;

(d) the steps proposed to bring all State Universities upto the same level as central institutions; and

(e) whether lower standards and poor facilities at State Universities are impacting quality of education across the country?

**Establishment of higher education institutes in Madhya Pradesh**

†2851. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutes having status

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equivalent to the Indian Institute of Management, Indian Institute of Technology and Indian Institute of Information Technology; State-wise;

(b) new institutes likely to be set up during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether such institutes are proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh within this plan period; and

(d) if so, the details of the institutes established/proposed to be established?

#### **List of journals under Academic Programme Indicators System**

2852. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has set up a committee to prepare an exhaustive list of journals in which academics must publish, if they want their publications to earn them points in the Academic Performance Indicators system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made so far along with action taken by Government on the committee report so far?

#### **Residential model school in Chhattisgarh**

†2853. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval is awaited for construction of residential complexes in 74 model schools being run in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that shortage of residential model schools is being felt in

14 Scheduled Caste dominated districts of Chhattisgarh and why Guru Balakdas residential schools for boys and Safara Mata residential schools for girls can not be run in Chhattisgarh on the pattern of Eklavya schools; and

(c) whether the approval for establishing model schools in 72 blocks out of 146 blocks is still awaited?

#### **Residential Schools in naxal affected areas for increasing students enrolment**

†2854. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether universalisation of education and setting up residential schools at primary level has helped in increasing students enrolment in the naxal affected areas; and

(b) whether the Chief Minister has made correspondence with Government to run residential schools upto class XII to arrest the drop-out rate after VIII class and whether the Central Government has agreed to act on it?

#### **Building for Central University in Jharkhand**

†2855. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central University in Jharkhand has not been shifted to its own building so far and it is being run at Panchayat Training Campus;

(b) whether it is also a fact that efficiency enhancement related works of Panchayat representatives of Jharkhand are getting

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affected due to running of the Central University at the Panchayat campus for training ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would like to take, in this regard?

**Establishment of offices of Central Institutes in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh**

2856. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated setting up of the offices/departments/ Institutions that come under it like Department of School and Higher Education, IIT, IIM, JNU, Kendriya Vidyalaya, National Open Schooling, NIT, Central Classical Institute, JNV, etc. in the Amravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any request relating to procurement of land and infrastructure needed for this purpose have been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

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

**Revival of technical institutes in the country**

†2857. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that technical institutes in various parts of the country are not functioning or are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, whether Government is

considering to take some steps to revive these institutes; and

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

**Review committee for UGC grants**

†2858. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a five member committee to review the grants given by University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the subjects for review/terms of reference of the committee; and

(c) whether Government plans to revive the functioning of the research laboratories for self-creation of funds in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**Tough examination paper under CBSE**

2859. SHRIR. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maths and Accountancy Twelfth examination papers of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) All India/Delhi were very difficult, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there were inconsistencies in the question paper design and difficulty level of question paper under All India scheme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether CBSE had agreed to but did not give grace marks to the students, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to avoid such discrepancies in future, to safeguard the students' interest?

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**Vacancies in Central Universities**

‡2860. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country in which the posts of Vice-Chancellor, Professor and teachers are vacant;

(b) since when these posts are lying vacant in the universities; and

(c) the rules for the selection of Vice-Chancellors and whether the selection procedure in all the universities is similar, the details thereof?

**Conversion of engineering colleges into skill development centres**

2861. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to turn engineering colleges into 'Skill Development Centre' across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) whether a committee has been formed in every State with the Chief Secretary and a member of AICTE to screen all applications;

(c) whether it is a fact that ₹ 475 crores has been set aside to implement this scheme;

(d) the targets fixed in this regard for 2016-17 and whether any preference would be given to engineering colleges of rural and tribal areas; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to lay emphasis on rural areas in this regard?

**Executive Council meeting of Jamia Milia Islamia**

‡2862. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the executive council of Jamia Milia Islamia has demanded amendment in the Jamia Milia Islamia Act, 1988 *vide* proposal number 11(a), (b), (c) and (d) in its meeting held on May, 9, 1997;

(b) if so, the draft thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far to implement this proposal?

**Regulatory laws for coaching institutes**

2863. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coaching business in India is becoming a serious mafia business and breeding ground for unethical tactics in education; and

(b) whether Government proposes to regulate coaching business by making and implementing strict regulatory laws, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Regular faculty for IIM, Ranchi**

‡2864. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no regular Director in Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi since November, 2014;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is

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a shortage of faculty in IIM, Ranchi and professors and assistant professors are temporarily working here on contract basis; and

(c) if so, by when Government would resolve the issue of shortage of faculty including regular Director there?

#### **Funds for Bihar under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

†2865. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is drastically reducing the amount meant for Bihar under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Bihar had demanded ₹ 18,277 crores for year 2016-17 whereas the Central Government has provided ₹ 9,665.27 crore only; and

(c) if so, whether Government would provide the entire amount demanded by Bihar in order to make Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan successful and if so, by when?

#### **Schools and hostels under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

†2866. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schools and hostels established in each district under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the country, State-wise togetherwith the status of hostel and school building, the number of students and the expenditure to be incurred on the management thereof; and

(b) the action plan for developing this system and enhancing its quality with reference to above?

#### **Reservation for differently abled students**

†2867. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of differently-abled students in the top 150 academic institutions of the country is less than one per cent, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is a provision of three per cent reservation for the differently-abled students in the academic institutions of the country, if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Scholarship grants for SC/ST and OBC students**

2868. KUMARI SELJA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the scholarship grants provided by Government for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Caste students in the country have been reduced during the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total amount sanctioned and released by Government under such scheme during the last two years and the current year?

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**Implementation of SSA and RTE Act**

2869. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether various initiatives of Government including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as well as the Right to Education Act, 2009 (RTE) have been able to decrease the number of out-of-school children in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated/release for implementation of SSA and RTE during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the State which was the best and which was the worst in implementing SSA and Right to Education (RTE) Act during the last three years?

**Additional grace marks for CBSE students**

2870. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that other Twelfth Standard Boards are inflating the marks obtained by the students in the twelfth standard examination, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether such practices are putting the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) students to great disadvantage in admission to higher education, if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether this distorted marking

system is leading to an unhealthy competition among various boards; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to protect CBSE, All India and Delhi students in Twelfth Standard?

**Promotion of vocational education**

2871. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote and popularise vocational education in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has advised each technical institution in the country to conduct courses in core engineering skills after the college-hours for the unemployed and interested youths; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students who have benefited under the scheme in Himachal Pradesh?

**Promotion of films on children in India**

†2872. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India being a country with highest population of children, the number of films being made on children is negligible;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to boost the films on children in India; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to provide subsidy and fifty per cent concession on the tickets to remove

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the obstacles faced by the distributors of films on children, if so, the details thereof?

**Vacant posts of DGM in Doordarshan**

2873. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many posts of Deputy General Managers (DGMs) and other Senior Posts in Doordarshan are lying vacant as of today, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) how much of the Doordarshan's (DDs) performance in the national news service is affected by this shortage; and

(c) what is the Government's plan to solve this problem?

**Low frequency TV tower at Jashpur, Chhattisgarh**

2874. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether TV tower at Jashpur, Chhattisgarh is of low frequency and at a very-very bad state;

(b) if so, whether the frequency would be improved and staff would be recruited; and

(c) whether Government is planning to shut down the Doordarshan at Jashpur?

**Sambalpuri/Koshli TV Channels at Bargarh, Odisha**

2875. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

rich cultural heritage of western Odisha; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would take initiative for sanction of a separate exclusive Sambalpuri/Koshli TV Channel through satellite of Prasar Bharti DD to be set up at Bargarh?

**Posts excluded from the benefit of reservation for disabled persons**

2876. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has created an arbitrary and irrational distinction by excluding identified posts in Group 'A' and 'B' from the benefit of three per cent reservation for disabled persons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is the view of Government that providing for reservation for disabled persons in higher level posts is constitutionally impermissible; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that direct recruitment to the posts of Group 'A' and 'B' would lead to denial of disabled persons in the 'C' and 'D' category any chances of promotion to the higher ranks if so, the details thereof?

**Request from IAS officers for repatriation to their respective cadres**

2877. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during last two years many Group A (IAS) officers in the rank of Joint Secretary and above have requested repatriation to their respective cadres, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of IASs and other central services officers of Gujarat cadre in the rank

of Joint Secretary and above who are currently with the Central Government at New Delhi also with their period of stay; and

(c) the details of vacancies in Central Government in the rank of Joint Secretary and above and the plans of filling these posts, Ministry-wise?

#### **Exorbitant increase in citizen's grievances**

2878. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an exorbitant increase in citizen's grievances in recent years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken any effective steps for monitoring of grievances/ punishing the delinquent officials and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Training programme for Government Servants to deal with general public**

2879. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the general public who have to deal with Government departments are not satisfied with the efficiency and behaviour of Government servants;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would consider organizing training programmes for Government servants in order to develop and inculcate professional approach in their working; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **CBI looking for tax experts to probe cases**

2880. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is looking for tax experts from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other financial institutions to help in probing high-profile cases including the multi-crore chit fund scams and alleged loan defaults, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether CBI wants to appoint senior advisers on foreign trade or foreign exchange and taxation to provide technical assistance, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Strengthening of CBI**

2881. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided/ contemplated any action to bring the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) under any new statute in place of Delhi Special Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946; and

(b) whether Government has decided/ contemplated any action to strengthen the CBI in view of growing number of cases being referred to it by Central/State Governments and Supreme Court/High Courts, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Thirty meter telescope in Ladakh**

†2882. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is considering to install thirty meter telescope in Ladakh;

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

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

**Research farms to assess effectiveness of GM crops**

2883. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government for introduction of genetically modified crops in the country;

(b) whether Government has set up various research farms to assess effectiveness of Genetically Modified crops and its disadvantage, if any, on the eco-system; and

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to highlight the need for introduction of Genetically Modified crops for food security of the country?

**Technology for finding adulteration in milk**

†2884. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed a new technology to analyse and to find out adulteration in milk through Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a survey has been conducted to ascertain the quantum of adulterated milk available in the market and if not, the details thereof;

(c) how the new technology is likely to help in dealing with adulteration in milk which is causing health risk at the national level; and

(d) the details of the estimated cost of setting up of such a centre for this technology?

**Funds for LIGO-India project**

2885. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether funding has been approved for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO)-India project;

(b) if so, the details of the amount sanctioned so far, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the proposed project seeks to collaborate with other countries working on gravitational waves, if so, the details thereof?

**Task Force for implementation of projects under National Laboratory Schemes**

2886. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has constituted a Task Force for network projects for implementation, monitoring and financial governance of five year plan projects under National Laboratory Scheme;

(b) if so, the details including composition, terms of reference of task force, the number of network projects, the decisions taken/implemented, project-wise, task force-wise; and

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(c) whether decisions taken in the Task Force meeting of network project Vulnerability Assessment and Development of Adaptation Strategies for Climate Change Impact with special reference to coast and broad eco-system of India (VACCIN) held in April 2016 have been implemented, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Target and funds allocated for schemes for skill development**

2887. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes announced by Government in 2014-2016, to promote skill development, along with the details of the funds allocated and utilized till date;

(b) if so, whether Government achieved targets in 2014-15 with respect to objective of the scheme/schemes, State/UT-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) scheme also promotes skill development, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Operationalisation of India International Skill Centres**

2888. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognizes that there is lack of skill capital in the country;

(b) whether the proposed India International Skill Centres (IISCs) to

promote skill trainings and certification have been operationalized;

(c) whether Government recognises that retaining skilled manpower for encouraging jobs in the country instead of overseas is equally significant; and

(d) if so, what efforts/schemes are being promoted by Government for the same?

**Modernisation of ITIs with World Bank assistance**

2889. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country is providing job oriented training to the students is showing dismal picture and need a full revamp, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is modernizing the ITIs with World Bank assistance, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) present status thereof?

**Skill development in Rajasthan**

†2890. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of skill development centres set up in Rajasthan for development of skill and entrepreneurship among youths;

(b) the number of youths and the trades in which they have been trained in these centres;

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(c) the number of youths provided job under the above scheme so far; and

(d) the total number of registered unemployed youths in Rajasthan and the steps being taken by the Central Government to provide job to them?

**Skill development centres in backward areas**

2891. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skill development centres/institutes set up by various Ministries/Departments and the funds allocated/utilized for the purpose during each of the last two years, State/Union Territory-wise and Ministry-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up network of institutes for the development of skill in various States especially backward and dalit areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including modalities being worked out for the purpose and training modules proposed?

**Skill development centres in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal**

2892. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any target to provide employment and self employment under various skill development schemes, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, scheme-wise;

(b) the number of unemployed youths given employment during the last two years and the current year under various skill development schemes, scheme-wise, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the number of skill development schemes in operation and the sector-wise number of skill development centres, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal?

**Reservation for SC/ST under skill development programme**

†2893. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the reservation provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under skill development programme and the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates provided training during last two years;

(b) the number of persons provided job in Government and Non-Government Organisations after skill development training including Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and the details of their average income/wages/remuneration; and

(c) the total number of organised workers provided Job in the last two years after providing special training, the details thereof including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

**Sub-committee of Chief Ministers for skill development**

†2894. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether a sub-committee of Chief Ministers had been constituted on skill development to cater to the specific skill requirements of various States under Prime Minister Skill Development Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the sub-committee of Chief Ministers has submitted its recommendations to the Government and whether these recommendations are being implemented, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Welfare schemes for welfare of senior citizens**

2895. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens;

(b) funds released by the Central Government to each State particularly to Punjab under these schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise;

(c) whether Government has received requests from State Government for more funds; and

(d) the number of old age homes functioning in each State?

#### **De-addiction centres under CSS in Rajasthan**

†2896. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the locations in Rajasthan where de-addiction centres have been opened under Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS);

(b) whether regular financial assistance is being provided to these de-addiction centres by the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to save the opium and opium-poppy addicts from the said addiction in Rajasthan?

#### **Steps to save children from begging**

2897. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that children begging instead of going to school is common sight at the road crossings of the National Capital, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government proposes to take to save these children from begging and to rehabilitate and educate them?

#### **SC judgements on reservation to physically disabled candidates**

2898. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministry's stand on the recent Supreme Court judgement asking Government to provide 3 per cent reservation to physically disabled candidates in all Government posts;

(b) the Ministry's stand on the DoPT Memoranda which had created a distinction between Group A and B posts and Group C and D posts, by not providing reservation in Group A and B posts filled through promotion; and

(c) in what manner the Ministry would ensure that the recent Supreme Court's judgement gets implemented?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Number of students with disabilities in the country**

2899. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students with disabilities in schools, colleges and universities in the country;

(b) the total number of scholarships offered to the persons with disabilities, scheme-wise;

(c) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the last two years, scheme-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the uptake under such schemes?

(a) whether the "Dhangar" caste has been included among Scheduled Castes *vide* Government of India's Gazette serial number 27 under article 330, 332 and sections 15(4) and 16(4) of article 335 of the Constitution;

(b) whether Dhangar happens to be a sub-caste of Pal, Baghel, Chandel, Gaderia, Kurba and Rabari, etc.;

(c) if so, whether Government is aware that a Scheduled Caste certificate is not being issued to Pal, Baghel, Chandel, Gaderia castes in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto and the action to be taken by Government to issue Scheduled Caste certificates to these castes?

**Centrally sponsored post-matric stipend scheme for Uttarakhand**

†2900. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has released the amount of cent per cent centrally sponsored Scheduled Castes post matric stipend scheme for the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 for Uttarakhand;

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

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing money to Uttarakhand so far; and

(d) the duration for which the State would have to wait?

**Inclusion of "Dhangar" community as SCs**

†2901. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

**Rules for banning consumption of liquor across the country**

2902. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to ban consumption of liquor across the country by framing rules under the Union List or Concurrent List enumerated in the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far by Government in this regard, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Proper care of children homes of Maharashtra**

2903. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government proposes to set up children homes in the country particularly in Maharashtra for development and care of children with intellectual and development disabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of the said homes set up by Government during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that children are taken care properly in the said homes?

**Funds spent on National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)**

2904. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds spent on National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that the results obtained from NSSO surveys are severely hampered due to the absence of quantity and quality of workforce;

(c) the details of funds released and spent on improving the quality of the existing workforce during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of existing workforce in National Sample Survey Office along with vacant positions, category-wise, State-wise?

**Consumer Price Indices (CPIs) not reflecting real picture of prices**

2905. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed that Consumer Price Indices (CPIs) being published by Government are not reflecting the realistic picture of the prices of consumer goods in open market;

(b) if so, whether Government has any compound strategy to see that the CPIs shall reflect the real picture of the prices of goods; and

(c) if not, whether Government has any verification mechanism at data collection sources that they are furnishing real time information?

**Ceiling fans in general pool residential accommodation**

2906. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken in the past to provide ceiling fans in all the rooms of general pool residential accommodation (GPRAs); and

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing fans in all the rooms of GPRAs situated in Sector-8, R.K. Puram, New Delhi and action taken to provide ceiling fans in all rooms?

**Funds allocated for SAAP for Tamil Nadu**

2907. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken on the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) for 2015-16 submitted by State of Tamil Nadu under AMRUT scheme;

(b) the details of funds allocated for SAAP 2015-16 for the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the details of fund released so far for SAAP 2015-16 during the current financial year?

**Construction under HRIDAY scheme in cities from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh**

2908. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering to take up construction of projects under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme with an outlay of 31 crores in selected cities of the country; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of cities selected for this purpose in the country and particularly in the State of Telangana/Andhra Pradesh, the details thereof?

**Harassment to applicants of DDA Rohini Residential Scheme**

2909. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of allottees of Rohini Residential Scheme-1981 along with all terms and conditions on which plots were offered;

(b) original timeline of allotting plots and their handing over to eligible allottees;

(c) detailed reasons for DDA not adhering to this timeline;

(d) total delay (in years) that occurred in holding draw of plots and date of draw;

(e) whether original terms and conditions of allotment and plot size were altered before draw was held;

(f) the reasons why applicants/their representatives were not consulted before such alteration; and

(g) the reasons why DDA which caused harassment to applicants by delay is now declaring them ineligible due to purchase of house from open market?

**Slash in rates of DDA land**

2910. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Ministry has decided to slash DDA land rates, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the rationale behind such a move?

**RWA request for construction of Barat Ghar in Government colonies**

†2911. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that requests for construction of Barat Ghar in several Government colonies including Aaram Bagh have been made by the Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) and from other levels during the last several years;

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

(c) the manner in which the above request of RWAs is likely to be addressed by Government through the concerned Planning Department and the details thereof?

**Ultra-modern sports arenas in smart city plan**

†2912. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that construction of ultra-modern sports arenas in cities has not been proposed in Government's ambitious smart city plan; and

(b) if so, whether Government would contemplate a scheme for linking smart-cities with sports facilities?

**Increase in Central assistance  
under Swachh Bharat  
Programme**

2913. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to increase the amount of Central assistance under Swachh Bharat Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of Pune and Solapur as  
smart city**

2914. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cities and towns of India constitute the world's second largest urban system;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government for the improvement of infrastructure and basic services to the people;

(c) how far the smart city concept take care of these requirements; and

(d) the steps taken for development of Pune and Solapur cities of Maharashtra as smart city?

**Impact of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in  
West Bengal**

2915. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of impact of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan State-wise along with the details for West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) the details of targets set and results achieved for Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) in West Bengal, district-wise separately showing toilets completed and toilets under construction;

(c) the district-wise details of Municipal Solid Waste Management (MSWM) targets set and result achieved for door-to-door collection of waste in West Bengal; and

(d) details of urban and rural component of funds released under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan till date, State-wise and year-wise?

**Construction work in areas falling  
under "0" zone**

†2916. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas falling under "0" zone in Delhi;

(b) whether plotting is being carried out on the land falling under "0" zone coming under the legislative assembly constituencies of Okhla and Badarpur and the construction work of boundary walls and houses is going on details thereof;

(c) whether relaxations in norms has been granted by Government for carrying out construction work in "0" zone, if so, details thereof; and

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(d) steps taken by Government to prevent the construction work being undertaken in "O" zone under legislative assembly constituencies of Okhla and Badarpur, details thereof?

**Piped sewer system in households of Haryana**

2917. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban households in Haryana which have access to a piped sewer system as per Census 2011; and

(b) the nature of Central assistance given by the Union Government to Haryana in this regard during the last three years and the current year so far?

**Notification pending for urbanised villages**

†2918. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Master Plan Delhi 2021 was prepared in 2007 and a notification was issued to develop the outskirts of Delhi by 'Land Pooling Policy' without resorting to acquisition of land for that purpose in the year 2013;

(b) whether the rules were framed and approved by Government to implement the said 'Land Pooling Policy' in the year 2015;

(c) whether the villages in respect of which the said policy shall be applicable would be declared as urbanized villages; and

(d) as ownership of land vests with Central Government, what efforts are being

made to implement the policy in order to clear the doubts of the farmers on this court?

**Status of RRTS corridors project**

2919. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor projects undertaken;

(b) the allocation made, released and utilised for these corridors during each of the last three years and the current financial year, corridor-wise; and

(c) the time by which these corridors are likely to be completed?

**Facilities to people living in urban slums**

2920. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people living in urban slums, and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government has any report about current status of basic facilities available to people living in urban slums such as latrines, drinking water and health care, if so, the details thereof?

**Conversion of census towns into statutory towns**

2921. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of census towns in the country, State-wise;

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(b) whether Government proposes to convert certain census towns into statutory towns and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote planned urban development in census towns across the country as well as to check unplanned construction in such towns?

#### **Stoppage of further land use change in NCR**

2922. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Plan 2021 was published to achieve homogeneous and sustainable development of the National Capital Region and whether the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 prohibits any development in NCR which is inconsistent with the published Regional Plan;

(b) whether a fact Noida, Greater Noida, Faridabad, Gurgaon have already more urbanised land than the Regional Plan 2021 provisions for these settlements; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by the NCR Planning Board and the Ministry to stop further land use change in these cities to ensure that development of these towns is as per the Regional Plan?

#### **Projects under JNNURM in Bihar**

2923. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in Bihar where projects under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are proposed to be undertaken and the amount allocated for these projects;

(b) the plans for implementation of these projects and the status of their progress project-wise; and

(c) whether a large number of projects are pending under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in Bihar and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of Land Pool Policy in Delhi**

2924. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether notification of villages under Land Pooling Policy as urban villages and declaration of development area of DDA by Delhi Government is mandatory for implementation of Land pooling policy in Delhi;

(b) the names of act which provides for mandatory declaration of urban villages by Delhi Government for implementation of this policy in Delhi; and

(c) whether Lt. Governor (LG) of Delhi is empowered to implement this policy in case Delhi Government does not notify urban villages as the Central Government has already notified the policy and land as a subject matter in Delhi is under the Ministry and LG being its custodian and, the details thereof?

#### **Long-term collaboration for manufacturing of metro coaches**

2925. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether metro coaches we buy from foreign companies are on one time sale basis;



(b) whether their long term collaboration with companies so that we can manufacture metro coaches in India too; and

(c) if so, the details of such agreement with name of manufacturer and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **National Policy for single women**

2926. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any national policy for single women separately, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any scheme for welfare/employment of single women, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to check exploitation of single women engaged in domestic help in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Insurance Scheme for Anganwadi workers**

2927. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced any insurance scheme for the Anganwadi workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the share of the Central Government and the concerned State Governments in the said scheme;

(c) whether cases of Anganwadi workers

being deprived of availing the benefits of the said scheme from various parts of the country have come to the notice of Government;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Draft of National Policy for women, 2016**

2928. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft of National Policy for women 2016 is ready;

(b) if so, what are the specific measures taken to reduce victimization of women and children through coercion into trafficking; and

(c) the existing legislations/provisions for rehabilitation of trafficked persons and what changes the new policy have brought in this regard?

#### **Performance of child rights panel in Tamil Nadu**

2929. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 has been adopted and statutory bodies under the law have been put in place; and

(b) the performance of Child rights panel in Tamil Nadu as compared to other States?

**Safety measures for women**

2930. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to ensure 100 per cent safety of women what measures have been taken by the Central Government; and

(b) whether all public places, railway/bus/commercial stations be fitted with CCTV cameras for safety of women?

upcoming draft Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016;

(c) what action is being taken to increase awareness on the issue to improve the reporting of crime at the grassroots level; and

(d) what measures Government is taking to facilitate coordination through intra-ministry work-streams to ensure that best evidence protocols are followed during the trial of child/human trafficking cases?

**Budget for safety measures for women**

2931. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget amount allocated for the safety measures for women during the last two financial years;

(b) the total amount spent so far in improving the safety of women during the same period; and

(c) the details of the specific purposes on which the budget amount has been spent?

**Foster care scheme for orphan children**

2933. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched foster care scheme for orphan children and adoption centres and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether placement agencies are likely to be involved in malpractices in child adoption process and offering adoption to foreign couples without permission of their biological guardians; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

**Features of draft Trafficking of Persons Bill**

2932. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures to increase deterrence of our children being abducted and trafficked as according to NCRB data the national conviction rate of Human Trafficking cases is 2 per cent;

(b) if so, whether this can be seen in the

**Rehabilitation and resettlement of trafficked women and children**

2934. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women and children trafficked into organ trading, sex-work and other activities in last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the various laws and policies in place to stop women and child trafficking in the country;

(c) the various policy measures taken by Government for rehabilitation and resettlement of trafficked women and children in last two years and the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the women and children who are trafficked are from low socio-economic background if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Violence and sexual abuse against children in Haryana and Punjab**

2935. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden increase in violence and sexual abuse against children across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Haryana and Punjab during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the action taken by Government to curb such cases of violence against children?

**Anti malnutrition campaign by World Bank for children and women of Maharashtra**

2936. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank sponsored anti malnutrition campaign for children and women has recently been launched in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) in what manner Government proposes to supplement the campaign to make it a success?

**Different figures of deaths due to malnutrition by different organisations**

2937. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths that has taken place in the country due to malnutrition since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government has found any difference in number of such deaths as presented by Government reports and the data published by reports of international agencies and NGOs;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take for bringing down the number of deaths due to malnutrition?

**Healthy food to pregnant women**

†2938. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the survey data of UNICEF, about ten lakh children under five years of age in the country including Maharashtra succumb to untimely death due to malnutrition;

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

(c) whether Government has evaluated the health-nourishing and nutritious food being provided at anganwadi centres; and

(d) if so, Government's plan to provide nutritious food and better health facilities to majority of pregnant women?

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**Difference in birth ratio of male and female child in Chhattisgarh**

‡2939. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts of the country in which there is a big difference in birth ratio of male and female child;

(b) whether as per the database of the Health department in Balod, Janjgir-Champa, Jashpur, Kawardha and Narayanpur districts of Chhattisgarh, there is a big difference in the birth ratio of male and female child;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from the Chhattisgarh Government to include these districts under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme; and

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

**Steps taken to reduce child mortality rate**

2940. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that hundreds of children die in the national capital due to malnutrition and hunger, according to UNICEF report released recently;

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

(c) what is the number of annual untimely deaths of children in various metropolitan cities, city-wise, in the last three years;

(d) various schemes that are in place for the welfare of children and to provide healthcare and food to them; and

(e) the steps taken to reverse the trend by reducing child mortality rate in the country?

**Data regarding child beggars**

2941. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding the number of child beggars across the country, if so, State/UT-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of the action being contemplated by the various law enforcement agencies to check this social menace;

(c) whether Government has any plan to rehabilitate these children under any of the present schemes of Government, in particular through Swachh Bharat Scheme, the details thereof; and

(d) the plans of Government to eradicate street begging, the details thereof?

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