

## 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; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Overseas Indian Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Apprehensions about nuclear safety

2721. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the apprehensions about nuclear safety in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether experts have opined that India is having untested reactor designs, used in atomic power plants, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect people and to have tested equipments in the plants?

#### Use of radiation technology for fruits and vegetables

2722. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking about using nuclear radiation technology developed by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for increasing the shelf life of fruits and vegetables, especially that of onions and potatoes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of radiation plants established by Government so far together with the details of the fruits and vegetables whose shelf life have been increased; and

(c) whether Government has conducted tests to ascertain that the technology

approved by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Commission is safe and there are no safety issues whatsoever, the details thereof?

#### **Record production of Uranium**

2723. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has registered a record production of over 1,252 MT of uranium, manufacturing close to double the annual fuel requirement of atomic reactors in the country;

(b) whether the production has far exceeded the country's annual fuel requirement of 650 MT for the Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors, which means the country has surplus nuclear fuel that will last several months;

(c) whether every 700 MW of reactor needs 125 MT of uranium every year; and

(d) whether with the rising number of power reactors in the country, the demand is expected to rise for uranium?

#### **Use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes**

2724. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the areas where atomic energy has been used for peaceful purposes in the country; and

(b) whether Government has contemplated new areas to use the atomic energy, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in pending queries with CIC**

2725. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been drastic increase in pending queries with Central Information Commission (CIC) in 2014 as compared to previous year, if so, the details of pending queries, year-wise; and

(b) whether there has been increase in appeals and complaints in 2014 as compared to previous year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Objective and goal of 'Act East Policy'**

2726. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the objective and goal of the 'Act East Policy' of Government;

(b) whether Government has carried out any study to identify the beneficiaries under the policy, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts taken by Government to achieve the targets in this regard?

#### **Development of border States**

2727. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop the entire border States of North East with modern facilities particularly with medical, education and trade relations, if so, the proposed details thereon; and

(b) the action that has been taken during the last three years therefor?

#### **Financial allocation to NER**

2728. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the financial allocation to the NER during the last three years ending 31st March, 2015, year-wise;

(b) whether it was equal to ten per cent of the total planned resources as mandatory; and

(c) how much was the actual expenditure, year-wise?

#### **Projects approved for NE region**

†2729. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects approved for the development of North East in 2014-15 and the names of such projects for which the time limit for approval was 2014-15, whether those projects had been completed, if not, the hindrance therein;

(b) the main obstacles in the development of North East, whether those problems have been resolved to some extent during last ten years; and

(c) if so, the details of the problems that have been solved and remaining problems that are still persisting?

#### **Deaths related to hot heat**

2730. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai would see the hot heat related deaths by 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to a study conducted the heat wave would take the maximum toll on urban cities of India in year 2020 and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shifting of India and Nepal after earthquake**

2731. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recent earthquake in Nepal, India has moved 10 feet towards north;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Nepal has moved 3 meters Southwards; and

(c) what would be the implications of these movements?

#### **Research in cloud seeding**

2732. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken some research in the areas of cloud seeding to improve rains in rain deficit Areas;

(b) whether Government has made an analysis of models currently being used by the IMD for predicting monsoons in India;

(c) the variation of rainfall during

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monsoon for the the last 20 years *i.e.* actual rainfall, *versus*, predicted rainfall as per IMD; and

(d) whether Government has taken any analysis related to rainfall prediction and actual rainfall at micro level, say districts, blocks etc. and not at macro level extending India as one unit?

**Outcome of the review undertaken by RIMES**

2733. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Warning System (RIMES) conference was held in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of issues discussed during the said conference;

(c) the details of issues raised by Indian delegation during the said conference and the details of issues on which there has been a consensus among the participants; and

(d) the outcome of the review undertaken by the RIMES on various policies and programmes?

**Accuracy of monsoon forecast by private agency**

2734. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the monsoon forecast by a private agency this year has proved more accurate than the IMD predictions;

(b) if so, will there be steps to revisit the IMD prognosis;

(c) how was the behaviour of monsoon this year;

(d) whether Government still worry about drought like conditions; and

(e) if so, what plans are underway to help the farmers?

**Diseases due to pollution**

†2735. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many diseases are spreading fast in the country due to pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof especially with regard to Maharashtra; and

(c) whether Government is preparing any action plan to control pollution and if so, the details thereof?

**Discharge of unsanitised material in rivers**

2736. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the rivers and dug well water in the country contain coliform bacteria much above the permitted level;

(b) whether pathetic state of sanitation is the main reason for this and if so, how Government expects to substantially improve the situation;

(c) while Government tries to universalise safety latrines in all houses and

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public places, the discharge of unsanitised material into rivers and water bodies is on the increase according to available data, in what way and in what time interval Government intends to tackle this situation; and

(d) whether non-biological waste like heavy metals and highly poisonous chemical material also contribute in a similar fashions?

#### **Use of public parks**

2737. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Green Tribunal has asked the concerned to allow public to use park as lung space and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NGT has made it clear that public parks should not be allowed to use it for marriage and/or any other prupose; and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Import of hazardous wastes**

2738. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of import of hazardous waste in contravention of the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and importer-wise along with the actions taken by Government;

(c) the details of the importers given permission by Government to import hazardous waste along with total hazardous waste imported by them during the said period, State/UT-wise and importer-wise; and

(d) the mechanism to monitor the import of hazardous waste?

#### **Identification of species of rare plants and animals**

2739. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to identify the species of rare plants and animals in the country, which are on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, the details of such plants and animals; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to preserve the flora and fauna in the country and to expand the area under forest?

#### **Development schemes from Rajasthan pending for approval**

†2740. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development schemes of various States are pending for want of approval from the Ministry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of schemes forwarded to Forest and Environment Department for approval by Rajasthan Government, the number of approvals given out of them and the number of pending cases, the details thereof; and

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(c) by when the pending schemes would be given approval?

#### **Human-wildlife conflict in country**

2741. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertook any study/survey regarding Human - Wildlife Conflict (HWC) in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any Farmer Support Services (FSS) out of these study/survey; and

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

#### **Plantation of special type of trees**

†2742. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prescribed to plant a special type of trees for forest cover, if so, the names of those trees along with the details thereof; and

(b) the number of trees planted in the last one year, out of which how many medicinal plants have been planted, the details thereof?

#### **Failure of heavy industries to meet environmental norms**

2743. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain heavy industries are failing to meet environmental norms despite

securing certification for high level of environmental and safety management systems, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether Government is considering to increase the environmental norms and standards for such industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reviews on environmental clearance being given to these industries?

#### **Steps taken to prevent desertification in Maharashtra**

2744. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to consistent drought conditions in various parts of Maharashtra fast desertification is taking place, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or propose to take to prevent desertification of drought prone areas of Maharashtra?

#### **Restoration of Doddabatti Lake of Karnataka**

2745. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted to the Ministry a proposal for approval in principle for taking up restoration of Doddabatti Lake under NLCP programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when will the State Government be advised in the matter?

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**New set of regulations on hunting of wildlife**

2746. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed a new set of regulations on hunting of wildlife outside protected areas such as national parks and sanctuaries as well as trade of non-endangered flora and fauna, which conservationists dubbed as a license to kill;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has drafted a new wildlife conservation policy which included rules on wildlife kept in captivity to keep pace with the changing times and need along with the country's religious and cultural practices; and

(c) whether Government wants to tune the law with present day conservation challenges and if so, the details thereof?

**Emissions of climate damaging greenhouse gases**

2747. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Resources Institutes—a Global Research Organization has come out with its latest analysis of emissions of climate damaging greenhouse gases in various countries;

(b) if so, whether Government has studied the aforesaid report;

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

(d) whether it is a fact that India is far behind the other three top big emitters in terms of per capita emission;

(e) if so, whether it will give India an upper hand while negotiating for a global climate deal; and

(f) if so, the details and the stand of India in the climate summit?

**Villages under Govind National Wildlife Sanctuary**

†2748. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the development of the villages in Uttarkashi has come to a standstill and the farmers have also been denied their rights due to the creation of the Govind National Wildlife Sanctuary at Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will take steps to give the rights to those 42 villages again, who come under the Govind National Wildlife Sanctuary and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan**

2749. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) proposed by the State Government of Maharashtra is pending for want of environmental clearance and the present status of the proposal; and

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(b) the reasons for delay in granting approval to the proposed projects?

#### **New varieties of plants**

2750. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Botanical Survey of India has discovered certain new varieties of plants in the recent past and if so, the details thereof, region-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure strict compliance of the protocols relating to commercial utilisation of biological resources and protect the existing bio-diversity from human factors like urbanisation, overgrazing and deforestation etc.?

#### **Review of existing legal framework for e-waste**

2751. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created any legislative and enforcement mechanism to prevent India from becoming a dumping ground of e-waste for developed nations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to review the existing legal framework and put in place a necessary policy framework and legal architecture together with effective implementation machinery in order to meet the challenges of e-waste management in a time bound manner?

#### **Diversion of forest land in urban areas**

2752. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:  
SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diversion of forest land for non-forest use in urban areas require prior approval of Government;

(b) how many such proposals have been received from the entire country, State-wise in the last three years;

(c) how many, out of those proposals, have been approved, how many rejected and how many are pending with Central Government;

(d) what are the reasons for rejection and pendency of those proposals; and

(e) whether there is any proposal for relaxation of provisions of forest (conservation) Act for urban areas?

#### **NGT orders regarding power supply to tanneries**

2753. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the orders of National Green Tribunal (NGT), the power supply to 98 tanneries in Jajmau in the Kanpur District of Uttar Pradesh has been cut leaving about 5,000 people jobless;

(b) whether sufficient time was given to the tanneries owners to present their view point in the matter or not; and

(c) whether Government is going to take a sympathetic view in the matter of 5000



jobless persons, if so, the details of action taken in this regard?

**Ban on the business of toxic waste**

†2754. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-waste belongs to category of harmful things and there is ban on the business of toxic wastes in view of Supreme Court's order in year 1999;

(b) whether quantity of e-waste in year 2006 was one and a half lakh tonne and as per report of United Nations, India generated as much as 17 lakh tonne e-waste in last year;

(c) whether more than 50,000 tonne e-waste is being imported from America and other countries;

(d) if so, steps taken by Government to curb it; and

(e) arrangement which is in place for disposal of e-waste and number of e-waste disposal centres presently?

**Dumping of chemical wastes under the ground**

†2755. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several industrial units are dumping their chemical wastes under the ground, which is making groundwater poisonous;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb it and if no action has been taken the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government will take concrete steps in this regard?

**Forest land area diverted for development projects**

2756. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of forest land, in hectares, diverted for various development projects during the last five years State-wise;

(b) the efforts taken by the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to do compensatory afforestation during the last five years;

(c) the total area of land, in hectares, in which compensatory afforestation has been done during the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the fund allocated and expended by the Centre for the last five years for compensatory afforestation, State-wise?

**Projects pending for environmental clearance**

†2757. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects which are pending before the Ministry for environmental clearance and out of them

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how many are in private and public sector separately; and

(b) the number of projects furnished by States for environmental clearance which are pending at present, the State-wise details thereof?

**Disposal of e-waste as per Basel Convention**

†2758. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of e-waste generated presently every year in the country and the steps taken by Government for proper management thereof;

(b) whether e-waste is properly disposed by India in a safe manner with international cooperation under the Basel Convention, 1990; and

(c) what are the details of the exemption policy of the hazardous substance under the said convention and whether it is being complied with and the details thereof?

**Waste Management Rules**

2759. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the waste management rules have not been revised for the last several years;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to make waste management more effective by framing separate rules for plastic waste management, bio-medical waste management and e-waste management?

**Purchase of building for Mission in Rome**

2760. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that failure of India's Mission in Rome in purchasing a building for its chancery despite requisite approvals for the same, had resulted in a loss of ₹ 412.71 crore due to continued hiring of property in the absence of an exit clause;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the mission in Rome has taken any further steps to buy another property for its chancery, if so, the details thereof?

**Problem in renewal of passport**

†2761. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of passport seekers/passport renewal aspirants are unable to use online mode as the server often remains down and the information process is complicated;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the reasons for the above problem;

(c) the efforts by Government to simplify the above process so that the citizens of the country can get their passport easily; and

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(d) the success achieved in this regard as a result of above efforts?

**Prime Minister's visit to America**

†2762. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently visited America, if so, the main points of discussion;

(b) whether any agreement had been signed on this occasion;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions/agreements and the outcomes thereof;

(d) whether America considers India as its main strategic partner in South-Asia and it would stop providing military aid to Pakistan; and

(e) whether this friendship between India and America would be of long term?

**Reduction of Haj pilgrimage from Tamil Nadu**

2763. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is reduction of Haj Pilgrimage allocation to Tamil Nadu this year as against 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) whether Government is in a position to accommodate less than 2000 persons this year out of 15000 applied from Tamil Nadu for Haj; and

(c) why there is less allocation for Tamil Nadu and whether Central Government has reduced its allocation?

**Terrorist attack in Punjab**

2764. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent terrorist attacks in Punjab by militants from across the border, was taken up with the Pakistan authorities, if so, the details thereof and the response of Pakistan;

(b) whether such matters are taken to United Nations under the cooperation for counter-terrorism; and

(c) whether diplomatic efforts are made all over the world to condemn such terrorist acts coming from across the border, the details thereof?

**India-Tajikistan cooperation against terrorism**

2765. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Tajikistan have pledged to intensify cooperation against terrorism, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether both the countries have signed two agreements in areas of culture and skill development, if so, the details thereof?

**India-Pakistan talks at NSA level**

2766. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to hold talks between India and Pakistan at National Security Advisor (NSA) level, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) on what basis Government had decided to commence talks at NSA level when there is increase in incidents of cross border terrorist activities?

**Exit of Prof. Amartya Sen from Nalanda University**

2767. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what factors contributed to the exit of Prof. Amartya Sen from the Nalanda University;

(b) whether his exit affects the prestige and functioning of the University; and

(c) whether Government agreed with the learned professor that there is too much of interference in the working of Indian Universities?

**Extension of Chairman of BHEL**

2768. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that previous Government had given extension to the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) with a goal to improve the financial performance of the undertaking;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the financial performance of BHEL during the last three year quarter is far from satisfactory; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government against the erring officials for abysmally poor performance of BHEL?

**Opening of new trade route with Pakistan**

2769. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to open eight new trade routes with Pakistan across LOC in Jammu and Kashmir for cross-border trade with Pakistan, if so, the details with status of the project;

(b) whether all the security elements of the project have since been addressed, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far will this help to boost trade between the two countries?

**Indo-Pak Secretary-level talks on ceasefire and other activities**

2770. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan had held Secretary level talks recently focusing incidents of ceasefire and other activities taking place from Pakistan side causing death of civilian and armed personnel of ours;

(b) if so, whether both India and Pakistan exchange new proposals; and

(c) if so, what were the proposals discussed and to what extent talks were fruitful and whether any agreement was reached and signed, and if so, the details thereof?

**Violation of rules by Indian Mission  
in United States**

2771. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many missions of India in United States had violated rules and instructions while engaging contingency staff, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that they incurred on the contingency staff, which was unauthorized and in violation of the rules of Government, if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of IFS officers**

2772. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated shortage of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers in the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry is recruiting experts International Relations related fields as consultants to reduce work pressure on IFS officers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has considered tackling this system shortfall of officers by increasing annual batch of IFS officers *vis-à-vis* hiring consultants on contract basis, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**US arms sale to Pakistan**

2773. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India has taken up the issue of US arms sale to Pakistan with the US Defence Secretary, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the US has given any valid reasons for its sale of arms to Pakistan; and

(c) whether it is also true that India has categorically made it clear to US that any arms sale to Pakistan by US only disturb the peace of this region?

**Functioning of New Development  
Bank of BRICS**

2774. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any bottlenecks and disagreements within the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) member countries in the functioning of the 'New Development Bank';

(b) if so, the details thereof and how India's concerns and negotiations are addressed by BRICS countries in the operation of 'New Development Bank';

(c) the salient features of Prime Minister's recent visit abroad and advantages and disadvantages for India in creation of 'New Development Bank'; and

(d) the outcome and the positive gains made by India in the fields of trade and commerce?

**Vacancy of 100 posts of Directors**

2775. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 100 posts of independent Directors in 32 Public Sector Companies remain vacant to be filled up for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and date of vacancy;

(c) whether the vacant positions of Directors has been affecting the functioning of these companies, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken to fill up these vacancies?

#### **Increase in capacity of BHEL**

2776. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) have considered to increase its capacity from 6000 MW to 20,000 MW;

(b) if so, year-wise capacity enhancement during the last three years and the present capacity of BHEL;

(c) whether it is a fact that BHEL is setting up an integrated facility in Maharashtra for manufacturing of solar photo-voltaic system, developing of technologies for Advanced Ultra Super Power Plant and formation of a Joint Venture Company (JVC) with NPCIL for execution of 700 MWs nuclear plants; and

(d) if so, the details of these projects undertaken by BHEL with present position of each project?

#### **Scheme for establishing heavy industry in Bihar**

†2777. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has formulated a scheme for establishing heavy industry in country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the number and places in Bihar where such industries are proposed to be established?

#### **Encouragement for establishment of heavy industries**

2778. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to encourage establishment of heavy industries in various parts of the country through private as well as public sector, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and

(b) whether there is any proposal for formulation of a new national policy for development of heavy industries in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lower Income Groups in Maharashtra**

2779. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overall shortage in EWS and Lower Income Group (LIG) housing in India has been estimated at 18.78 million dwelling units, as per a Technical Group constituted by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the details of homeless persons including Maharashtra city-wise and State-wise;

(c) the investment required to provide the same and the manner in which the funds are going to be generated; and

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(d) the target set by Government to provide houses to all the homeless persons in future particularly in Vidarbha region?

#### **New Rajiv Awas Yojana**

2780. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the new RAY scheme to be implemented, if so, new guidelines prescribed;

(b) what would be the status of households/hamlets already chosen under RAY scheme; and

(c) whether total abolition of huts and tiled houses would be taken up in chosen smart cities and concrete houses in total would replace existing thatched roofs in all selected Smart Cities, details thereof?

#### **Classification of weaker section for Housing for All scheme**

2781. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to establish a robust criteria for classification of weaker sections, for affordable housing, under Housing for All scheme 2022; and

(b) whether Government plans to elucidate on the mandatory conditions for easing up of urban land market for providing adequate land for affordable housing, under the same?

#### **Affordable Housing Partnership scheme in Karnataka**

2782. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has approached the Ministry for extension of Central assistance of ₹ 75,000 each to the three approved projects namely Valagerahalli, Kodathi and Singanayakanahalli, under the scheme of Affordable Housing Partnership; and

(b) if so, when will the proposal be approved and the State Government advised of such approval?

#### **Rajiv Awas Yojana in Chhattisgarh**

†2783. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre had accorded approval to seven projects under Rajiv Awas Yojana in the State of Chhattisgarh, if so, the present status of the scheme;

(b) whether (a) above can be re-initiated under Housing for All scheme if it has not been initiated, if so, by when approval would be accorded; and

(c) whether Chhattisgarh State is expected to be provided ₹ 35 crores by the Centre for establishing Urban Development Institution in the State, if so, by when the amount would be released?

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**Dwelling units for Economically Weaker Sections**

2784. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI MOHSINA  
KIDWAI:

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

(a) the details of the dwelling units constructed for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether financial assistance has been sought by various States from Housing and Urban Development Corporation during the above said period for housing of EWS; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the pending proposals, if any, are likely to be completed?

**Rajiv Awas Yojana in Maharashtra and Karnataka**

2785. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:  
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) the details of the achievements of Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) which concluded during 2014-15 in Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(b) whether Maharashtra and Karnataka have submitted their Slum Free City Plan

of Action (SFCPoA) and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs);

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of projects approved, cities included from each State and the funds approved/released so far; and

(d) whether certain percentage of RAY homes are earmarked for the Economically Weaker Sections and if so, the details thereof?

**BSUP and IHSDP Schemes**

2786. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) scheme and Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP);

(b) the details of works/projects sanctioned, completed and under progress under BSUP and IHSDP, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the works/projects under BSUP and IHSDP, project-wise?

**Training institutes of Coir Board in Maharashtra**

2787. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of training institutes of Coir Board presently functioning in the State of Maharashtra with details thereof;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of each of these training institutes in the State during the last three years, year-wise;



(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of such training institutes in the State; and

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

#### **Employment under Khadi and Village Industries**

‡2788. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spinners and weavers who have got employment under Khadi and Village Industries in the country, State-wise;

(b) the names of those States in the country wherein Khadi and Village Industries are not able to work; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to provide employment to more spinners and weavers under Khadi and Village Industries throughout the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Basis of allotment of LBI and TBI**

2789. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for allotment of Livelihood Business Incubators (LBI) and Technology Business Incubators (TBI) to each State; and

(b) the details of allotment for Odisha?

#### **Expenditure on MGPSY**

2790. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana (MGPSY);

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the scheme till date;

(c) whether Government is taking further steps to promote this scheme and also provide pension for overseas Indian workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved in this regard?

#### **Integration of PIOs in development activities**

2791. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) living in foreign countries;

(b) the number of PIOs given permanent Visa/Indian Overseas card;

(c) the policy of Government to integrate the Persons of Indian Origin in social, cultural and developmental activities in the country; and

(d) the steps taken to integrate more and more Persons of Indian Origin in the developmental activities of the country?

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**Labourers stranded in Saudi Arabia**

†2792. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is aware that many labourers of Purvanchal, Uttar Pradesh are stranded in Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard in last two years and the number of labourers who want to return to their country but Indian High Commission in Saudi Arabia is reluctant to help them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that many eminent persons have written letters in this regard and the details thereof?

**Recruitment for nursing**

2793. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any restrictions are in place for nursing recruitment from India to abroad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is aware that other countries are making recruitment drives of nurse and Indian nurses are losing jobs to nurses of other countries, if so, what are the remedial measures Government is planning to take?

**Contribution of Indian migrant to Indian economy**

2794. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India is drawing in about 70 billion US dollars annually to the country's economy from

its global migrant work force mostly in gulf countries, India do not have a good migration policy which is crucial to generate solid data on the number of migrants and their contribution to the economy; and

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

**Procedure for handling complaints under PIDPI resolution**

2795. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure laid down for handling of complaints under the Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) the resolution by the Chief Vigilance Officers of the Ministries/ Departments;

(b) the details of investigations made into the complaints received under PIDPI resolution and the outcome thereof during the last three years and the current year, Ministry/Department-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints under PIDPI resolution from informers regarding disclosure of their identity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the said period, Ministry-wise and the action taken thereon?

**Retirement age of IAS/IPS officers**

†2796. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to raise the retirement age of IAS and IPS officers;

(b) whether Government has decided to put retirement age of these officers at a par with the judges of Supreme Court and High Courts; and

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(c) if so, by when it will be implemented, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Political parties under the purview of RTI Act**

2797. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that political parties are being brought under the purview of RTI Act, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring a legislation to this effect, if so, the details thereof and the stand of Government in this regard?

**Sports quota recruitment**

2798. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports quota recruitment in the last five years in all Government departments and the PSUs; and

(b) the details thereof, State-wise?

**Vacancies of IAS/IPS and allied cadres**

2799. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in IAS, IPS and allied cadres and services in various Ministries/Departments of Central and State Governments;

(b) the updated status of action taken by Central Government to fill up the said vacancies; and

(c) whether Government is working out on a strategy *vide* which recruitment process for such a higher level position is completed before an employee retires therefrom, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Right to Privacy Bill**

2800. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on 'Right to Privacy Bill', if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the objectives thereof and views of each State in this regard?

**Formulation of HADP**

2801. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government formulates Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) in the country, if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(b) the details of funds released during each of the last three years and current year; and

(c) whether Government proposes to include Tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh under HADP scheme, and if so, the details thereof, area-wise?

**Special status to Bihar**

†2802. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar is a backward State; and

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(b) if so, whether Government plans to grant it status of special State and if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Allocation for agricultural sector**

†2803. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the development of agricultural sector a provision for the expenditure of total amount by 2.5 lakh crore has been made in Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a rebate of more than 42 lakh crore rupees have been given to the industries in last one decade, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the development of agriculture sector has been hampered due to the discrimination in the allotment of amount to agriculture and industry sector?

#### **Fake Aadhaar cards**

†2804. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of fake Aadhaar cards have come into light in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplated to initiate any action to investigate the matter; and

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

#### **Special category status for Andhra Pradesh**

2805. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided that it cannot overrule recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission and grant special category status to Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, how Government is planning to go ahead in this regard?

#### **Policy on GM crops**

2806. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's Office has asked the National Institution for Transforming India Aayog to draft a policy on the genetically modified (GM) crops, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NITI Aayog has held discussions with all stakeholders in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the views expressed by them on the issue; and

(d) the action taken by the NITI Aayog thereon along with the time by which a clear cut policy which will be acceptable to all is likely to be put in place?

#### **Mid term review of Twelfth Plan**

2807. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
SHRI AAYANUR  
MANJUNATHA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed

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the mid-term review of the Schemes of Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the achievements made regarding the schemes related to the basic needs like water, electricity, health and education; and

(c) the targets fixed for investment in basic infrastructure during the Twelfth Five Year Plan along with the investment made in this regard so far?

#### **GDP spent on Research and Development**

2808. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on Research and Development (R&D) by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the corresponding figures for the other BRICS countries;

(c) the desired level of investment in R&D;

(d) whether Government has come up with a science, technology and innovation policy and proposes to spend at least two per cent of the GDP for scientific research; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the way in which the Government plans to achieve it along with the time-frame therefor?

#### **Advanced studies in STEM**

2809. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to spend 2.4 million dollars on advanced

studies in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) by outstanding Indian students at the Carnegie Mellon University (CME), US and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether an agreement was signed between Indian Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and CMU, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether through this programme, Indian scholars will be able to pursue research in frontier areas which are of relevance to India and also address many of the 21st century human challenges?

#### **National Science and Technology policy**

2810. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of formulating a National Science and Technology policy; and

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

#### **High level research in Science and Technology**

2811. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to promote high level research in Science and Technology in the country;

(b) whether Government has any plan to promote high quality research in Indian Universities and Institutes; and

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

#### **Himalayan sustainability fund**

2812. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) in the past one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, funds allocated and utilized in the last fiscal year and in the current fiscal year; and

(c) the details about the Himalayan Sustainability Fund and funds allocated and utilized for the same in the past one year?

#### **Publication of research journals**

2813. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether assurance was given on publication of Indian Journal of Marine Sciences (IJMS) in answer to Unstarred Question 403 on 26 February, 2015, if so, the details of action taken;

(b) whether publication of IJMS had become international issue;

(c) what action was taken to solve it, the details thereof; and

(d) if still it is not regularly published, what action Government has taken/intends to take to uphold prestige of CSIR and its publications?

#### **Apprentices Amendment Act**

2814. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether with 40 crore workers

requiring skill upgradation India needs around ₹ 8 lakh crores over the next 8 years and with current budget for skilling at ₹ 6000 crores a year how Government proposes to mobilise funds;

(b) whether for workers to spend time and money on skill upgradation, industry needs to pay them more for it with already a surfeit of skilled workers available at lower salaries; and

(c) whether the Apprentices Amendment Act, 2014 after approval by Parliament alongwith Apprentices (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2014 will together raise the apprentice seats from the present 4.8 lakh to 23 lakh which ends up raising the skill levels of population?

#### **Employability of persons with disability**

2815. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any measures for skill development and employability of persons with disabilities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether measures have been taken to ensure that the training centres established under the National Skill Mission are accessible to persons with disabilities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether measures have been taken to ensure that the curriculum and standards for training indifferent skills meet the requirements of persons with disabilities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas  
Yojana**

2816. SHRIMATI MOHSINA  
KIDWAI:  
SHRIMATI WANSUK  
SYIEM:

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

(a) the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and its present status of implementation;

(b) the details of targets fixed, likely beneficiaries, funds allocated and expenditure incurred so far under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the criteria fixed for participating in the training under the scheme; and

(d) whether Government has introduced any programmes to train various categories of people including dropouts and labourers in unorganized sector under the Yojana particularly in the States of Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh?

**National Career Service**

2817. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Career Service (NCS) launched by Government is just an internet portal without any infrastructural supports across the country and facing shortage of funds, if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) if not, the details of the organizational structure and funds allotted for the setting up of NCS along with details of specifics like coverage of NCS in terms

of its geographical catchment, sectoral thrust, special focus groups etc.; and

(c) whether the National Skill Development Corporation will play any role in effective implementation of the NCS; if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Skill development through corporate sector and PSUs**

†2818. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has call upon corporate sector and public sector undertakings to contribute in the skill development programmes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether corporate sector and public sector undertakings are contributing as per expectations, if so, the details thereof?

**Partnership with CRISP**

2819. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nodal skill development arm of Government NSDC has partnered with the Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP);

(b) whether an MoU was signed to this effect by CRISP and the NSDC and if so, the areas and scope of collaboration between the two;

(c) whether this tie-up will provide access to NSDC to avail of the facilities set up by the Madhya Pradesh Government with support from the Federal Republic of

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Germany under the Indo-German Technical Co-operation; and

(d) whether this will help those aspiring to upgrade their skills in tool room and shop floor practices and die making/foundry technology?

**MoU with NTPC for skill development in Jharkhand**

2820. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that National Thermal Corporation has entered into an MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) and National Skill Development Corporation for various skill development programmes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any skill development programmes are being taken up in the State of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated therefor?

**Assistance to States for skill development of youth**

2821. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how Government is helping States to create a better infrastructure to help youth gain meaningful training in skill development;

(b) how many categories and disciplines of skill development have been identified; and

(c) through how many Ministries Government is coordinating skill development programme, the details thereof, Ministry-wise?

**Sectors for maximum engagement of workforce**

2822. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) in the wake of unveiling of a national policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in the country, whether any survey/study has been conducted by Government to work out the sectors likely to engage the maximum skilled work force; and

(b) if so, the measures of workforce, in terms of percentage of total skilled persons likely to be employed in the next one year?

**MoU signed for skill development**

2823. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understandings for Skill Development have been signed by the Ministry in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of MoU so far signed in this regard, Ministry-wise;

(c) whether the policy on the National Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been finalized and announced by Government in the past, if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and



(d) whether recognition of prior learning and training of unskill people for various sectors will be benefited in the country, if so, the details thereof?

(c) how does Government plan to generate funds for these skill development programmes, the details thereof?

#### **Skill development centres in backward areas**

2824. SHRI K. C. TYAGI:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

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 areas of the country; and

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

#### **Use of land held by public sector**

2825. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up new skill development centres across the country, if so, the details of the same;

(b) whether Government plans to use land held by Public Sector Enterprises like Railways for the same, if so, the details thereof; and

#### **Skill India Mission**

2826. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Skill India Mission that would impart vocational skills to 24 lakh workers this year and 40.2 crore people by 2022, in a bid to make India, the human resource hub for the world, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Mission encourage Indian youth to take up vocational training and improve their chances of getting employment and provide the overall institutional framework and scale upskill development efforts, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disbursement of loans to youth**

†2827. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criteria for disbursement of skill loans to youth amounting to ₹ 5000-15000, have been fixed;

(b) whether those youth would be given money for skill development for starting their own business using their skills (entrepreneurship); and

(c) the role of State Government in this loan?

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**Beggars in Maharashtra**

2828. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any estimated population details of beggars in Maharashtra, used for preparation of integrated programme for rehabilitation of beggars during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the States and Union Territories which have enacted anti-beggary laws, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to assess the ground reality and for an effective implementation of the anti-beggary laws in States/Union Territories, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken for implementation of the proposed scheme?

**Scheme for students in Rajasthan**

†2829. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being run for providing any type of aid to the students belonging to the weaker sections of the society, Scheduled Caste and OBC, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the amount fixed, allocated and utilized for such schemes in various States of country including Rajasthan in past one year and in current year; and

(c) the details of students who have been benefited from such schemes at present?

**Swachhta Udyami Yojana**

2830. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched a new scheme Swachhta Udyami Yojana during 2014, if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme;

(b) whether any proposals for financial assistance/loan have been received by Government under the Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha along with the purpose for which financial assistance has been sought; and

(d) the steps taken on each of the proposals by Government?

**Pre and post-matric scholarships to SC/ST students**

2831. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pre and post-matric scholarships provided to SC/ST students, the details of the criteria for awarding such scholarships;

(b) whether Government proposes to relax guidelines, if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Scholarship for higher studies and training in foreign countries**

†2832. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of students belonging to Scheduled Castes and the amount of scholarship approved for them every year for higher studies and training in foreign countries during the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively; and

(b) the rate and amount of scholarship given to the number of residential and non-residential students of college education every year, the number of hostels for boys and girls with residential capacity thereof and the number of hostels required, district-wise in proportion to students?

#### **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill**

2833. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move, legislative or otherwise, to increase the quota for disabled persons in public sector employment from 3 per cent to 5 per cent, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) when will Government table the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill?

#### **Pending proposals from Karnataka**

2834. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are pending with Ministry from the State Government of Karnataka for inclusion of communities in reserve category, details thereof; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to speed up these communities' grievances?

#### **Complaints against manual scavenging**

2835. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any mechanism to receive complaints against the practice of manual scavenging, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the number of such complaints received by Government in the year 2014-15 from every State along with the action taken on them; and

(c) the number of people who were involved in the practice of manual scavenging who have been rehabilitated in other occupations in the year 2014-15 for every State, the details of the occupations in which they have been rehabilitated?

#### **Scheduled Castes in Chhattisgarh**

†2836. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people belonging to Raidas, Ravidas, Rohidas are facing problems in getting caste certificate as these castes are not indicated in the category of suryavanshi caste in the list of Scheduled Castes of Chhattisgarh State in the file;

(b) whether many castes are included in the Schedules Caste list of Chhattisgarh State which do not exist in that State and whether these castes would be removed from this list; and

(c) if so, the procedure available in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**UNGA session on drugs**

2837. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the preparations being undertaken by Government of India for formulating its stand in United Nations General Assembly Special Session on drugs (UNGASS 2016);

(b) what is the process being followed to ensure that an informed debate and discussion takes place in the country including on the floor of the house and then Government spells out its stand on this issue; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government of India to ensure that medicines like buprenorphine are also available and accessible to legitimate patients suffering from opioid addiction?

**Manual scavenging during religious congregations**

2838. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that during the Hindu religious congregations such as the Kumbhamelas in Nashik in Maharashtra thousands of dry latrines are constructed that forces the manual scavenging; and

(b) if so, what steps does the Ministry propose to take in this region?

**Misuse of atrocities on SC/ST Act**

2839. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government is actively considering to make Prevention of Atrocities on SCs/STs Act more harsher by amending it;

(b) if so, the details of additional provisions included in the draft Amendment Bill;

(c) whether some of the amendments are not rational and it may be misused leading to implication of innocent citizens, if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the details of fake cases registered under the said Act to implicate innocent citizens in the country, State-wise during each of the last five years?

**Expenditure of Department of Disability Affairs**

2840. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure of the Twelfth Plan Allocation of the Department of Disability Affairs on its various schemes and programmes, year-wise; and

(b) whether a significant proportion of the Twelfth Plan Allocation has remained unutilised by the Department of Disability Affairs, if so, the reasons therefor?

**National Institute for Disabled in Delhi**

2841. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a

National Institute for Disabled in Delhi region, if so, the details with functions thereof;

(b) whether it is first of its kind in the country or there are other as well, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are details of its functions especially to address the grievances of disabled people in the country?

#### **New Swarnima Scheme in Telangana**

2842. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the New Swarnima Scheme being implemented by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) is it true that the family income limit fixed is very low in rural and urban areas and there are demands for increasing the same;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the income limit and also loan amount from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 2 lakhs, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) it is true that not a single woman has been given loan under this scheme in Telangana, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Jobs for disabled persons in private sector**

2843. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently taken steps for creating jobs for disabled

persons, to improve their condition in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of disabled persons likely to be benefited;

(c) whether Government has issued any direction to private sector also to create jobs for disabled persons; and

(d) if so, the response Government has received from private sectors?

#### **Vacant post of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities**

2844. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) since how long the post of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is lying vacant and how many cases of disabled persons are pending on account of such vacancy; and

(b) when the post of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is going to be filled up by the Central Government?

#### **GRAMSAT Scheme**

†2845. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent under 'GRAMSAT' scheme especially in tribal districts during the past three years, till date, State-wise;

(b) the details of programmes transmitted under this scheme; and

(c) whether Government proposes to involve tribal people to promote tribal culture in these programmes and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Launching of foreign satellites**

2846. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has launched a large number of foreign satellites in the last one year;

(b) if so, how many foreign satellites have been launched;

(c) which are the countries whose satellites have been launched, how much foreign exchange is earned; and

(d) whether any foreign nation is using the satellites launched for terrorist activities, if so, the details thereof?

### **Private entities to manufacture space related equipment**

2847. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to incubate private entities manufacturing space related equipments under 'Make in India' scheme, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government plans to allow active collaboration between the Earth Sciences and Space Ministries for developing disaster mitigation techniques; and

(c) whether Government has carried out timely appraisals of the remote sensing data policy, if so, the details thereof?

### **Revenue accrued by launching satellites**

2848. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the transaction

agreement entered into between Antrix Corporation and DMC International Imaging for the launch of 5 British satellites, namely, DMC 1, DMC 2, DMC 3, CBNT-1 and De-Orbit Sail built by Surrey Satellite Technologies Ltd. ;

(b) the total revenue accrued to ISRO from launching these satellites; and

(c) the total number of commercial launches of satellites of other countries carried out by ISRO since 1999, and the revenue earned by ISRO through each of these transactions?

### **Uses of data of Statistical department**

†2849. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government uses the data of statistical department collected through surveys regarding standard of living of people of the country to formulate Government schemes; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of education, health, employment, housing including those of Uttar Pradesh as per the latest report received by Government?

### **Per capita monthly income as per NSSO**

2850. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of per capita monthly income as per final NSSO survey along with the State-wise details of income of rural and urban persons;

(b) the details of the per capita monthly income in respect of rural and urban persons

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in various States, State-wise including Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government is implementing/proposes to implement any scheme to enhance per capita monthly income; and

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

#### **GDP and actual situation of economy**

2851. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GDP data released by Government does not correspond with the actual situation of economy, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the growth rate of services, manufacturing, mining and agriculture respectively in last three quarters;

(c) whether Government believes that it has failed to increase the real economic growth rate and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the real GDP growth of country for one year, on quarterly basis?

#### **Rohini Residential Scheme**

2852. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE:  
SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA which had failed to allot plots even after more than 25 years of registering applicants for Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981 have

termed many allottees 'ineligible' to get possession of the plot now allotted to them by it on the ground of violating terms of allotment by purchasing house in Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether DDA would review its unjustified stand to now deny plots to applicants who purchased home many years after DDA 1981 scheme when it failed to allot plots under that scheme, and thus itself violated terms of allotment?

#### **Regional rapid transit system**

2853. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors connecting Delhi with neighbouring States including Haryana;

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

(c) the likely benefit accrued to the States concerned as result of RRTS projects, especially Haryana; and

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

#### **Redevelopment of Lutyens Bungalow Zone**

2854. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to redevelop the Lutyens Bungalow Zone (LBZ), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) has suggested that

the height of the bungalows can be increased to construct a three-storey building;

(c) whether any recommendations have been made on the LBZ norms relevant for bungalows and areas falling under colonies including Golf Links, Bengali Market and Jor Bagh, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government plans to take any decision in this regard?

#### **E-auction of CWG flats**

2855. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the auction for Common-wealth Games (CWG) flats has been pending for a long time;

(b) if so, whether Government had expressed interest in buying some of them; and

(c) if not, whether Government is conducting an e-auction for these flats; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial grants for 'Clean India' drive**

†2856. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the action plan, programme, implementation and financial grants for urban cleanliness under the 'Clean India' drive as per the categorization of the cities;

(b) the critical position of the measures taken and the achievements made till date for making urban environment and the concerned rivers pollution free and the future action plan; and

(c) the details of the grants given and the action taken by Government regarding the above for the 'Sinhastha Kumbh' 2016 in Ujjain?

#### **Eviction of shopkeepers of Jodhpur hostel**

2857. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shopkeepers of Jodhpur Hostel, Pandara Road, New Delhi were evicted and their shops demolished without providing them any alternative place for their livelihood; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has received any representations from the affected shopkeepers requesting for their rehabilitation; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government?

#### **Privatization of basic utilities in smart cities**

2858. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government is looking at privatizing the management of basic utilities such as water and sewage treatment in the 100 smart cities that are to be developed;

(b) whether it is also true that Government is considering to raise ₹ 39,000 crore from a slew of green taxes;

(c) whether it is also true that the urban planners in the country feel that a smart city must remain affordable and inclusive for its citizens; and

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

Prime Minister at the launch of AMRUT scheme on 15 June, 2015, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons thereto?

#### **Smart cities in Punjab**

2859. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines/criteria for selection of cities to be developed as smart cities, including the cities identified for the purpose in the State of Punjab;

(b) the details of funds to be incurred on smart cities and criteria for funding along with mechanism for arranging funds;

(c) the details of proposals received from various States/UTs for smart cities, State/UT-wise and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) whether Government has sought assistance, financial or otherwise, from foreign countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the response of these countries, country-wise?

#### **People centric urban development through AMRUT**

2860. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has designed Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Scheme (AMRUT) by taking cognizance of recommendation made for Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) by the Arun Maira Planning Commission Report; and

(b) details and timeline of how Ministry will undertake the 'biggest consultative exercise' for designing the AMRUT policy, and orientation towards 'people-centric urban development' as promised by the

#### **Remote sensing for checking illegal constructions**

2861. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is using remote sensing technology to check illegal constructions; and

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

#### **Wi-Fi facilities at metro stations**

2862. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal of installing Wi-Fi facilities at all stations in Delhi, Bengaluru and other metro stations in the country along with the funds released/spent so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its implementation status thereof along with response received from travellers so far at each metro station, station-wise and city-wise?

#### **Roadmap for smart city project**

2863. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to experts there is no concrete vision and roadmap for implementation of the Smart City Project;

(b) whether it is also true that there is no basic model and fixed time-frame for the

completion of the project and no guidelines to fix the budget requirement for the city; and

(c) whether it is also true that according to a member of the NITI Aayog, Government will have to rely on its own resources for smart cities; if so, the views of Government on all the above points?

**Infrastructure cost for smart city project**

2864. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India needs upto ₹ 40 lakh crore to develop its urban infrastructure and ₹ 20 lakh crore to maintain such urban clusters in the forthcoming decades;

(b) whether it is also true that Government has estimated the infrastructure cost alone at ₹ 6.8 lakh crore for the smart city project; and

(c) whether it is also true that the proposed allocation of ₹ 48,000 crore is highly insufficient for the ambitious smart city task?

**Substandard maintenance by CPWD**

2865. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of poor and substandard quality of maintenance of Government accommodations at Pushp Vihar (M.B. Road) in general and Sector-4 in particular;

(b) whether Government is aware that residents of these colonies, mostly Group

'C' employees are compelled to live in substandard conditions, due to complete negligence by the CPWD;

(c) whether Government is aware that maintenance carried out by the contractors hired by the CPWD, has been of very inferior quality; and

(d) if so, whether Government would initiate any audit/inquiry into malpractices in the above colonies, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Greenfield cities along industrial corridors**

2866. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is targeting 100 smart cities, a lot of them might be upgradation of existing ones, while proposed cities along with the industrial corridor are greenfield projects;

(b) whether bids for the proposed greenfield cities along the Delhi-Mumbai corridor have been invited so that the construction work on these projects could soon be started; and

(c) what will be the estimated cost involved for construction of these proposed greenfield cities?

**Transit Oriented Development Policy**

2867. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently approved Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy for NCT of Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is in consonance with the Master Plan of Delhi or any deviation from it, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any environment impact assessment study, including seismic zone study has been done before finalizing TOD policy and if so, the details?

#### **Criteria for urban population**

2868. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria used for measuring the volume of urban population in an area, while selecting the cities in the recently announced smart cities initiative for 100 cities;

(b) whether these criteria are followed uniformly across the States, while declaring a particular area to be urban; and

(c) the details on the percentage by which the migration of rural population to urban areas is expected to reduce with the advent of the smart cities?

#### **UNICEF report on malnutrition**

2869. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that according to latest UNICEF report, while seen a dip of over 14 per cent in the number of malnourished children (six years and below) to 30.7 per cent the sharpest in 25 years, the country still lags behind sub-Saharan Africa, where 21 per cent children are malnourished;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for heavy cut in the allocation for integrated child development services programme; and

(c) whether Government will make the UNICEF report on malnutrition public, if not, the reasons thereof?

#### **Nandghar in Madhya Pradesh**

†2870. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Nandghar' is being launched by Government under public-private partnership in order to develop and modernise anganwadi infrastructure in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether 'Nandghar' will also be started in Madhya Pradesh also by Government under public-private partnership, if so, details thereof?

#### **Licensed orphanages in country**

2871. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licensed orphanages in the country;

(b) the grants/financial assistance being given by Government to such orphan houses in the country;

(c) the inspection mechanism to regulate/supervise such orphan houses for the purpose of hygiene, education and health of orphans living there;

(d) the adoption policy approved by

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Government for these orphan houses along with the number of complaints received in this regard; and

(e) whether Government is considering to ban adoption by foreign nationals from these orphan houses?

#### **Irregularities in procurement process of ICDS**

2872. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities noticed in awarding the contract for procurement of goods like medicines, kits etc., under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in various States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the procedures for awarding have been streamlined and instructions issued to all the States/Union Territories for adhering; and

(c) measures taken to make the purchase more transparent and maintain quality control, with details?

#### **Exploitation in child care centres of Jharkhand**

2873. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered child care centres/institutions in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) are there such centres/institutions in the country which have not been registered so far, if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the cases of child exploitation, sexual abuse and lack of residential care facility have been brought to the notice of Government in such centres/institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof particularly with respect to the State of Jharkhand; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by Government against such centres/institutions and unlawful activities?

#### **One stop crisis centre for women**

2874. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:  
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether Government had decided to set up one stop crisis centres for women in distress across the country;

(b) if so, the number of such centres set up so far, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for very slow pace of setting up such centres; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure availability of all kind of aid (legal, medical and psychological) to women in distress at one place while maintaining their privacy?

#### **Award for women empowerment**

2875. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

institute an award similar to the Stree Shakti Puruskar/Award as a mark of recognition of the contribution of women from each district in the field of women empowerment, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which such Puruskar/Award is likely to be instituted?

#### **Crime against urban children**

2876. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the facts that incidents of crimes against urban children are on rise;

(b) whether Government has any mechanism to keep constant track on behavioural pattern of children living in urbanised societies leading them to be prey in the hands of criminals; and

(c) the measures taken or likely to be taken to curb such incidents?

#### **Women self help groups in Kerala**

2877. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether any proposal is there under the consideration of the Government to start women self help groups like 'Kudumbasree' in Kerala, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rape crisis centre in country**

2878. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rape crisis centres

presently operational in the country and the State-wise breakup thereof;

(b) the total expenditure allocated towards and incurred in the setting up of each of these centres;

(c) whether there is a trained psychiatrist/psychologist and/or mental health professional deputed at each of these centres; and

(d) if not, the total number of vacancies for such posts and the measures being taken by Government to fill these vacant positions?

#### **Internal committee on sexual harassment**

2879. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) is it true that many Government offices and 90 per cent of private offices/companies do not have internal committees to deal with sexual harassment cases at workplace, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Corporate Affairs and also DoPT with regard to setting up of internal committees, if so, the outcome of the same; and

(c) what efforts her Ministry is making to ensure that committees are constituted in Government and private sector?

#### **Multi-sectoral Nutrition Programme**

2880. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Multi-sectoral Nutrition Programme to Address the Maternal and Child Undernutrition implemented in 200 High Burden Districts across the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the

progress, against the objectives set by the Centre; and

(c) the State-wise details of the total fund allotted for the project for each fiscal year and the total utilisation?

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