

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, December 13, 2018/Agrahayana 22, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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#### Shutting down of field office of Indian embassy in Nepal

\*31. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been asked to shut down its field office at Biratnagar in Nepal, set up way back in 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to call back its staff working at the said office and also to demolish it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Staff facilities to Central Ministers

\*32. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules governing the staff provided to a Cabinet Minister, Deputy Minister and Minister of State;

(b) what are the criteria for selection of such staff; and

(c) whether there is any provision for special facilities to such personal staff of a Minister and if so, the details thereof?

#### Interest-free education loans to students

\*33. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides interest-free loans to students;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocation made therefor;

(c) whether these interest-free education loans are different from education loans provided by banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Andhra Pradesh**

\*34. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) and dropout rate under SSA in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise and elementary, primary, upper primary and secondary education-wise;
- (c) the special emphasis Ministry is giving to girls GER in elementary, primary, upper primary and secondary education; and
- (d) the details of incentives being given to reduce dropout rate?

### **Schools for children with disabilities**

\*35. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive education policy to address various challenges faced by children with disabilities in their school education, curriculum, pedagogy and examination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame within which at least one school meant for children with disabilities would be opened in all districts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Partners for assembling satellites**

\*36. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ISRO has

roped in three partners to help it assemble twenty seven satellites at a quicker pace over the next three years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ISRO proposes to launch twenty seven spacecrafts by July, 2021; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Promotion of Hindi and other Indian languages**

\*37. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken for promotion and propagation of Hindi and other Indian languages as provided under Article 351 of the Constitution of India;
- (b) the provisions made by Central Hindi Directorate which was established for implementation of constitutional directive given under the said Article;
- (c) since how long the post of Director, is lying vacant in that Directorate; and
- (d) the details of efforts made till date by Government for filling up the said post?

### **Criminal activities at Delhi Metro Stations**

\*38. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Metro Stations have become a den of criminals where a large number of cases of carrying arms, snatching of ornaments, mobiles, etc. are reported almost daily;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and
- (c) the steps taken to stop such incidents which are causing great inconvenience to commuters?

### **Surgical Strike Day**

\*39. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has suggested/ recommended the educational institutions to celebrate a certain day as Surgical Strike Day, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for celebrating a day which essentially marks a cross-border military activity; and

(c) whether there are other such, or more important, military events which are currently a part of recommendations to educational institutions?

### **Running of shelter homes illegally**

\*40. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women shelter homes, cases of abuse and harassment reported and status of such cases along with the details of their management during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Muzaffarpur shelter home was being run illegally in spite of report to this effect sent to the State Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

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

(d) the details of the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that women in these shelter homes are safe?

### **SPVs for development of smart cities**

\*41. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first twenty smart cities would be ready only by 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of those cities which have been taken up for development;

(c) the total amount spent, so far, on various works in those cities, City-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether Government has asked State Governments to form Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs), as implementing agencies, for all these cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the names of States/cities where SPVs have been formed?

### **Access to education near work sites**

\*42. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the UNESCO's 2019 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report released recently wherein it is stated that 80 per cent of migrant children across seven Indian cities do not have access to education near work sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government proposes to address the issue as inter-State migration rate has been increasing every year?

**Nuclear facilities under IAEA  
safeguards**

\*43. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to  
state:

(a) the number of Indian nuclear facilities  
under the International Atomic Energy  
Agency (IAEA) safeguards and those out  
of it, separately;

(b) whether four more nuclear reactors  
were put under such safeguards recently  
and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether subjecting nuclear facilities  
to IAEA safeguards would adversely impact  
India's nuclear security; and

(d) in what manner the Atomic Energy  
Commission of India would come out of  
international safeguards in the national  
interest?

**Funds for functioning of Eklavya  
Model Residential Schools**

\*44. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:  
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increased funds/  
allocation sought by the Ministry from the  
Ministry of Finance to improve the  
functioning of Eklavya Model Residential  
Schools (EMRSs) was granted;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) the details of identified parameters  
on which funds would be spent for  
improving the functioning of EMR  
Schools?

**Status of appointment of Lokpal**

\*45. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will  
the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government has taken any  
steps to appoint Lokpal in the country;

(b) if so, the present status in this regard;  
and

(c) whether Government proposes to  
change the existing criteria for appointment  
of Lokpal?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 7th December, 2018*  
*Agrahayana 16, 1940 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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