

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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)

Total number of questions — 160

#### **Nuclear power plants put on continuous operation**

321. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether nuclear power plants are put on continuous operation for a long period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of nuclear power plants presently set up along with their power generation capacity;

(d) whether some of the States are not allowing setting up of atomic power plants; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Activities of institutions receiving funds from department**

322. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institutions which

received funds from the Department during 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(b) the details of achievements of such institutions during that period, institution-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated for infrastructure developments, business done, profit earned and CSR fund spent by Indian Rare Earths Limited (IRE) Chavara, Kollam, Kerala, during those years; and

(d) the total uranium potential of our country and the quantity and percentage contribution of Kerala in it?

#### **Installation of atomic power plants**

†323. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atomic power plants installed and working at present in the country and the quantum of electricity, in megawatt, being generated therein;

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(b) whether Government has any proposal to establish new plants in view of future requirement of energy; and

(c) if so, the details of various locations where these plants have to be established and the total generation capacity determined for them?

#### **Storing of radioactive nuclear fuel wastes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing nuclear power plants are not having facilities to safely store radioactive spent fuels and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is setting up storage units to store these nuclear fuel wastes in Kudankulam and other nuclear power plants and if so, the details thereof?

#### **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme**

325. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approved the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for development of North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for and implementation cycle of the scheme;

(d) the details of development work that would be carried out under this scheme; and

(e) the details of projects being planned at the moment and their estimated cost?

#### **Promotion of Indian languages in foreign countries**

326. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not focussing on languages such as Telugu, Bengali etc. for promotion in foreign countries; and

(b) the reasons for promoting teaching of Hindi only in the joint declaration signed in Germany for teaching Indian languages?

#### **Summit talks with Japan**

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of summit talks Prime Minister had with his Japanese counterpart recently;

(b) whether defence and regional security issues were also discussed and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the situation in Indo-Pacific region on the range of regional and global issues was also discussed and, if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Foreign visits of Prime Minister**

328. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of countries visited by the Prime Minister since 2014 continent-wise;

(b) the names of the Ministers who accompanied the Prime Minister in those visits;

(c) the details of important agreements signed during the visits; and

(d) the details of amount paid to Air India for the travel of Prime Minister abroad?

**Bilateral agreement with Pakistan for release of prisoners**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan exchanged a list of civilian prisoners and fishermen lodged in each other's jails, as per the provisions of a bilateral agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan was asked to expedite the release of nine Indian civilian prisoners and 229 Indian fishermen who have completed their sentences and whose nationality have been confirmed; and

(d) whether India has conveyed to Pakistan the need for early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, missing Indian defence personnel and fishermen along with their boats?

**Merger of passport office with Ministry**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the passport employees have demanded that the authorities should consider merger of the passport office with the Ministry;

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

(c) whether many proposals approved by the Cabinet are yet to be implemented in the passport offices; and

(d) if so, the reasons there for?

**Energy cooperation between Russia and Pakistan**

331. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has recently held talks for energy cooperation with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would affect the Indo-Russian relations if the deal materializes between the two countries; and

(c) what diplomatic initiative Government would like to take in this regard, the details thereof?

**Building security architecture in Indo-Pacific region**

332. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made to develop tie-ups with US, Japan and Australia for building up security architecture in the Indo-Pacific region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been drawn to fine tune the cooperation between the partners and other countries of Indo-Pacific region to ensure security; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Indian push for Nuclear Suppliers Group**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no headway in India's push for the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NSG has said that it discussed NSG relationship with India and continues to consider all matters pertaining to implementation of 2008 NSG waiver for India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Requirement of additional staff for passport offices**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there were 2,697 passport office employees in 2009-10 against approximately 60 lakh applications;

(b) whether there has been an increase of 65 lakh applications requiring appointment of additional 2,080 staff members;

(c) whether a large number of passport office employees have been posted at various other offices on deputation, causing shortage of staff at passport offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Extradition treaty with Malawi**

335. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approved the signing and ratification of the extradition treaty between India and Malawi;

(b) if so, the details and the legal framework thereof; and

(c) the details of all such treaties signed during the last three years and their impact on seeking extradition of terrorists, economic offenders and other criminals?

**Offer of help for Kerala from friendly countries**

336. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:  
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government refused to accept the help from various countries and organisations for revival of devastated Kerala by the torrential rain and the flood situation in the month of August 2018; and

(b) if so, the names and details of the countries and organisations which offered financial as well as technological help for reconstruction of the State and the reasons for not accepting such help from friendly countries?

**British assessment on Indians overstaying in UK**

337. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has questioned Britain's assessment of the number of Indians overstaying their visa in U.K.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has called for policies based on statistics, amid an ongoing controversy over Britain's failure to include Indian students in the relaxation of visa norms; and

(d) whether the action by Britain was on account of Government's failure to sign an MoU on the return of illegal immigrants?

#### **Permission for visiting Pakistan**

338. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to get prior permission for Central Ministers and Ministers in the States/MPs to visit Pakistan;

(b) if so, the nodal authority competent to accord such permission;

(c) whether any advisory is given to the Ministers who visit Pakistan;

(d) the details of permission accorded during each of the last three years;

(e) whether any complaints have been received against Ministers/MPs/Ex-MPs for indulging in anti-national activities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government?

#### **Coloured passport**

339. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to issue coloured passports for certain categories of people, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacant posts in passport offices**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the passport office employees have demanded to fill 700 vacant posts at the earliest;

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

(c) whether they have also demanded sanction of 32 additional staff members for an increase of every 1 lakh passport applications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **BIMSTEC summit in Kathmandu**

341. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's efforts to promote regional cooperation continued to focus on the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in the recently concluded summit in Kathmandu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other countries at the summit supported India's efforts to corner Pakistan on terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

#### **Decrease in foreign jobs for Indians**

342. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign jobs

for Indians have come down this year as compared to last year in Saudi Arabia, USA, UK, Australia, Singapore, etc.;

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

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to address this problem?

#### **Illegal migration to USA**

343. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that an increasing number of Indians are entering USA without obtaining proper visa;

(b) if so, what action Government is taking to stop such illegal migration; and

(c) what punitive action has been taken against agents responsible for such human trafficking which brings bad names to our country?

#### **Synergy between OBOR-Act East Policy**

344. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese diplomats in India have hinted at a synergy between One Belt One Road (OBOR)-Act East Policy;

(b) the manner in which Government plans to go on with the idea/suggestion; and

(c) the details of recent achievements made under the Act East Policy of Government?

#### **Clearance to Kerala Ministers for foreign visits**

345. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has denied clearance sought by the State Government of Kerala for the State Ministers to visit foreign countries for mobilising fund to rebuild the flood affected State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is trying to block all means of financial assistance the State is getting for rebuilding it; and

(d) whether Government is ready to accept the mistake and would correct itself in future?

#### **Logistic sharing agreement with Japan**

346. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is expected to sign the Logistics Sharing Agreement with Japan later this year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how it would benefit India?

#### **Opening of Kartarpur Corridor**

347. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:  
DR. ANIL AGRAWAL:  
SARDAR SUKHDEV  
SINGH DHINDSA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Pakistan has provided an official response to India's

proposal for opening of Kartarpur Corridor to Kartarpur Sahib;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the timeline for implementation of the project; and

(c) if not whether Government proposes to make request to Pakistan in this regard?

#### **Indians seeking asylum in USA**

348. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 7,000 Indians have sought asylum in USA during 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sought details from the concerned persons about the reasons for seeking the asylum; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foreign policy regarding China and Pakistan**

†349. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign policy of Government regarding China and Pakistan has been a failure because of which incidence of infiltration from China and Pakistan has increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the efforts being made by Government to deal with this problem with China and Pakistan?

#### **Opposition of permanent Chinese base in IOR**

350. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quadrilateral group, comprising Australia, India, Japan and the United States of America has urged their partner countries to oppose the establishment of permanent Chinese bases in strategically important Indian Ocean Region (IOR);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what strategic steps India along with Australia, Japan and USA is taking to oppose establishment of permanent Chinese military bases in IOR?

#### **Amount spent under CSR**

351. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by and total unspent money available under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with each profit making PSUs during the last three years; and

(b) the details and the names of project implementing agencies as well as the amount of sanctioned funds of each of such projects for which the CSR money of PSUs has been spent during that period?

#### **Release of payments of MSMEs**

352. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC

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ENTERPRISES be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 2586 given in the Rajya Sabha on 09 August, 2018 and state:

(a) whether verification of MSMEs for release of payments has been completed and all documents required by M/s. Instrumentation Limited, Kota have since been provided by MSME;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in releasing legitimate dues of MSMEs when payments of employees for M/s ILK against VRS/VSS scheme has been cleared; and

(c) by when the PSUs would release the payments of MSMEs?

#### **Land and other assets under CPSEs**

353. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRIMATI SHANTA  
CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has identified huge tracts of land and other assets of some Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) that would be hived off and disposed separately;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to utilise these funds so collected through the sale of these assets?

#### **Assistance for construction of Statue of Unity in Gujarat**

†354. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public sector undertakings working under the Ministry;

(b) the details of grants/assistance given by above PSUs for the construction of Statue of Unity in Gujarat; and

(c) the heads under which above grants/assistance have been given?

#### **Closure of heavy industries**

355. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heavy industries which are under closure inspite of they being declared as Navratna Industries;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of PSUs which are stable/profitable?

#### **Automotive Mission Plan**

356. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Automotive Mission Plan has not been revived after 2016;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of initiatives taken for further improvement in the plan, so far?

#### **Ridership and revenue of Delhi Metro**

357. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total ridership of Delhi Metro during 2008 to 2018;

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- (b) the details of progression of fares;
- (c) what is the break-up of the DMRC's expenditure incurred and revenue earned during that period, head-wise;
- (d) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to augment non-fare revenue sources;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Shelter homes in Andhra Pradesh**

358. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI:  
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether there is a huge gap between number of urban homeless and capacity of shelter homes available in various States;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made about the number of shelter homes available in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details of shortage of such homes in that State, district-wise;
- (d) in what manner the Ministry justifies sanctioning only two shelter homes in Nellore of the State; and
- (e) the details of facilities available in those shelter homes and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve facilities and open more shelter homes?

#### **Water recharging projects under UIDSSMT**

359. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of water recharging projects/schemes approved/undertaken by

Government under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) during the last two years, State-wise, project-wise and scheme-wise?

#### **Expenditure on smart cities**

360. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of cities selected as smart cities in the country, at present;
- (b) the total amount allocated during the year 2017-18 for Smart Cities Mission; and
- (c) the total amount spent, so far, on each city?

#### **Implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules**

361. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for solid waste management during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of status of implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016?

#### **Assistance sanctioned for smart cities**

362. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central and State assistance sanctioned, out of the promised amount to the hundred smart cities selected under the Smart Cities Mission, city-wise;

(b) the details of utilization of Central assistance fund from the date of release, so far, city-wise; and

(c) the details of the projects approved under each smart city under the Smart Cities Mission, city-wise?

(d) the physical targets set and achieved in the area of affordable housing, slum re-development in that State during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise?

#### **Dumping of municipal waste**

363. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that 75 per cent of municipal waste is dumped without processing;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that many States process as low as 2 per cent of the total municipal waste in their respective States;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh does not process even 10 per cent of its municipal waste; and

(d) if so, in what manner the Ministry looks at this unacceptable level of processing by many States, including Andhra Pradesh and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the situation?

#### **Funds to Andhra Pradesh under PMAY**

364. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 11,200 crore has been approved and released for Andhra Pradesh under PMAY (Urban) since its beginning in 2015;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has, so far, utilized only ₹1,135 crore;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

#### **Overcrowding in major cities**

365. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the pitiable condition of some of the major cities of the country which are overcrowded beyond their carrying capacity leading to intense problems concerning civic amenities like drinking water, roads, transport, sewage, parking, heavy traffic, environmental pollution, etc;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to put a cap on increase in the density of inhabitants in such cities; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to get any detailed study of cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Kolkata, etc. conducted by experts to suggest workable solution?

#### **Smart cities in Andhra Pradesh**

366. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of smart cities projects identified by the Ministry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of financial assistance granted/released/pending with the Ministry;

(c) whether the funds released by the Ministry is sufficient to speed up the

process of implementation of these projects; and

(d) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry in this regard?

#### **Mono Rail project in Kerala**

367. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Mono Rail project in Kerala is likely to be completed, the status thereof at present; and

(b) the funds allocated for the project, so far?

#### **Houses sanctioned under PMAY for Karnataka**

368. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses that sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for Karnataka, so far;

(b) the reasons why only a little over 50,000 houses have been constructed in that State, so far;

(c) the details of financial progress of the project proposals under PMAY in that State; and

(d) by when all the sanctioned houses are going to be completed?

#### **Request for grant to Bengaluru Metro Rail Project**

369. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the

new Metro Rail Policy, the Ministry has to provide ten per cent of the total project cost as grant;

(b) if so, whether any request from the State Government of Karnataka has been received for giving ten per cent grant to Bengaluru Metro Rail Project Phase-2A (Silk Board to K.R. Puram) and Phase-2B (Nagawara to Kempegowda International Airport);

(c) if so, the action Ministry has taken so far on the above request; and

(d) by when it would release ten per cent grant for the above projects?

#### **Illegal construction on DDA land**

†370. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some people have raised illegal construction on and occupied land of DDA; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remove such illegal encroachment?

#### **Projects under AMRUT scheme**

371. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether AMRUT scheme was launched by Government in 2015 with an aim to establish infrastructure for robust sewage networks and adequate water supply in urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 2,400 projects worth ₹ 74,000 crore have been approved under State annual action plans for five years, i.e., 2015 to 2020;

(c) if so, the current status in terms of the number of completed projects; and

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(d) the details of funds spent on each project proposed under the scheme, project-wise, year-wise and State-wise?

**MoUs with foreign entities under Smart Cities Mission**

372. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed MoUs with foreign entities for completing projects under Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details of contracts signed in 99 cities selected and the amounts sanctioned along with the names of foreign entities, city-wise;

(c) whether MoUs have also been signed with private companies for completing projects under the Mission; and

(d) if so, the details of companies along with the amounts sanctioned for each city under the Mission, State-wise and year-wise, till 2018?

**Registration of builders**

373. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make registration of builders mandatory in view of increasing cases of duping of innocent buyers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in future nobody would be allowed to offer any flats/plots to buyers without obtaining a proper license to start construction activities; and

(c) whether Government would ensure a provision of heavy penalty, blacklisting for a period of five years along with jail term against the guilty persons and if so, the details thereof?

**Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana**

374. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) along with its present status;

(b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised under this scheme during the last three years, in each State/UT including Punjab;

(c) the reasons for slow progress made in completion of houses as compared to sanctioned houses;

(d) the details of new technologies implemented and that which is under implementation; and

(e) the steps taken to reach the target of one crore houses set by the Prime Minister?

**Relief to buyers in housing projects**

375. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of housing projects are stalled across the country as builders are unable to complete these projects for want of funds;

(b) if so, whether buyers are suffering as they have invested their hard-earned money for purchasing houses from the builders;

(c) if so, the Government's response thereto;

(d) whether the Ministry has requested the Ministry of Finance to create stress funds to complete stalled housing projects;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response received from that Ministry in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Ministry to give relief to buyers?

**Scientific technique for disposal of solid waste**

‡376. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to employ a scientific and novel technique for disposal of solid waste that proves to be environment friendly as well as pragmatic from socio-economic perspective so that cities could be made safer and sustainable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) with reference to above, whether any policy has been formulated by the Central Government in collaboration with State Governments and whether the implementation of such policy is under progress and yielding positive results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**CBSE making changes in examination pattern**

377. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is proposing to make changes in classes X and XII examination pattern from 2019 onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that move is currently being tested as a pilot project in

the ongoing compartmental examinations;

(d) whether CBSE is also planning to provide logistical support to examination centres which lack adequate printing and xerox machines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Foreign students and faculty members in institutes**

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

(a) the current percentage of foreign students and faculty members in both private and public institutes in the country;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase their number especially in IITs;

(c) in what manner Government proposes to offer competitive salaries to foreign faculty members when some of India's topmost university professors and staff have complained about inadequate and delayed salaries; and

(d) whether these plans have been extended to humanities and social science disciplines as well and if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for development of educational institutions in Tamil Nadu**

379. DR. V. MAITREYAN Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to allocate funds for development of universities, IIT Chennai and NIT Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether Government has devised any new initiatives and policies to provide adequate teaching faculties in various universities in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total amount disbursed till date by Government for development of Universities in the State, university-wise; and

(d) the details of further steps taken by Government to increase the number of universities in the State?

#### **Shortage of teachers and staff in educational institutes**

‡380. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of teachers and non-teaching staff in the central educational institutes of the country;

(b) whether any evaluation of its impact on the quality of education being given to students has ever been done;

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure that such vacancies are filled up immediately; and

(d) the number of posts lying vacant in Central Universities of the country as on date?

#### **Suicide cases among students**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of suicide cases amongst students of technical institutes throughout the country is on the rise due to heavy study stress;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider making participation in physical education by students in such institutes mandatory in order to minimize the effects of stress; and

(c) if so, the details of physical activities the Ministry would like to propose for the purpose?

#### **Funds under SSA to Jharkhand**

382. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned/allocated any funds for the State of Jharkhand under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA); and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the utilisation of the said funds during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Literacy rate**

383. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate in the country, gender-wise and State/UT-wise at present along with the funds sanctioned/spent and achievements made under the National Literacy Mission during the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide special assistance to States having literacy rate below the national average and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several States have demanded autonomy for achieving learning outcomes and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government thereon; and

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(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for improving the standard of literacy?

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh**

384. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and places where Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning/running in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government proposes to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in that State; and

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

#### **Reforms by CBSE governing body**

385. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual CBSE governing body meeting discussed and approved a number of reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that CBSE has decided to make complete revamp of affiliation by-laws to make it faster and easier, letting students of special need take examinations in their own schools and standardization of question papers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fee structure and sale of textbook in private schools**

386. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private schools located across the country have varying fee structures and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to constitute any Committee to regulate the same;

(c) whether Government is aware of instances of private schools selling textbooks and school uniforms at exorbitant prices;

(d) if so, whether Government is taking any measures to regulate the rates; and

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

#### **Vacancies of teachers in schools**

387. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 17.6 per cent of teaching posts in Government elementary schools and 15.7 per cent in Government secondary schools are vacant, amounting to over 10 lakh vacancies at the school level and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Ministry to fill these vacancies;

(c) whether an internal survey by the Ministry has concluded that India has 4 lakh excess teachers at the school level and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for such contradictory figures?

#### **Funds to universities**

388. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated by UGC to State and Central Universities after the completion of Twelfth Five Year Plan and the details of funds allocated during 2017-18;

(b) the details of amount that remained unspent or lapsed by the State and Central Universities from Twelfth Five Year Plan, State and Central Universities-wise; and

(c) the total amount that UGC has allocated to State Universities in Kerala during 2017-18 other than the funds allocated during the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

**Inspiration for research work in Central Universities**

389. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to inspire and attract professors and staff for research work in various Central Universities;

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve the standard of research in line with the universities of USA, Japan, UK and other developed countries;

(c) whether Government proposes to sign any agreement with foreign institutions to bring qualitative improvement in the standard of research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Changes in pattern of CBSE question paper**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) proposes to change the question paper patterns of Classes X and XII examinations from 2020 as a part of revamp and early declaration of results; and

(b) if so, the details of other reasons that has necessitated the change?

**Closing down of AICTE affiliated colleges**

391. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) affiliated professional colleges which were closed down during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for closing down of such colleges; and

(c) whether any measures are being taken to address the reasons and ensure continued functioning of such colleges?

**Doubling of fee by IIT Delhi to boost funds**

392. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants received by IITs from the Central Government;

(b) whether IIT Delhi has moved to double the fee for its research and post-graduate courses in the name of earning Institution of Eminence status and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other IIT in the country having the same status is also doing the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government approves such move of IITs which is against the interest of the students and if so, the details thereof?

**Institutions established under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014**

393. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institutions of national importance to be established as per the



provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(b) whether Government has allocated any funds/financial assistance for constructions of infrastructure/campus of these institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Constitution of Board of Governors at IIMs**

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

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to constitute a fresh Board of Governors at each IIM, as per the new IIM Act; and

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

#### **Evaluation of higher educational institutes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to expedite evaluation of higher educational institutes;

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

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

#### **Simplification of rules for granting recognition to schools**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to simplify the rules for granting recognition to schools;

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

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

#### **Posts of teachers lying vacant in schools**

397. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 50 per cent posts of teachers are lying vacant in schools across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 30,000 posts of teachers in Haryana alone are vacant and more than 800 schools are being run without principals;

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to fill up all the vacant posts of teachers to ensure quality education in Government schools; and

(d) whether students dropout ratio and expensive higher education are also posing critical challenges in educating children and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Selecting non-existent institute as Institution of Eminence**

398. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance had raised objections on selecting a non-existent institute as an Institution of

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Eminence based only on intentions and a plan;

(b) if so, the details of objections made by that Ministry and the reasons why these objections were overruled;

(c) whether the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) has also acknowledged in its report the difficulty of selecting Institutions of Eminence from applicants with no track record; and

(d) if so, the details of recommendations of EEC and the reasons for not accepting its report?

#### **Consultation on Institutions of Eminence**

399. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has consulted all stakeholders including the general public before coming out with the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities Regulations, 2017;

(b) if so, the objections/suggestions received and whether these have been incorporated in the regulations;

(c) if not, the reasons for which pre-legislative consultations was not done;

(d) whether the regulations have been laid on the Table of the House; and

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

#### **Foreign students and faculty members**

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

(a) the details of foreign students studying in higher educational institutions across the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of foreign faculty members teaching in the higher educational institutions across the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make higher educational institutions of the country attractive to foreign students and faculty members?

#### **Making Ph.D. mandatory for teaching at university level**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 2021 onwards, a Ph.D. would be necessary for teaching at the university level;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the University Grants Commission has made a Ph.D. degree mandatory for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professors in universities from July 2021;

(c) whether Government has also done away with the controversial academic performance indicator based appraisal; and

(d) whether Government has introduced a simplified teacher evaluation grading system and has added academic/research score for universities to improve research output?

#### **Construction of permanent campus of IIM, Visakhapatnam**

402. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that inspite of allotment of required land by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Central Government has not released funds from the allocated fund of ₹ 300 crore for

the construction of permanent campus for Indian Institute of Management, Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame by which the permanent campus for IIM, Visakhapatnam would be constructed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Training for teachers at higher educational institutions**

403. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being taken by the Ministry to enhance training facilities for teachers at higher educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what provisions for refresher courses exist to update previously recruited faculty members with modern course materials and teaching methodologies?

#### **Expenditure on education**

404. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on education in terms of percentage of allocation of total outlay and the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the funds allocated/released to States under various Centrally Sponsored

Schemes during the above period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether States have requested the Central Government to enhance the allocation for education under various central sector schemes in accordance with the growth of economy; and

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

#### **Implementation of NCTE guidelines**

405. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the implementation of National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) guidelines by various State Governments and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government plans to place a monitoring mechanism for the effective implementation of the said guidelines?

#### **Higher education of girl students in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas**

†406. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no provision has been made by Government to impart higher education to girl students who are getting education upto 12th class in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that the standard of catering has gone down considerably in Kasturba Vidyalayas; and

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(d) the total number of Kasturba Vidyalayas being run in Bihar and the number of students studying therein?

#### **Quarterly report of institutions**

407. DR. BANDA PRAKASH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the Central Government funded institutions, including the elite Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Central Universities, to furnish quarterly reports listing their achievements and failing to bring in transparency and improve their performance and also to push institutions to have a cordial relations with students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Amount spent on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

408. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by Government on the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last three years;

(b) the achievements made under SSA, State-wise; and

(c) to what extent the SCs/STs/OBCs have been benefited by the Abhiyan, State-wise?

#### **Launching of Innovation Cell and ARIIA**

409. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has launched

Innovation Cell and Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) to foster culture of innovation in higher educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Common curriculum for deemed universities**

410. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deemed universities across the country have common curriculum as per UGC norms;

(b) whether such universities are following reservations as per Government of India's provisions; and

(c) if not, the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Assessment of National Mission on Teachers Training**

411. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken an impact assessment of the Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers Training (PMMMNMTT) since its inception;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Rationalisation of curriculum**

412. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has submitted a suggestion to the NCERT for the rationalisation of curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CBSE is also planning a major revamp of examination by-laws; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Skill development in colleges**

†413. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, Government is formulating any plans to impart training for skill development along with education in all the colleges of the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to launch any such programme and if so, the details thereof?

### **New professional programmes for students**

414. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduced some new professional programmes for students from this academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims/objectives of these programmes;

(c) whether Government has consulted all stakeholders including universities/schools in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of views expressed by them; and

(e) the names of institutions where these programmes have been started/proposed to be started?

### **Benefit of reservation in educational institutes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of reservation is not being given to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the teaching and management positions of higher educational institutes such as IITs, IIMs, IHMs and universities and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to implement the reservation system effectively in such institutes; and

(c) if so, the dates on which higher educational institutes have been directed by Government to fill up vacant posts during the last three years?

### **Number of Central Government employees**

416. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central Government employees in groups A, B, C and D excluding Safai Karamcharis during 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(b) the total number of Central

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Government employees belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories in group A,B,C and D excluding Safai Karamcharis, during the above period, year-wise; and

(c) the total number of Safai Karamcharis, since 2014 to 2018, year-wise?

#### **Law to make CBI more powerful**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have withdrawn the general consent given to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to carryout investigations in their States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such withdrawals are permitted under law and whether States can carry out investigations on the Central Government institutions also in their States by their own investigating agencies; and

(c) whether Government is considering to bring a law to make CBI more powerful and more independent having its jurisdiction all over the country?

#### **Amendments to RTI Act**

418. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI D. RAJA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to make some amendments to the Right to Information (RTI) Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the stage of the proposal;

(c) whether the Central Information Commission has been consulted in this regard; and

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

#### **Benefits of e-HRMS system**

419. KUMARI SELJA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-HRMS system has been made fully functional across the country;

(b) if so, whether any difficulties have been faced in its implementation;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure a seamless transition to this system;

(d) the details of benefits that are expected to accrue to Government with the introduction of this system; and

(e) the details of funds spent to create the system?

#### **Filling up backlog vacancies**

420. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts still lying vacant in various departments of the Centre Government, cadre-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to fill up the backlog vacancies specially of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other reserved categories; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to fill up the vacancies?

#### **Employment on the basis of fake caste certificates**

421. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a

large number of employees have secured employment in Government departments on the basis of false/fake caste certificates;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to remove or dismiss such employees from service?

**Facilitation for grievance redressal of pensioners**

†422. SHRI PRABHAT JHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many corrective measures have been taken by Government in the direction of procedural facilitation for grievance redressal and convenience of pensioners during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the All India Pension court has been started with the aim of ensuring the convenience in livelihood of pensioners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Corruption cases against civil servants**

423. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of corruption cases against officers of Indian Civil Services have been unearthed during the last three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Civil Services lack creditability and integrity;

(c) whether Government is considering to adopt safeguards to promote accountability and also protect the civil servants from unnecessary meddling; and

(d) the number of corrupt civil servants convicted during the last three years?

**One nation one card**

424. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce one nation one card for public transport system with a view to seamless connectivity between various modes of transportation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Special Category Status to NER States**

†425. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North Eastern Region (NER) of the country is counted among the most backward regions of the country;

(b) if so, the number of States of this region that have been accorded Special Category Status;

(c) whether Government has any plan to accord Special Category Status to the remaining States for their upliftment;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Schemes for development of coastal districts of Tamil Nadu**

426. DR. V. MAITREYAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has any special projects and schemes for development of coastal districts of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated and disbursed during the last three years for the propose;

(c) whether Government has taken any effective steps to support and develop the socio-economic growth of fishermen community in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Parameters to determine BPL**

†427. SHRI NARAYAN RANE : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on any action plan to determine the parameters of identifying people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and after considering all aspects provide benefits of schemes to them;

(b) if so, the aspects covered therein and by when its report is expected to be finalised on the basis of which BPL people could be identified and benefits of schemes could be provided to them, by identifying them;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is avoiding to identify people living below poverty line which is causing inordinate delay in providing them benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Alleviation of poverty**

†428. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Caste Based Census 2011, poverty is more prevalent among Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in comparison to upper castes;

(b) the details of poverty, class-wise, State-wise;

(c) the details of steps taken to alleviate poverty and the extent to which success has been achieved during the last three years; and

(d) the names of schemes which are proving effective in alleviating poverty?

**Inter-ministerial committees for transformative mobility**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the NITI Aayog has formed six inter-ministerial committees to decide on the issues related to strategies to scale up the transformative mobility;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(c) whether these committees have given their reports to the Aayog;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

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**Extent of drug addiction problem**

430. DR. SANTANU SEN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has done any estimates of the extent of drug addiction problem in the country; and

(b) what income avenues are available for reformed drug users?

**Funds for development of Scheduled Tribes in Odisha**

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

(a) what is the total allocation of funds in the current Five Year Plan (FYP) for the overall development of the people of Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) how much of funds have been earmarked for the development of Scheduled Tribes in Odisha; and

(c) which are the schemes of the current FYP that have been implemented till 31st October, 2018 for the development of the Scheduled Tribes in that State?

**Commission for sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes**

432. SHRI D. R AJA:  
DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

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

(a) whether Government has extended the term of the Commission headed by Justice G Rohini to examine the issue of sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes till May 31, 2019; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the progress made, so far?

**Schemes for welfare of SCs**

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

(a) the details of schemes including skill development schemes being run by Government for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the funds sanctioned, utilised and the achievements made during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and the achievements made?

**Manual Scavengers and SBM**

434. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of manual scavengers in the country has increased during the last four years;

(b) whether Government is aware of the health hazards to manual scavengers;

(c) the total amount of funds being spent each year under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(d) the total amount of funds under SBM that is spent towards the improvement of conditions of manual scavengers or giving them better instruments; and

(e) the total amount of funds under SBM that is being spent on 'marketing' or 'public relation'?

**Assistance to Rajasthan for establishment of care/rehabilitation centres**

435. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has sought administrative and financial sanction for establishment of care/rehabilitation centres in Jaipur and Kota for specially abled boys and girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has taken any decision on that request; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Assistance to BPL families of SC/ST**

436. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing any financial assistance to BPL families of SC/ST for their social and financial development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has laid down any ceiling as to what per cent of the project cost would be provided by Government as assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of physically challenged population of Tamil Nadu**

437. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special projects and schemes for socio-economic development of physically challenged

population of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated and disbursed during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to support and develop the socio-economic growth of physically challenged, differently abled population in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Assistance to old and helpless persons**

438. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of old and helpless men and women in the country has increased during the last three years;

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

(c) the number of Government and private institutions engaged for their care/welfare;

(d) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Governments to assist these old and helpless persons; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

**Determination of 'Creamy Layer' for employment and education**

439. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Creamy Layer applicable to OBCs for employment and education purposes *vis-a-vis* DoPT order of October 14, 2014;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry determines Creamy Layer differently for Central Government, State Government and employees of PSUs;

(c) if so, the manners in which the Ministry determines Creamy Layer for Central Government, State Government and PSU employees; and

(d) what is the justification for eliminating children of Group A and Group B officers to avail OBC reservation?

#### **Protection of cleanliness workers**

440. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what schemes/projects are being undertaken to protect the health and life of cleanliness workers cleaning the underground sewage system in the light of recent deaths; and

(b) whether there is any scheme to provide them with safety gear for work?

#### **Aids and means notified for disabled persons**

†441. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various state-of-the-art aids and means notified for visually-impaired, leprosy affected, deaf, patient kit and intellectual and growth stunted disabled persons and persons affected with orthopaedic diseases;

(b) the details of funds earmarked so far to provide such aids and means, State-wise; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries availing the benefits of such aids and means during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Unpaid post-matric scholarships**

442. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a large number of unpaid post-matric scholarships to Scheduled Caste students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) by when all the dues would be cleared for the students in need; and

(c) the reasons why Government has not been releasing appropriate funds for the single biggest source of college education for dalits and OBCs?

#### **Misappropriation of funds in post-matric scholarship in Punjab**

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

(a) whether there has been misappropriation of funds of about ₹ 500 crore of centrally sponsored post-matric scholarship scheme in Punjab;

(b) whether the students belonging to Scheduled Castes were given fake admissions;

(c) whether the Central Government has instituted any investigation to find out the grave irregularity in the scam; and

(d) the number of students affected by such fraud in private and Government educational institutions?

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**Establishment of National Fund for persons with disabilities**

444. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Fund under Section 86 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act has been operationalized;
- (b) if so, the prescribed manner of devolution of funds as required under Section 86(2) of the Act and the details of devolution of funds since it has been operationalized, month-wise; and
- (c) if not, the expected timeline by which the fund would be established and the details of avenues where sums under Section 86(1) (a) and 86(1) (b) are currently held?

**Satellites put into orbit through Indian PSLV**

445. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of satellites put into orbit through PSLV during the last three years;
- (b) how many of them come under commercial category and how many of those belong to other countries;
- (c) the revenue earned through the launch of other countries' satellites;
- (d) the number of ISRO's satellities launched from other countries' launch pad;
- (e) the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether Government is planning the launch of many more satellites during the next three years in view of efficiency of launch pad system; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Venus Mission**

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

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ISRO has planned Venus Mission in the next five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has invited international proposals for scientific payloads for the Mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether under the Make-in-India initiative, Indian private industries would be encouraged and given preference in the development of payloads; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Training to space scientists of foreign countries**

447. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has decided to train space scientists of foreign countries that lack satellite building capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that India would not charge for this capacity building programme but play a role in shortlisting scientists for the training programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Launching of communication satellites**

†448. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communication satellites launched during the last four years;

(b) the number of such satellites launched during 2004 to 2014;

(c) whether it is a fact that ISRO has received requests from many countries for launching of their satellites; and

(d) if so, the number and names of such countries?

**Annual exhibition of tribal goods**

449. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up/proposes to set up annual exhibition of tribal goods across the country for their promotion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**CSR funds for adopting tribal dominated districts**

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

(a) the number of companies that have agreed to use their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to adopt tribal dominated districts or States;

(b) whether such districts and States have been identified; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Inclusion of tribal languages in curriculum**

451. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data on the total percentage of dropouts in 2018 among tribals at primary, intermediate and secondary level;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Council of Tribal Languages and Literature societies, Manipur (CTLISM) has demanded allocation of funds to the State's Budget for tribal languages education;

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce tribal languages into curriculum for inclusiveness in education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Sex ratio at birth under BBBP**

452. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was Beti Bachao Beti Padhao launched;

(b) what was the sex ratio at birth at that time *vis-a-vis* the current rate, district-wise; and

(c) the total budget of the scheme?

**Unregistered shelter homes in Punjab**

453. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some children from Jharkhand, lodged in unregistered private shelter home at Ludhiana, has been missing;

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(b) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has reported that these children have been converted to Christianity; and

(c) if so, the details of action the Ministry has taken against this unregistered shelter home?

**Pension benefit to teachers of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas**

454. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to resume the pension benefit to the teachers of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the financial and administrative constraints, if any, in this regard?

**Measures to help child victims of trafficking**

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

(a) the measures taken by Government to combat trafficking of children for child labour, child beggary and sexual exploitation;

(b) whether Government has taken measures of rescue, rehabilitation, skill development and provision of alternative livelihood options to rescued children and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been the budget allocation and expenses for the aforesaid measures during the last three years?

**Schemes for destitute/neglected children**

456. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of destitute/neglected children in the country;

(b) the details of schemes/programmes in existence for protection/education of such children;

(c) whether Government has reviewed these schemes/programmes in the recent past;

(d) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to make these schemes more purposeful?

**Crime in shelter homes for children**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of increasing trend of protectors turning predators in shelter homes meant for children and in particular meant for girls and women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what strategy Government proposes to adopt to sternly deal with this menace?

**Staying away from schools by girl students**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a recent survey has revealed that 40 per cent girl students in the National Capital stay home during periods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

**Implementation of Ujjwala scheme in Tamil Nadu**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any action to ensure implementation of Ujjwala Scheme to rescue, rehabilitate, re-integrate and repatriate victims of trafficking in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and utilised in that State; and

(c) whether Government has set up any mechanism to monitor the utilisation of these funds by State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

**Fake registration of children with Anganwadis**

460. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of fake children are registered with Anganwadis in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

**Report on child care institutions**

461. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of report to be submitted by respective States/Union-Territories on inspection of their child care institutions;

(b) the names of the States/Union-Territories which have not submitted the aforementioned report yet;

(c) the number of child care institutions shut down during the last year for reasons of non-registration or non-adherence to rules mandated under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 across all States/Union-Territories; and

(d) the status on the proposed setting up of a single large facilities in every State to house children who are presently living in child care institutions?

**Legal recourse for Me-Too victims**

462. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by Government for looking into the allegations of sexual harassment made in the Me-Too movement;

(b) whether a committee has been set-up for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the objectives of the committee along with its composition?

**Judicial panel to look into Me-Too movement cases**

463. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken a decision to form a Judicial Panel to look into the cases emanating from Me-Too movement and sexual harassment cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of cases registered, so far, and the action initiated for their early redressal; and

(d) by when the Judicial Panel would be formed and the reasons for the delay in its formation, if any?

**Plan to redress complaints of sexual harassment**

464. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a Group of Ministers to come up with a comprehensive plan in view of complaints of sexual harassment flooding the social media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the report is expected to be finalized; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to effectively implement the law against sexual harassment at workplace and to strengthen legal and institutional framework?

**Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)**

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

(a) the details of women enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of women receiving cash incentives/cash transfers and the total amount given as cash transfers under the scheme, so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by Government under the scheme so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise?

**Offences against children**

466. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that the offences against children are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature of offences;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring a new legislation for protection of children from sexual offences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Shelter homes for widows in Vrindavan and Kashi**

†467. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widows who

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have come from West Bengal and Odisha to Vrindavan and Kashi, are living in a pitiable state;

(b) if so, the number of widows staying there;

(c) whether shelter homes have been constructed for them;

(d) if so, the number of shelter homes constructed and the details of different facilities provided in such shelter homes;

(e) whether medical facilities are provided to them from time to time; and

(f) the details of works done by these women?

#### **Wasting among children**

468. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wasting as a phenomenon in children under five years of age has increased during the last decade and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken to bring change in the single cereal PDS which leads to nutritional deficiency;

(c) whether there is a uniform mechanism adopted by Government to identify malnourished children under five years of age; and

(d) if so, the details of its implementation and the result achieved thereby?

#### **Per beneficiary cost of nutritional supplement**

469. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending

with Government to increase the cost per beneficiary for the age group of six months to six years for providing nutritional supplement in Anganwadis from existing ₹ 8 to ₹ 15 per beneficiary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present rate *i.e.* ₹ 8 per beneficiary is sufficient in the background of ever increasing price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Implementation of POCSO Act**

470. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the rapid increase in crime against children remain unnoticed as majority of cases go unregistered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act;

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

(c) whether Government has issued directions to all the States for stringent implementation of the Act; and

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

#### **Recent changes in remuneration for Anganwadi workers**

471. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current remuneration structure for Anganwadi workers, State-wise;

(b) whether workers have been demanding substantial changes in remuneration and other benefits;

(c) whether Government has changed the remuneration for Anganwadi workers recently and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain whether the revised remunerations are adequate?

(c) the details of important components of Abhiyaan and how they are being implemented in that district; and

(d) the physical targets set and achieved in that district under the Abhiyaan during the last three years, year-wise?

**Use of Nirbhaya fund to set up fast track courts**

472. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to use Nirbhaya fund to set up 1,023 fast track courts to dispose off pending cases against women and children;

(b) if so, the details of financial implications and the details of States/UTs identified in the first phase of the said project; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has also proposed procurement of forensic kits for sexual assault cases and that the proposal from Konkan Railway for setting up CCTVs at 50 railway stations has been approved and if so, the details thereof?

**POSHAN Abhiyaan in Nellore distt., Andhra Pradesh**

473. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between POSHAN Abhiyan launched recently and the National Nutrition Mission;

(b) whether it is a fact that Nellore is one of the districts in Andhra Pradesh identified under the Abhiyaan;

**Nutritious food items in Anganwadi Centres**

†474. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the number of Anganwadi Centres being run by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Bihar; and

(c) the details of arrangements made to ensure nutritious food items in the meal of children at Anganwadi Centres?

**Women and children suffering from malnutrition**

475. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to improve the condition of women and children suffering from malnutrition in various parts of the country;

(b) the details of schemes implemented for improving the conditions of such women and children and the status of their implementation; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the condition of malnourished women and children particularly in Madhya Pradesh?

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#### **Amendment in NCW Act**

476. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the draft Bill approved to amend the National Commission for Women (NCW) Act in 2015;

(b) the reasons for its pendency;

(c) by when the Bill would be introduced in Parliament;

(d) the details of inter-ministerial consultations that have been undertaken on the Bill;

(e) the details of all other stakeholders who have been consulted during the drafting of the Bill and if no stakeholders have been consulted, the reasons therefor; and

(f) when the public consultations on the draft Bill would take place?

#### **Vacant position in National Commission for Women**

477. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all five positions of members of the National Commission for Women (NCW) excluding the Chairperson are vacant;

(b) position-wise details on last occupancy, date of vacancy of last occupant and latest date of appointment on positions filled, so far;

(c) the reasons for not making timely appointment and the steps taken to streamline it;

(d) who discharges the functions of

NCW during the vacancy of members; and

(e) whether the Ministry has analyzed the impact of vacancies on functioning of NCW and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Impact assessment study of PMMVY**

478. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any impact assessment study of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana since its inception;

(b) if so, when it was undertaken and what have been the results of this exercise and whether there were any modifications in the scheme thereafter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **POSHAN Abhiyaan in Tamil Nadu**

479. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of districts of Tamil Nadu in which POSHAN Abhiyaan is being implemented and is proposed to be implemented in the coming years; and

(b) the details of other steps being taken and target groups identified under the Abhiyaan?

**One Stop Centre**

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

(a) the total number of One-Stop Centres proposed to be opened in view of women safety, State-wise;

(b) the details of budget released for opening such centres along with the amount spent out of the same; and

(c) the number of women who have been provided help by such centres, State-wise?

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