

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, December 15, 2016/Agrahayana 24, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Construction of Anganwadi Centres under CSR

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

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the Anganwadi Centres in the country do not have their own buildings, toilets, etc;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to encourage building of such Centres under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR); and

(c) how much work has been done under CSR in respect of providing nutrition and helping the Anganwadi Centres in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

(a) the main objectives of the North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi);

(b) the total number of projects financed by NEDFi since 2013, State-wise;

(c) the total amount of loan financed by NEDFi from 2013 to 2016; and

(d) the names of sectors under these projects financed by NEDFi, project and sector-wise?

Australia-India Strategic Research Fund

Projects financed by NEDFi

*302. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

*303. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects going

on at present under Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF);

(b) the total amount provided by Australia under the AISRF, so far;

(c) the number of students exchanged for research work during the last three years, year-wise, along with the road map chalked out for the year 2016;

(d) the areas identified by both the countries on research in the field of education; and

(e) further collaboration and joint ventures in research field identified by both the countries for funding under AISRF?

Working condition of librarians in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*304. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether librarians in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) have poor service conditions like no career advancement avenues, no benefit of departmental examinations, etc.;

(b) whether library support staff has not been provided as prescribed in New Library Policy and Procedural Manual approved by KVS;

(c) whether Librarians are given extra non-professional works/duties like taking primary classes, making arrangements, etc.;

(d) if so, whether these issues/demands have been raised at different levels including Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) and Employee Associations; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government

to improve the working conditions of librarians in KVS?

Ranking of Indian Universities

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

(a) the names and ranks of Indian Universities among the top 200 universities of the world;

(b) since when these universities have been appearing in the top 200 universities;

(c) if answer to (a) above is in negative, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of universities of China, Japan, Russia, Britain, America and Germany which are ranked among the top 200 universities of the world?

Transfer policy of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*306. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of transfer policy of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) whether these policies are addressing the regional disparities amongst the schools, if so, the details thereof?

Popularization of science among children

†*307. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by

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Government to popularize science among children in the country;

(b) the number of Centres set up by Government in the State of Bihar to encourage scientific temper among children; and

(c) the current status of these Centres and how they are proving to be useful in developing a scientific temper among children?

Closure of schools due to clusterisation

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

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is monitoring the reduction in number of schools across the country caused by clusterisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that CBSE has less Public and Government schools registered with it presently than in 2013-14;

(c) how does CBSE propose to prevent clusterisation being used as a tool to close down schools; and

(d) the specific steps CBSE would take to ensure that primary and secondary schools are not closed down by consolidation and clusterisation?

Support to training and employment programme for women

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

(a) the amount allocated by Government for administering Support to Training and

Employment Programme for Women (STEP) scheme, in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of women benefited and got employment and self-employed after skill training in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Real time weather information for farmers

*310. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing real time information to farmers on weather conditions such as floods or drought, availability of water for irrigation and crop prices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when Government would be able to start providing such information, especially in the backdrop of the fact that the country has been hit by drought followed by floods this year?

Impact of demonetization on real estate sector

*311. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a study on the impact of demonetization on real estate sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether experts have expressed that market value of residential property is expected to be wiped off in about forty-two cities across the country; and

(c) if so, the Government's response thereto and the details of efforts proposed to be made to boost the real estate sector market?

Issue of terrorism in Goa Declaration of BRICS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there was criticism over the failure of the Goa Declaration of BRICS to address the issue of cross-border terrorism, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that many BRICS leaders were silent on the issue of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and its support to terrorist groups, if so, the details thereof?

Gender sensitisation in school curriculum

*313. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Ministry is taking steps to include gender sensitisation in the school curriculum, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Urban population below poverty line

†*314. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated population living below poverty line in urban areas of the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether a survey has been conducted recently to find out the number of urban poor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a comprehensive scheme has been prepared and implemented for urban poverty alleviation; and

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

Enroachment of Government property in metropolitan cities

*315. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government property has been encroached upon in metropolitan cities by private people owing to negligence of the authorities;

(b) if so, the details of large encroachments and the estimated worth of the properties lost by Government during last three years; and

(c) the number of persons found guilty in this regard along with the action taken against them during the said period?

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