

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, November 17, 2016/Kartika 26, 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

Closure of schools in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Unified District
Information System for Education
(U-DISE), 2014-15 shows that 10.80 lakh
elementary schools have been closed down
in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that 800
Government primary and upper primary
schools have been closed down in Andhra
Pradesh in 2015-16;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Andhra
Pradesh has closed down maximum number
of primary and upper primary schools in
2015-16, if so, what are the reasons
therefor; and

(d) the number of elementary schools

closed down in Andhra Pradesh as per
U-DISE?

Bringing back Lalit Modi and Vijay Mallya

†*17. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is serious to
bring back Lalit Modi and Vijay Mallya
who are facing various allegations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government
to bring them back to India?

Implementation of HRIDAY

*18. SHRI SAMBHAJI
CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of
URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the agencies identified for implementation of Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) for different cities have started the work on ground or the work is still at planning stage;

(b) the major items of work identified for each city under the scheme with the estimated expenditure; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to include more heritage cities/towns/places of rich heritage and historical importance under the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

Higher Education Financing Agency for research oriented infrastructure

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

(a) whether Government plans to set up a Higher Education Financing Agency to boost research oriented infrastructure in the premier institutions like IITs/NITs/IIMs in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that these higher educational institutions are lagging behind several years in terms of infrastructure, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above move is a reason for increase in the fee structure of higher educational institutions in the country; and

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

Status of remuneration of Anganwadi workers

†*20. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN

AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Anganwadi workers and helpers in the country and present status of remuneration and total emoluments per month given to them;

(b) the details of the services taken from them by the Central and State Governments; and

(c) the measures being taken for increasing the emoluments of these workers and helpers?

Enhancing the employability of graduates

*21. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a programme called "Mission 10 X" started by WIPRO to train teachers in appropriate pedagogy techniques for reaching engineering students to meet its quality requirements; and

(b) if so, what steps University Grants Commission and Government propose to take to enhance the employability of graduates, both technical and general, in our high growth industries?

Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Telangana

*22. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Foundation establishes Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in various States of the country;

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

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no such Chair in the State of Telangana and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry provides any financial or other assistance for setting up of such Chairs, if so, the details of such assistance provided during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that no chair has been established by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation in the last three years, if so, the reasons therefor?

Report of Expert Committee headed by Shri Shyam Benegal

*23. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received the report of Expert Committee headed by Shri Shyam Benegal to recommend changes to the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and to bring transparency in the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC);

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made in the report and the implementation progress made so far by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps regarding the amendment of guidelines under Section 5B of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and if so, the details thereof?

Constitution of Commission for Shepherd community

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

(a) whether Shepherd is a large community in all States of the country and they are Nomadic tribes (Ghumantu)

moving around forests for grazing sheep and remain far away from civilization;

(b) whether they belong to the category of OBC and are facing problem of education and health of their children;

(c) whether former P.M. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji promised to constitute a Shepherd Commission;

(d) whether till this day the commitment has not been fulfilled; and

(e) whether Government proposes to constitute a commission for Shepherd community, if so, by when?

Scheme for Education Quality Improvement Programme

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

(a) whether Government has proposed to uplift the low income States through "Central Sector Scheme" for Education Quality Improvement Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the States which have been identified as low income States; and

(c) the details of budget proposal of Central Sector Scheme therefor and the action taken by Government so far thereon, State-wise and subject-wise?

BIMSTEC Summit

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

(a) what would be the approach of India towards Pakistan for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation Summit (BIMSTEC) to be held in India;

(b) whether India is considering not to invite Pakistan for this Summit; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is going to invite Afghanistan and Maldives for BIMSTEC?

Increasing population in metropolitan cities

†*27. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey on the ever increasing number of people in the metropolitan cities of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of action plans formulated by Government to provide basic facilities to the metropolitan cities in view of their increasing population?

Quality of education in Government schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no improvement in quality of education in Government schools in the last three years as per survey carried out by Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA) and Annual Status of Education Report (ASER); and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make policy changes in Government schooling system, if not, the reasons therefor?

Fulfilment of conditions by Institutes of National Importance

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

(a) what is the total number of institutions that have been given the status of Institute of National Importance since the inception of the scheme and the names of these institutions;

(b) whether there are any conditions for the continuation of this status, if so, the details thereof, if not, whether there is necessity of such conditions;

(c) whether there is any mechanism of ascertaining the fulfilment of these conditions periodically and how many institutions have been abiding by the expectations, if any; and

(d) action being taken on those institutions which are not fulfilling these conditions?

Aptitude test of teachers for quality check

†*30. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 93 per cent of teachers of private engineering colleges affiliated with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) have failed in aptitude test conducted to check the level of educational quality;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of education; and

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(d) whether Government would take examination for teachers of the Government steps for conducting such type of colleges, if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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