

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

#### Supply of uranium from foreign countries

161. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with whom we have agreement for supply of uranium, country-wise, quantity-wise and period within which supplies are to be made;

(b) whether contract with Areva, France, to supply 300 MT of uranium is over in view of India already receiving contracted uranium;

(c) if so, whether there are any countries/companies with whom India entered into agreement and concluded same in view of its execution, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is going to enter into agreement with any other country/company to supply uranium; and

(e) what are the reasons for undue delay in getting supply of uranium from Australia?

#### India-Russia agreement for building nuclear power station in third world countries

162. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has invited India to get involved in building Russian-designed nuclear power stations in third world countries;

(b) if so, the details of areas in which India and Russia are going to work; and

(c) whether cooperation extends to extraction of uranium also or is in the area of building nuclear plants only?

#### Harnessing the potential of rare earth industry

163. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's rare earth industry is

still at an infant stage and requires to be explored/exploited to its full capacity in generating employment and foreign exchange, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to harness the potential of rare earth industry of the country?

#### **Joint venture for setting up of nuclear power stations**

164. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is in talk with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. for setting into joint venture for setting up of nuclear power plants across the country, if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) whether NPCIL is also looking at leveraging equity from Indian Railways to target increase in nuclear power generation in the country and if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Survey for uranium deposits**

165. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out State-wise survey to find out uranium deposits in the country;

(b) if so, the details of possible potential of uranium availability and extraction from various places in our country, State-wise;

(c) the quantity of domestic extraction of uranium at present, State-wise; and

(d) whether uranium we produce is of

same quality, which we import from outside or otherwise?

#### **Nuclear power generation in country**

166. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nuclear power generation of the country has touched 6000 Mega Watt, if so, the details thereof, plant-wise;

(b) the additional power generation from Unit-II of Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the expected target of Nuclear power generation of the country during Twelfth Five Year Plan?

#### **Revival of North Eastern Council**

167. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the major steps taken by the Ministry to revive the North Eastern Council (NEC) during the last two years and what is the impact of these efforts;

(b) what has been the response of the State Governments of North East Region to these efforts; and

(c) the future plans of further strengthening and making effective the functioning of the NEC and what are the difficulties that Government might be facing in this regard?

#### **North Eastern Council Scholarships**

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

(a) whether Government supports

North Eastern Council (NEC) Scholarships to students of North-East for higher education purpose, if so, whether it is a fact that due to lack of time and technical coordination the students are not getting stipends for full period of their higher studies;

(b) if so, the details of applications received since 2013-14 to as on date and sanctioned in various categories of subjects, State-wise; and

(c) the proposal to remove the problem in getting stipends of full period by the students?

#### **Production of energy from sea waves**

169. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) is working on producing energy from sea waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;

(c) whether any cost effective analysis has been done in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to start a pilot project in the country and has assessed the difficulties regarding expenditure for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

#### **Construction of observatory to study gravitational waves**

†170. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to construct an observatory for the study of gravitational waves;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken so far and whether Government would consider to establish it in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the location thereof and by when it would be established and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Less than normal rainfall during monsoon**

171. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country got three per cent less rain than normal during the monsoon months of June to September, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is the first time since 2011 that the department was not able to forecast the overall sign of the monsoon this year; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the southern parts of our country received much less rain during these monsoon months, if so, the details thereof?

#### **BRICS Summit in Goa**

172. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Summit held recently in Goa;

(b) the agenda of the Summit and the matters that came up for discussions;

(c) whether the Summit has considered for adopting united action against increasing

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terrorism and expressed their solidarity to counter it, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the remedial measures exchanged among the member countries to thwart global terrorism?

**Isolation of Pakistan due to its alleged support to terror elements**

173. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had decided to isolate Pakistan internationally by highlighting its alleged support to terror elements in the wake of Uri attack which claimed several lives of our soldiers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent Government has succeeded in its mission?

**Russia's anti-terror drills with Pakistan**

174. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Russia's decision to go ahead with anti-terror drills with Pakistan despite the Uri attack; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with Government of Russia and if so, what is the response in this regard?

**China withholding terrorist status to Jaish Chief**

175. SHRI AMAR SINGH Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the second extension given by China to continue with the technical hold over India's application for designating Jaish-e-Mohammad Chief Masood Azhar as a United Nations proscribed terrorist by United Nations Security Council (UNSC); and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up the issue with Government of China and if so, what are their views in this regard?

**Pakistan sending envoys to world capitals on Kashmir issue**

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

(a) whether Pakistan Government has sent twenty-two special envoys to world capitals to talk on Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to counter Pakistani move?

**Chinese army inside Indian territory**

177. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese army had intruded around 45 kilometer inside the Indian territory in Arunachal Pradesh during September, 2016 and had built shelters there, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese Government, if so, the details thereof and the response of China thereto?

**Suspension of economic and trade ties with Pakistan**

178. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to snap all economic and trade ties with Pakistan in the light of recent terrorist attacks in Uri region of Kashmir to mount pressure on Pakistan not to incite terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Complaints against human rights violation in Middle East**

179. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints against human rights violations have been reported in various Indian diplomatic missions, from labour migrants from India working in the Middle East;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints received during the last three years, country-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete measures to address such complaints?

#### **Indians losing jobs in Middle East**

180. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any concrete steps in order to help large number of Indians who are under the threat of losing their jobs due to economic slowdown and indigenization of jobs in the Middle East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foreign visits by Minister of External Affairs**

†181. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign visits performed by the Minister of External Affairs from June, 2014 to 31 August, 2016, along with the names of the countries and dates of journey;

(b) whether it is a fact that foreign visits have declined in case of present External Affairs Minister as compared to that of her predecessors; and

(c) if so, whether this decline has occurred due to the policy adopted by Government or there are other reasons for this, the details thereof?

#### **UNSC banning persons heading terrorist organizations**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India had made many attempts in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for banning persons heading terrorist organizations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the UNSC had declared many organizations as terrorist entity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite declaring as terrorist entity by UNSC, it is yet to ban the persons heading such terrorist entity; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that India believes that UN body is unresponsive to challenges imposed by terrorist organizations?

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**Strategic and commercial dialogue  
with United States on Visa**

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of second strategic and commercial dialogue between India and the United States of America (USA) held recently;

(b) whether the issue of fee hike for H1B and L1 Visa was also discussed, and any solution suggested, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made for early implementation of the US Global Entry Programme for Indian nationals, to benefit large number of Indian nationals for USA visit?

**Delay in nuclear deal with Japan**

184. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that Japan is delaying nuclear deal with India;

(b) what it has to study as has been announced by official sources from Japan; and

(c) what are the contentious issues and how Government is planning to thwart them and what is the problem with 'nullification' clause and why Japan is insisting on this clause?

**Dialogue with China for entry in  
NSG**

185. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government entered into any constructive and effective dialogue with China, which is vehemently opposing India's entry in Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), to change its stand in this regard; and

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

**Presence of China around bordering  
States of India**

†186. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is building several national highways upto Indian border, from Tibet to Lhasa in Nepal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether China is showing its footprints in Pakistan by way of constructing 800 kms. long road, connecting Karakoram pass with Gwadar port and also through several other projects which pass through Pak-occupied Kashmir and whether it is a strategic and diplomatic move by them; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to weaken the rising influence of China in above bordering States, the details thereof?

**Resettlement of people leaving Gulf  
countries**

187. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning any resettlement for the people who are leaving Gulf in large numbers due to various reasons;

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(b) whether Government has received any representation from Kerala Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the response of the Central Government in this regard?

**Houses constructed under PMAY in Punjab**

188. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and the number of people already allotted constructed houses, city and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project implementation in Punjab is not aligned with the stipulated time of completion and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to create awareness among people regarding PMAY in Punjab and if so, the details thereof?

**Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana in West Bengal**

189. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the physical achievements of Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) are abysmally low for the State of West Bengal in the year 2014-15;

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

(c) whether Government has taken corrective steps for the same; and

(d) the total estimated beneficiaries affected by the non-completion of the physical targets for the State of West Bengal?

**Proposals under PM Awas Yojana**

190. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Telangana has sent proposals to consider Manchiryala, Ramagundam and Bhainsa under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, (PMAY), if so, the details of the proposals sent; and

(b) the action taken by the Ministry on the above proposals?

**Housing deficit around the urban centres**

191. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is facing a housing deficit in and around the urban centres and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the average time taken in clearing an affordable housing project and reasons for the inefficiency shown, if any;

(c) whether Government has asked the States to reduce stamp duties, registration and conversion fee so that the housing stock for the poor and low income people is quickly filled across the various cities of the country; and

(d) if so, the response received from the State Governments in this regard?

**Funds released under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme to Rajasthan**

†192. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is yet to release the second installment to Government of Rajasthan for the third phase of integrated housing and slum development programme, if so, what is the amount and by when it will be released; and

(b) whether Government proposes to constitute a State level and city level technical cell in each city in Rajasthan under Prime Minister Awas Yojana, if so, by when it would be constituted and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of PM Awas Yojana**

193. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to implement Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in all existing slums, notified or un-notified including recognized and identified ones and, if so, State-wise status of the same;

(b) the details of slum dwellers got benefited under PMAY and State-wise details of slum dwellers who are yet to be brought under its ambit, State-wise; and

(c) by when the Ministry is going to cover all slum dwellers under PMAY?

**Paucity of buyers in Housing sector**

194. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Housing sector in India is going through an unprecedented phase of slump and lakhs of flats are lying vacant due to paucity of buyers in various cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to address this slump?

**Housing requirement in Rajasthan**

†195. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population in the State of Rajasthan whose housing requirements have been fulfilled, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any survey of urban poor people of Rajasthan who have no houses, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan for providing houses to urban poor people of Rajasthan in a fixed time period; and if so, the details thereof?

**Houses constructed under PM (Shahri) Awas Yojana in Uttar Pradesh**

†196. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed

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under the Pradhan Mantri (Shahri) Awas Yojana (PMAY) in Uttar Pradesh till date; and

(b) the percentage of economically deprived people who will be benefited under this scheme in future?

#### **State-wise expenditure under NULM**

†197. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been running National Urban Livelihood Mission/Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana with the aim of providing shelter equipped with essential services to the urban homeless persons in a phased manner, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the best performing States and worst performing States under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred during the last three years under National Urban Livelihood Missions and the achievements thereof, State-wise?

#### **Awareness among street vendors of their rights**

198. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running any campaign to create awareness among street vendors about their rights under the Street Vendor Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether monthly fixed bribe and regular harassment is something street vendors face throughout their life; and

(c) the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to ensure decrease in bribery and harassment cases of the street vendors by the police and other local authorities?

#### **One time grant for Osmania University**

199. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal for sanction of ₹175 Crores one-time grant to the Osmania University to acknowledge the services of the university in nation building, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any decision on the request, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Quota for weaker sections in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

200. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Central Government plans for a quota in Kendriya Vidyalayas with weaker sections of the society in mind, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Accreditation process for higher institutions**

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

(a) the proposed strategy to outsource accreditation of higher institutions and the rationale behind the same;

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(b) the measures that would be in place to ensure transparency in the above process; and

(c) whether assessments of the functioning and effectiveness of the existing accreditation process have been undertaken; if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Impact of disbandment of 10th class Board Examination**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to reintroduce the class 10th CBSE Board Examination;

(b) if so, whether Government Commissioned a study on the effect of disbandment of class 10th Board Examination; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Production of fake certificates by schools**

203. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act has been misused by some schools belonging to the National Public Group for allegedly forging and producing fake certificates, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education withdrew affiliation to those schools; and

(c) if so, the names of those schools and deterrent action proposed to be taken against them?

#### **Reintroduction of board examination for class 10th**

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

(a) whether Government plans to reintroduce Board Exams for class 10 students of CBSE, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the board exams would put the class 10th students under pressure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure that the students prepare for Board Exams without any stress or pressure?

#### **Posts vacant in Central Universities**

205. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts, category-wise lying vacant in different Central Universities/Institutes and those funded fully or partially by the Central Government; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fill those posts and to regularize the services of daily wagers working for more than three years in such institutes?

#### **Quality of teaching at school level**

206. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita expenditure on each student in Government Schools;

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate a policy to determine the quality outcomes in school education under the RTE Act and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to determine the improvement in quality of teaching at the school level during the last three years; and

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

(b) whether it is a fact that because of this situation many of the students, especially in science, technology and management, opt for admission in the universities and institutions abroad for quality education and collectively spend more than ₹ 43,000 crore every year which amounts to drainage of valuable foreign exchange; and

(c) what steps Government plans to take to improve the standard of Indian universities to be well within top 100 ranks and restrict students going abroad for higher studies?

#### **Progress of enrolled children to upper secondary level**

207. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large percentage of children enrolled in schools do not progress to upper secondary school (Higher Secondary), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the plans being laid out by Government to check this problem; and

(c) the details of the progress of the plans made in this regard?

#### **Standard of Indian Universities**

208. SHRIMATI SASIKALA  
PUSHPA:  
SHRI SAMBHAJI  
CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether none of the universities in the country is ranked within first 100 globally, if so, the details thereof;

#### **Mechanism for efficient teachers participation in public schools**

209. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the accountability mechanism in place to ensure efficient teachers participation in public schools of the country;

(b) if so, the details of procedure in place to ensure attendance of teachers and quality of teaching; and

(c) whether Government is planning to create a new policy guidelines to ensure better productivity and quality of teaching in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Tribal and Central University in Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act mandates to set up one Central Tribal University and one Central University in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details of the steps taken to set

up Tribal and Central Universities in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) by when both would become operational for academic session; and

(c) the estimated cost of each of the above Universities and by when buildings and other infrastructure are going to be established?

#### **Sub-standard quality of engineers**

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

(a) whether the Engineering Colleges or Institutes that we have in the country are producing very sub-standard quality of engineers; and

(b) whether according to a study conducted which surveyed some 300 engineering colleges concluded, that only 29 per cent engineers are employable while 30 per cent can be made employable after studies whereas 48 per cent are not employable, if so, Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Ranking of Indian Universities**

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

(a) the ranking of Indian Universities in the field of engineering, medical science and technology in the Higher Education World Ranking 2015-16 released recently;

(b) Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to upgrade the standard of education system

and provide quality education in various fields in the country?

#### **Shortage of quality universities in the country**

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

(a) whether the number of universities in the country which can take on the challenges of providing world class education and producing world acclaimed talents is insufficient;

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

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to address the shortage of quality universities in the country?

#### **Decrease in seats under RTE due to closure of schools**

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

(a) the number of seats decreased or not filled under the Right to Education Act due to the closing down of Government and private schools during the last two years, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such seats that were of primary and secondary level; and

(c) the details of efforts being made by Government to deal with this situation?

#### **Shortage of teachers in Delhi University**

215. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that there is huge shortage of teachers in Delhi University (DU) resulting in students suffering adversely; and

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to fill the vacancies of teachers in DU, so that the problem of students in DU may be solved?

**Study to assess mental strength of students for stress handling**

216. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a spate of suicides by students in central universities across the country has been witnessed, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any study has been conducted to assess the mental strength of students and their ability to handle stress in higher education, if so, the details thereof?

**Status of draft policy on education**

217. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft policy on education is ready;

(b) whether the same would be tabled and discussed in both Houses of Parliament; and

(c) whether any legislative changes are required for effectively enforcing the policy and if so, the details thereof?

**Higher Education Financing Agency**

218. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been set up and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the HEFA will progressively reduce the cost of higher education by eliminating pernicious practices of capitation fees?

**Online certificate system by CBSE**

219. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of School Education (CBSE) will do away with multiple layers of the present application process for getting duplicate certificates and provide a much faster and low cost system;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBSE is considering to put out certificates of previous years online that will be accessible to all; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that CBSE is planning to bring down the cost of the duplicate certificate and introduce an online payment mode too, if so, the details thereof?

**Finalisation of New Education Policy**

220. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised the New Education Policy being prepared after getting consultations/options/suggestions from the General Public, Institutions stakeholders, Educationalists, Experts and other eminent personalities;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it will be made public; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Proposal for reducing weight of school bags**

221. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal/plan to be implemented by various schools and educational institutions to reduce the weight of school bags filled with many books and notebooks; and
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that various spinal related diseases/disorders are being caused in school children due to heavy bags, if so, the details thereof?

**Targets for construction of toilets in educational institutions**

222. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total target of educational institutions to provide/construct toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission during 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2016; and
- (b) the total number of educational institutions where toilets construction was achieved during 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2016, under Swachh Bharat Mission?

**Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan**

†223. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in Rajasthan at present;

(c) whether Government proposes to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in view of large land area and geographical conditions in Rajasthan, if so, the locations thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Piparcity of Jodhpur, Rajasthan is eligible for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya?

**Students loans from Higher Education Financing Agency**

224. 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; and
- (b) whether the said Agency would be entrusted to provide funds as loans at reasonable interest to the students and at the rates below the rates offered by other nationalized/private banks towards educational loans, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacant teaching posts in schools of National Capital Territory**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that half of the teaching posts are lying vacant in Government and Municipal schools of National Capital Territory;
- (b) if so, by when these posts are lying

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vacant and the reasons behind not recruiting the teachers;

(c) whether the vacant posts of teachers are causing adverse effect on the education of children and they are unable to get education; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to provide quality education to the children?

#### **Establishment of one more IIM in Tamil Nadu**

226. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government will come forward to establish one more Indian Institute of Management in the State of Tamil Nadu, preferably in Villupuram district which is very near the State capital, if so, details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Complaints regarding Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi region**

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

(a) whether complaints have been received from various stakeholders regarding problems in the functioning of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) like decline in academic performance, cleanliness, harassment of staff, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of schools in Delhi Region including KV, Pitampura;

(c) whether complaints have also been received against the Principals of KVs like periods not taken by Principal, Corruption charges, dereliction of duty, malpractices in admission etc.;

(d) if so, the details of schools in Delhi Region including KV, Pitampura; and

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

#### **Redressal of grievances of Private Education providers**

228. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal/demand to have a Tribunal for redressing grievances of Private Education providers, if so, the position thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government would welcome such a demand?

#### **Allocation for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti**

229. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal/demand for the centre not to spend on Secondary Education but concentrate on Higher Education only;

(b) if not whether such a demand would be considered; and

(c) what percentage of total Ministry allocation, was spent on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) during the last three years?

#### **Allocation and utilization of funds under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA)**

230. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:



(a) whether it is a fact that the States are not fully utilizing the central funds allocated under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) due to non-allocation/release of States' share, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the State-wise allocations and expenditure under SSA during the last three years?

#### **Flouting of rules by schools under mandatory purchasing**

†231. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the schools affiliated with CBSE, ICSE and C.D. Board are making it mandatory to purchase items like books, copies, uniforms and stationaries etc. from school campus or special shops designated by them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are clear rules that no schools should teach from books published by private publishers but still the schools publicly flout these rules and introduce a new syllabus and new books every year; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far against all the private schools that are flouting above rule, the State-wise details thereof?

#### **Vacant Posts in Universities**

†232. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the future of college students is at the mercy of guest

lecturers as there has been no recruitment in Universities since long and the situation is so grave that it will be difficult to run Government universities if the guest faculty system is scrapped; and

(b) if so, the total number of posts lying vacant in all the universities of the country including Delhi University?

#### **Functioning of six new IIMs**

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

(a) whether the six new IIMs announced in the Budget 2014-15 have started academic session, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the complaints that these institutes don't have own campus, permanent faculty and other amenities like Library etc. as yet; and

(c) if so, the details of each of these new IIMs and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Reintroduction of German language in Central Schools**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to reintroduce German language in Central Schools, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is also considering to teach all other Indian languages in Central School as an optional subject, if so, the details thereof?

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**Story telling as a medium to improve language skills**

235. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve language skills of students in classes 1 and 2 the Bhopal based Rajya Shiksha Kendra is experimenting with story telling as a medium to improve language skills in primary classes;

(b) whether the teachers known as Kathavachaks narrate stories sourced from newspapers, children magazines, folklore or even create their own;

(c) whether India has a rich treasure of folk stories in Amar Chitra Katha, Jataka tales, Akbar Birbal, Vikram-Vetaal, Alibaba and the Arabian nights that interest children; and

(d) whether without attempting to impose moral values, the Government would emulate this model for use in primary classes all over India?

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Kendriya Vidyalaya in Bihar**

†237. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided many years ago to establish Kendriya Vidyalayas in each district of the country;

(b) the number of districts in the country that do not have Kendriya Vidyalayas till now and the number of districts in Bihar where the schools have been established;

(c) the reasons therefor if the schools are not established till now; and

(d) by when the Kendriya Vidyalayas would be established in all the districts of the country and the details of the time-frame thereof?

**Commercialisation of education in country**

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

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to restrict the commercialization of education in the country and to improve the level of education by bringing Government schools at par with private schools and to put a check on the practice of donation being asked by private schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

**Steps against exclusion of children from education**

238. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to recently released data of Census 2011, 8.4 crore children do not go to school at all, if so, the steps taken by Government to bring these children into the formal educational system; and

(b) the reasons, if any, for such a large scale exclusion of children from education, almost 20 per cent of the age group covered under Right to Education Act, 2009?

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**Times Higher Education World University ranking**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Times Higher Education World University Ranking (THEWUR) have been released;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that some of the Indian universities found place in the above ranking, if so, details of Indian institutions in THEWUR;

(c) how this year's ranking can be comparable to last two years rankings; and

(d) whether any Indian university got ranking in top 100 institutions, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**National Aptitude Test for admission in engineering institutes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to initiate National Aptitude Test for the admission in the Central engineering institutes including ITI;

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

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

**Utility of career oriented courses**

241. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether career oriented courses are becoming useless in the present day education, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has called for a detailed study on the effect of the career oriented courses in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report submitted to NITI Aayog reveals the lack of quality education in the career oriented courses introduced by UGC is the main reason that students are not benefited much, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the quality education through career oriented courses?

**Teacher-student ratio in IITs**

242. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) efforts being made to bring down teacher-student ratio in IITs from 1:15 to 1:10;

(b) whether Ministry is trying to appoint faculty from abroad to achieve this target;

(c) status of Ministry's proposal to increase student strength in IITs to one lakh; and

(d) whether Ministry is also planning to bring in foreign students to achieve one lakh students target, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Indian Institute of Technology at village Loliem in Goa**

243. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish an Indian Institute of Technology in village Loliem in South Goa area;

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(b) the price proposed to be paid to the land holders/tenants of the concerned land;

(c) whether any social impact study has been made with respect to the land;

(d) whether permission for conversion of land obtained from the collector and also whether permission for construction of the project has been obtained from the Panchayat and the Town Planning Department; and

(e) whether the villagers of Loliem are against establishment of IIT at Loliem grounds taken by the villagers for the purpose?

#### **Discrimination with TVNC/ANCs employees**

244. SHRI ALIANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2664 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 2014 and state:

(a) whether Recruitment Rules were ready in March, 1997 and again in February, 2009 and November, 2009 but gazette notifications thereof were withheld;

(b) whether designations of others were changed without promotion while designations of some remained unchanged; and

(c) whether in cases of TVNC/ANCs, only assurances are given?

#### **Wrong maps of India on foreign news channels**

245. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of number of foreign news channels

repeatedly violating and showing wrong maps of India around the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto along with the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government has set up any committee or system to scrutinize the broadcasting contents of the foreign channels in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps taken by Government to secure the national interest in this regard ?

#### **Regional news unit of Doordarshan in Uttarakhand**

†246. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the bottlenecks, if any, being faced by the Ministry to commence a regional news unit of DD news in the capital of the State of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether Government is facing difficulties in removing these bottlenecks to establish this unit; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not establishing regional news unit yet?

#### **DTH services of Doordarshan**

247. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many households are currently using DTH platform of Doordarshan (DD), which make available free channels to view, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is demand to make available DTH services of Doordarshan to telecast pay channels;

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(c) if so, whether Government is seriously considering the demand and by when it will be made available; and

(d) if not, the details of the reasons for not accepting the demand?

#### **Radio stations in India**

248. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Radio stations in India and the number of users, the details thereof, State-wise and station-wise;

(b) whether media AIR is not popular, if so, the steps taken by the Government to do Radio popular; and

(c) whether Radios are not available in the market?

#### **Government advertisement to private newspapers and news channels**

249. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has stopped giving advertisements to certain newspaper groups and private channels, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is following any policy while allocating Government advertisements to private newspapers and news channels, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any comprehensive list available with Government on the amount spent on advertisements given to different news channels and newspapers, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Transmitters at tower near village Gharinda, Amritsar**

250. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether the Ministry has started the process for installing transmitters at tower built near village Gharinda, Amritsar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Evaluation of policy for advertisement of Government Programmes**

251. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any well laid down policy for the contents of advertisements issued through Print Media to advertise Government programmes, schemes and inauguration/completion or launching of new infrastructure projects; and

(b) whether Government has conducted any impact analysis study about the contents presented and the style of their presentation, through advertisement, if so, what are its results, if not, whether Government would consider conducting such study?

#### **Action against officials not coming back to original office after foreign deputation**

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

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(a) whether it is a fact that if the officials who went on foreign deputation don't return to the place of their original deployment within a month after their stipulated tenure on deputation ends then this could be considered as their resignation and advance action could be taken, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of officials who are on deputation in foreign countries for more than five years at present and the action taken against them, the details thereof?

#### **Posts lying vacant in Central Secretariat**

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

(a) whether posts are lying vacant in Central Secretariat including backlog vacancies for Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, post and category-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to fill up these vacancies and effective measures to rationalise demand and supply gap?

#### **Recommendation for improvement in implementation of RTI Act**

254. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every State Information Commission (SIC) is required to give recommendations for implementation of RTI to State Governments in its annual report every year;

(b) if so, why has the State Information Commission (SIC) in Maharashtra refused

to issue recommendations for improvement in the implementation of the RTI Act in its annual reports of 2014 and 2015; and

(c) whether an inquiry has been made in this regard, if so, what are the findings and if not, the reasons for no inquiry being undertaken?

#### **Organisation not following CVC guidelines**

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

(a) whether an organisation under the purview of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is bound to follow CVC guidelines/instructions and advice, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of organisation(s) which are under the purview of CVC but are not following CVC guidelines/instructions and advice together with action taken against such organisation(s) by CVC?

#### **Non-compliance with guidelines of Central Secretariat on transparency**

†256. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why most of the Ministries and departments are not complying with the guidelines of Central Secretariat on transparency;

(b) whether it is not against the rules of transparency; and

(c) the steps being contemplated to be taken against the Ministries which are not complying with these guidelines?

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**Process for probe against corrupt officers**

†257. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any kind of probe against corrupt officers would become a very cumbersome process as per a proposal recently formulated by the Ministry which makes approval from the Central and State Governments mandatory for the investigative agencies prior to investigation against the serving and retired bureaucrats;

(b) the reasons for such proposal being contemplated by the Ministry; and

(c) the number of complaints received across the country against the bureaucrats and number of them on which action is being taken and the number of complaints which were found false, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Report of committee on change in pattern of civil service examination**

258. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Baswan Committee to study into the pattern of civil services exam and age limit had submitted the report to Government;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;

(c) whether Government has accepted any of the recommendations of the committee; and

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

**Slow down in industrial development due to slow R&D**

259. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrial development has been affected in the country owing to slow pace of Research and Development (R&D);

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

(c) the budgetary allocation made by Government for scientific and industrial research and development under the current plan; and

(d) whether Government proposes to make adhoc allocation for upgradation of basic research and development programmes and if so, the details thereof?

**Nodal agency for National Civil Aircraft Development Programme**

260. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any nodal agency for implementation of CSIRs National Civil Aircraft Developmental Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early implementation of the programme?

**Plans for State Spatial Data Infrastructure Centre**

261. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to establish State Spatial Data Infrastructure

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Centres in various States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been included in the programme?

**Revitalization of skilling initiatives under PMKVY**

262. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first year of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), scheme was marred with issues such as low skilling to placement ratio and delay in assessment and certification process; and

(b) whether the Ministry, in a bid to revitalise the Government's skilling initiatives of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), has made changes in the scheme, if so, details thereof?

**Industrial Training Institutes in Punjab**

263. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) set up in the State of Punjab;

(b) whether the quality of education/training being provided by the ITIs of private and Government sectors in Punjab is monitored by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the placement statistics of these ITIs in the last three years; and

(d) whether there are issues related to infrastructure, faculty or course material in any of these ITIs?

**PMKVY in Haryana and Punjab**

264. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and status of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) the details of programme conducted to impart training in various categories under the scheme, State/UT-wise including Haryana and Punjab;

(c) the funds allocated/sanctioned/ utilised under the scheme till date along with the target set and achievements made year-wise, State/UT-wise including Haryana and Punjab; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up, institutes to promote PMKVY in the various States of the country?

**National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme**

265. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has launched a new 'National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme' aimed at supporting basic training to the employees, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of allocations earmarked for this scheme, and the amount released so far to the States under this scheme, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the scheme is being implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

**Achievements of the Skill Development Ministry**

266. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) details of achievements of the Ministry since its creation two years ago;

(b) whether presentation before the Prime Minister was made about the Ministry's last two years achievements, if so, the details thereof;

(c) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled;

(d) what are the targets set for the coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;

(e) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(f) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years?

**Projects outsourced by Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry**

267. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects outsourced by the Ministry;

(b) names of each of the projects outsourced and names of persons or companies to whom each of the projects are outsourced;

(c) nature of agreements arrived at with

each of the companies or individuals and terms and conditions of each of the agreements;

(d) number of Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements entered into with the foreign countries in respect of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship;

(e) names of countries and contents of MoUs/Agreements signed with each of these countries; and

(f) the amount involved in each of the MoUs/Agreements signed with Indian companies or agencies and foreign countries, respectively?

**Post placement drop out of trainees under PMKVY**

268. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is measuring post placement drop out of trainees under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) if so, what are the findings, if not, whether the Ministry proposes to measure the same; and

(c) what measures the Ministry is taking to enhance industry participation in skill training to ensure that there is minimal post placement drop out?

**Calendar on skill development training**

269. SHRI SAMBAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major themes identified by the Government for skill training;



(b) whether Government has prepared State-wise calendar on skill development training for 2016-17 for the interested persons to undergo training in different skills; and

(c) whether Government has given any serious thought on developing effective mechanism to pool the resources available and bring in coordination amongst various Government and non-Governmental agencies to advertise the skill training programme to be organized at different locations, well in advance, for the benefit of unemployed youth?

#### **Training under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme**

270. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how does National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme incentivize employers to hire apprentices;

(b) industry sector-wise details of number of apprentices who are going through training under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, since its inception; and

(c) major skill development areas in which training is being conducted?

#### **Model centres under PMKVY**

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

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

(a) how many model centres for skill

are established or proposed to be established under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), with details thereof;

(b) how many multi-skill training institutes are set up and number of beneficiaries therein;

(c) the amount earmarked for skill development in the next three years, and the details of money to be spent under various skill development schemes; and

(d) how many persons are given skill development under Central schemes and how many are provided with job opportunities in the last one year, with details thereof?

#### **Vocational Skill Centres in country**

272. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Vocational Skill Centres at certain places across the country in collaboration with Institute of Vocational Education, Singapore, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by Government to train youth in various streams to fulfil the requirements of skilled manpower of industries?

#### **Skilled manpower in Engineering and allied sector**

273. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the skilled manpower in Engineering and allied sector;

(b) whether there is shortage of skilled/ professionals in the sector, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to fill up the shortage; and

(c) whether there is an effort to increase the existing capacities in terms of human resources and infrastructure, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of skilled man-power in country**

274. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half the employees in sectors like IT, Accounting and Finance are facing a severe shortage of skilled man-power in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of shortage of skilled man-power in the country, sector-wise; and

(c) whether steps have been initiated to overcome shortage of skilled man-power, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistance to Divyangs for motorized wheelchairs**

275. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether severely disabled persons whose either three/four limbs or one half of the body are severely impaired are entitled to a maximum subsidy of ₹ 25,000/- for motorized tricycles and wheelchairs and the remaining amount is to be borne by themselves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide 100 per cent subsidy for motorized tricycles and wheelchairs to persons themselves and not the family having a maximum monthly income of ₹ 20,000/- when Government is so much concerned to the Divyangs self-dependent and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Survey to ascertain addicted persons**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that drug and alcohol has become a major concern in India;

(b) whether Government undertook any survey after 2001 to ascertain the number of persons addicted to alcohol and drug; and

(c) whether Government also undertook any study regarding increase in crime incidents due to drug and alcohol, if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Institute for spastic and autistic children in Andhra Pradesh**

277. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a national institute or facility in Andhra Pradesh to cater to spastic and autistic children of the State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has done any survey of the high incidence of autism and spastic ailments in some States;

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the approximate number of children with spastic and autism, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allotted to treat and help such afflicted people in 2014-15 and 2015-16?

**Post Matric Scholarship for SC students of Uttarakhand**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has released the amount of Post Matric Scheduled Castes (SC) scholarship cent per cent, funded by the centre to Uttarakhand for the year of 2016-17;

(b) if so, the time when this scholarship was released and whether this head also includes the outstanding amount of previous financial years which has not been released so far; and

(c) the details of amount not released so far?

**Special assistance to States for welfare for SCs**

279. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides special assistance to the States for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the names of the States where the amounts allocated for this purpose have been spent on other schemes and the ratio thereof and whether Government is taking

any steps to prevent the same, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Atrocities against SC/ST communities**

280. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was legislated under the face of mounting evidence of atrocities against Dalits and failure of the existing provisions of act as a deterrent;

(b) if so, the reasons why atrocities against these communities are going unchecked; and

(c) the details of atrocities committed against these communities, State-wise, and action taken against the perpetrators?

**Construction of hostels for SC/ST/OBC in Rajasthan**

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

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has sent any proposal for construction of hostels for the students of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, if so, the total number of proposals and dates on which these were sent; and

(b) whether Government proposes to release the amount/share of Central assistance for the construction of hostels by accepting the above proposals, if so, the number and amount of the proposals that will be sanctioned, if not, the reasons therefor?

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**De-addiction Centres under CSS**

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

(a) the de-addiction centres opened under Central Sponsored Scheme (CSS), State-wise;

(b) whether regular financial assistance is being provided to these de-addiction centres by the Ministry, if so, the details thereof and number of persons benefited from these Centres;

(c) whether Government recognises the fact that drug addiction has become a menace in the country; and

(d) if so, whether any innovative or special projects and schemes, are being contemplated by Government?

**Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for SC**

283. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the main purpose of the Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Caste;

(b) the total number of entrepreneurs who have been assisted/helped under Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Caste and under Venture Capital Fund;

(c) the role played by the National Schedule Caste Finance and Development Corporation in this regard; and

(d) the total amount released under Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for

Scheduled Caste during 2014-15 and 2015-16?

**Reservation for contract/suppliers/tenders**

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

(a) whether Ministry of Finance could not amend GFR 142 and 144 to give reservation to SC/ST for Government contract/suppliers/tenders due to non-receipt of proposal from the Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons for not sending proposal;

(c) the percentage of reservation which Ministry can justify to give in it;

(d) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government is giving such reservation for SC/ST;

(e) the action taken on VIPs letters received in January, 2015 on this matter; and

(f) the action taken on demand of All India Association for SC/ST and physically handicapped to send proposal for 22.5 per cent reservation for such contracts?

**Targets for Accessible India Campaign**

†285. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is running Accessible India Campaign for ensuring universal accessibility to persons with disabilities and to enable them for accessing equal opportunities and to live independent life and complete participation in all aspects of life in

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inclusive society, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any target has been fixed under this campaign for upto year 2018; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

#### **Incentives for promotion of inter-caste marriages**

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

(a) whether incentives are provided for promotion of inter-caste marriages;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds provided to various States in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken/efforts made to encourage inter-caste marriages in the country?

#### **Details of beneficiaries under IPOP**

287. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units under Integrated Programme for Older Persons Scheme (IPOP), State-wise;

(b) the details of Grant-in-aid given to NGOs under the IPOP scheme during last two years; State/UT-wise and Project/Purpose-wise; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries in old age homes, day care centres and mobile medicare units?

#### **Installation of security gadgets at ISRO and SHAR space Centres**

288. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has awarded any contracts to Public sector companies or Private companies dealing with security and surveillance, CCTV cameras, Thermal cameras and IRIS detection systems to be installed at Shriharikota High Altitude Range (SHAR) Center Shriharikota and other Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) installations;

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

(c) the details of the funds earmarked for the such purposes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to tighten and increase the security and surveillance and vigilance at SHAR centre and other ISRO installations?

#### **Funds released under MPLAD scheme**

289. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the funds utilised and durable work undertaken/created thereunder;

(c) whether there has been any delay in releasing the funds under the said scheme;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken thereon?

#### **Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste**

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

(a) the estimate of the total production of garbage waste in Indian cities and towns per annum;

(b) whether Government recognizes that with rapid growth of urbanisation, disposing Municipal Solid Waste has become a challenge in Indian cities and towns; and

(c) if so, the details of projects or schemes that Government undertakes to tackle the garbage problem in cities and towns?

#### **Funds lapsed under JNNURM projects**

291. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds allotted to various States under the JNNURM project has lapsed during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details about the JNNURM funds lapsed during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Increasing urban population in the country**

292. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2014, the global urban population was almost 3.9 billion, and it's expected to reach 6.3 billion by 2050, and this trend is especially pronounced in India; and

(b) if so, the details and the steps taken for the same?

#### **Shortlisting of Visakhapatnam for stage-2 of Smart Cities**

293. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam is one of the 98 Smart Cities shortlisted for Stage-2 of Smart Cities Mission;

(b) whether the Ministry has allotted ₹ 48,000 crores for Smart Cities for the coming five years;

(c) if so, how much has been allocated to each of the 98 Smart Cities, including Visakhapatnam;

(d) works that are going to be taken up under Smart Cities Mission in Visakhapatnam;

(e) whether matching grant has to be given by the State/ULB concerned; and

(f) if so, how much matching grant has to be given to Visakhapatnam by State/ULB and whether the same has been granted?

#### **Funds for various slum development initiatives**

294. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget allocated, sanctioned, released and utilised under various slum development initiatives during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(b) the mechanism put in place to monitor the progress of such schemes and to check misappropriation of funds?

**Work-status of cities under HRIDAY**

295. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of work on 12 heritage cities selected for development under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY);

(b) the total amount of plan approved for each of the cities; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for timebound execution of works on all the identified cities under HRIDAY?

**Re-development of Nauroji Nagar**

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approved re-development of Nauroji Nagar General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA), New Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NOC from Environmental angle, and from Delhi Urban Arts Commission is taken for re-development;

(c) if not, how would NBCC go ahead in execution without delay;

(d) whether existing allottees in the affected colony would be provided alternative accommodation according to their choice and place; and

(e) whether any representation has been received for extension of time for shifting in view of the middle of academic year, if so, the response of Government thereto?

**Policy to change locality/floor of NPRS 1979**

297. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was no policy to change locality/floor of New Pattern Registration Scheme (NPRS) 1979 and Self Financing Scheme (SFS) earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons for changing the locality later on;

(c) whether the reply to Rajya Sabha USQ No. 144 dated 8.8.2012 and Precis does not State that floor of the leasehold flats will not be changed into freehold;

(d) if so, the reasons for not changing the floor of the freehold flats; and

(e) whether copies of the guidelines/circulars banning the change of freehold flats would be laid on the Table of House?

**Cities to be included in Smart Cities List**

298. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has selected 60 cities in three rounds to be included in the smart city list;

(b) if so, the details of the these cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that nine States and Union territories are yet to find a place on the ambitious list; and

(d) if so, the details of those States/UTs and the reasons therefor?

**Launching of SUCHITRa**

299. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that System for

Urban Clean Healthy India Transformation through Rating (SUCHITRa) was launched to rate the cities in respect to cleanliness, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the cleanliness ratings of the villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(c) the detailed report of Quality Council of India regarding the cleanliness of Indian cities and the villages under the SAGY;

(d) the details of the mechanism involved in SUCHITRa; and

(e) whether any international agency/institute evaluated the cleanliness of these Indian cities, including the Adarsh villages, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Real estate project of NBCC**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the NBCC (India) Limited has a large land bank across the country mainly in tier 2 and tier 3 cities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NBCC develop these land parcels as per the market conditions/as per the demand; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NBCC has decided that it would not be launching any real estate project with less than 18 per cent internal rate of return, and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Budget earmarked for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**

301. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much budget or money has been earmarked for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

in the country and how much has been utilized by Government in this regard;

(b) whether Government has also imposed cess in this regard;

(c) if so, how much cess has been collected and how much assistance has been provided to States by Government during the last one year; and

(d) what efforts have been made by Government to involve civic bodies, NGOs, States and other institutions to make this Abhiyan successful?

#### **Smart Cities in Bihar**

†302. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made an announcement of converting several cities of the country into smart cities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) as of now, the number of cities that have been included in this scheme and names of the cities where the smart city development scheme has been introduced; and

(c) the names of the cities in Bihar where this scheme has been introduced and the time frame by when it will be completed?

#### **No vending zones in National Capital**

303. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has demarcated no hawking or vending zones or areas in the National Capital, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the entire area covering the residences of President of India, Vice President, Chief Justice of India and other

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Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, Chiefs of Armed Forces and their Senior offices, Minister, Members of Parliament and very senior bureaucrats has been declared no vending zones for security reasons; and

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

**Quantum of decrease in starvation-malnutrition**

‡304. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the quantum of decrease in starvation-malnutrition in India during the last decade and the percentage of population that is not able to get a square meal;

(b) the details of malnourished children between 0 to 5 years of age during the last three years in the country and the number of children who died because of malnutrition during the said years; and

(c) the details of the hurdles in prevention of malnutrition and the details of the funds spent on schemes being run for prevention of malnutrition during the last three years and the status thereof?

**Malnutrition in Mokhada, Maharashtra**

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

(a) whether the issue of malnourishment

in Mokhada, Maharashtra is more of a socio-economic problem than medical aid to save starving Tribals; and

(b) if so, the details of deaths occurred in the last one year, and the steps being taken to address the problem from socio-economic angle?

**One Stop Centre in all District Headquarters of Tamil Nadu**

306. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 'ONE STOP CENTRE' has been set up under 'ONE STOP CENTRE SCHEME' in the State of Tamil Nadu so far pursuant to Usha Mehra Commission recommendation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government will come forward to set up 'ONE STOP CENTRE' in all the District Head Quarters in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

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

**Rampant child marriages**

307. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the Ministry looks at the recent Census Report on decadal headcount revelation that child marriages are rampant in the country;

(b) the reasons why in spite of taking many steps more than 30 per cent of girls are married below 18 years of age;

(c) how the above figures can be compared with Census data of 2001; and

(d) States where child marriages are rampant in the country?

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**Nourishing food through Anganwadis**

308. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of children below the age of 5, pregnant women and lactating mothers getting nourishing food through Anganwadis;

(b) what is the number of undernourished children and how many of them died every year in the last three years; and

(c) what is the number of such women?

**Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund**

309. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds collected into the Nirbhaya fund, year-wise since it was constituted; and

(b) the proportion of funds that have been used, year-wise, since 2012, and the schemes/projects that were financed using this Fund?

**Money for the establishment of OSC**

†310. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States have asked for money for the establishment of One Stop Centre (OSC);

(b) if so, whether the State of Gujarat has also asked money for the same;

(c) if so, the amount asked for by the State and the amount released so far; and

(d) if the amount has not been released to the State of Gujarat, the reasons therefor?

**Representation for review of POCSO Act**

311. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 540 given in Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 2016 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry acknowledges that a delegation of concerned parents, activists and survivors of abuse submitted a petition on behalf of 1.8 lakh citizens to the Hon'ble Minister;

(b) if so, the reasons why this has been denied in response to Unstarred Question No. 540 by the Ministry; and

(c) in the light of the above, whether the Ministry shall consider reviewing the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012?

**Special Police Force to tackle child prostitution**

312. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is cognizant of the fact that over 1.2 million children are involved in the practice of child prostitution in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry has received several directions from the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the issue of child prostitution, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to adhere to the directions issued by the Supreme Court, including the setting up of a Special Police Force to tackle child prostitution and making village panchayats a key instrument in tracking children?

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**Re-harnessed schemes to reduce malnutrition**

313. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that higher percentage of the world's hungry children live in our country;

(b) whether schemes such as Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Public Distribution System need to be re-harnessed to reduce malnutrition among children and mothers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government considers introducing a working ICDS scheme that focuses on improving maternal nutrition during pregnancy and lactation, provides essential macronutrients and adopts salt iodisation, while also ensuring appropriate immunisation; and

(e) if so, the time-frame within which the said scheme will come into force?

**Drugs and substance abuse among children**

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing drugs and substance abuse among children in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has conducted any study on drugs and substance abuse among children in the country and if so, the details and the findings thereof; and

(c) whether Government has established age-appropriate drugs treatment centres for such children and if so, the details thereof?

**Exemption of fees for competitive exams for women**

‡315. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that women don't fill forms of various Central and State level competitive exams owing to the fees charged therefor; and

(b) whether Government is contemplating to exempt women from paying fees for all types of competitive exams?

**Participation of women workforce**

316. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey by Pro-Eves, a gender diversity consulting firm has revealed that overall women participation in India's corporate sector is stuck at less than 20 per cent for the last three years;

(b) whether the survey findings based on inputs from 50 leading companies across sectors concluded that the main reasons for women leaving a corporate job are childcare and lack of flexibility; and

(c) whether commuting problems and prevalence of sexual harassment at workplace also contributed to the exodus of women from workplace?

**Exclusive treatment facilities for elderly and destitute women**

317. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has provided adequate facilities and is implementing any Centrally Sponsored Schemes to look after elderly and destitute women in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by Government to provide medical care facilities for such elderly and destitute women;

(c) the funds provided to various States/UTs for the same; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to establish exclusive treatment facilities for elderly and destitute women suffering from various social security and health related problems and age related health problems?

#### **Number of missing girls and boys**

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

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

(a) the number of children missing, girls and boys separately in the last three years, in each State and in each metropolitan city;

(b) the efforts taken to trace them through various ways and the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to improve convergence between child protection agencies to take timely action for tracing missing children; and

(d) whether any mechanism is in place for individual care plan and appropriate meaningful rehabilitation for the rescued children, with details thereof?

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#### **Steps taken to eradicate malnutrition**

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

(a) what is the percentage of malnourished children under the age of five and how the percentage has decreased or increased over the period of last three years;

(b) what measures, other than those which were continued from the last Government, are introduced to eradicate malnutrition;

(c) how it has changed the situation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to eradicate malnutrition among women and how it has increased in the last three years?

#### **Child Nutrition Mission in Maharashtra**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Child Nutrition Mission (CNM) was launched in the recent past in the State of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the success of CNM in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof and outcome of the review; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take to plug the shortcomings in CNM in the State?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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