

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, December 17, 2015/Agrahayana 26, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Overseas Indian Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

Children covered under mid-day meal scheme

*196. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of schools and children covered under mid-day meal scheme during last two years and this year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the funds allocated for this purpose and utilized during the same period, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that enrolment in these schools has declined during the same period, if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether complaints have been received regarding sub-standard quality of food provided to the students, if so, the action taken in this regard?

PSUs functioning without Heads/ CMD/Chairman

*197. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which are functioning without Heads/CMD/Chairman at present; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise?

**Completion of first phase of
Kudankulam Project**

*198. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first phase of Kudankulam Nuclear Project is completed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) How much power from the above project is allotted to different States; and

(c) whether special priority would be given to the producing State and closely situated State, if so, the details thereof?

**Agreement with Facebook Group
during visit of PM**

†*199. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Prime Minister had visited 'Facebook' Headquarters during his visit to United States of America in September, 2015;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Facebook Group during that visit, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Facebook would cooperate with India in 'Digitalization of India' Campaign?

Higher education for minority girls

*200. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority girls studying at the university level throughout the country;

(b) the number in State Universities and in Central Universities, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote higher education of girls belonging to minority communities;

(d) whether Government has any proper mechanism to ensure adequate representation of minority communities in educational institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Increase in juvenile offenders

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in the juvenile offenders in the past three years, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of correctional in India centres, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the pathetic condition of such homes and deprivation of basic facilities/ infrastructure to children living therein, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the corrective steps being taken/taken by Government to ensure adequate facilities/infrastructure to the children living in juvenile homes; and

(d) the funds allocated/utilized for the same?

**Programmes under JNNURM in
Bihar**

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

(a) whether Government has prepared a new programme by making changes in

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNRUM);

(b) if so, the number of schemes being run under this programme along with the number of towns in Bihar where the same are being run;

(c) the present status of schemes of urban development which are already operational; and

(d) by when the development schemes running in various cities of Bihar under (JNNURM) are targeted to be completed?

Registered associations of overseas Indians

*203. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of registered associations of overseas Indians in various countries;

(b) the total number of overseas Indians settled or are temporarily residing in various countries, country-wise; and

(c) the number of overseas Indians who have expressed their desire in writing to Government of India, to settle in India, the details thereof?

Number of manual scavengers in the country

*204. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of manual scavengers in the country as on 31st March, 2014, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the status of implementation of Abolition of Manual Scavenging Act, the details thereof, State-wise?

Use of public transport in cities

*205. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the use of public transportation in cities in India as a percentage of total transport trips as well as total people travelling each day, year-wise since 2013;

(b) the share of different modes of public transportation including buses and metro system in total public transport use, year-wise since 2013;

(c) the details of measures taken to increase the use of public transportation in cities, especially under the Smart Cities scheme; and

(d) the number and current status of Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects approved, State-wise, since 2013?

RTI activists murdered and missing

*206. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a lot of RTI activists have been murdered or are missing during the last three years, and if so, the complete details in this regard; and

(b) whether Government has any plans to protect the lives of RTI activists and if not, reasons therefor?

Increasing reach of higher education

*207. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up new central universities in the country to provide higher education to everyone, if so, the details of the plan; and

(b) if not, in what way Government plans to increase the reach of higher

education in the country, the details thereof?

Public housing for rent

*208. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to invest in public housing for renting purposes;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of similar successful experiments in public housing through renting in countries like Singapore?

Smart cities

*209. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) names of the smart cities declared, State-wise;

(b) whether smart cities would be differently built in existing cities, if not,

whether land would be acquired for the smart cities;

(c) whether existing cities are declared as smart cities;

(d) whether Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat State, is declared as smart city;

(e) whether separate infrastructure required for smart cities would be built separately; and

(f) the amount allocated so far for smart cities, State-wise, and the likely target of period to build smart cities?

Sector affected by global melt down

*210. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of specific industries in MSME sector affected the most by global melt down;

(b) the details of products produced by such industries and the steps taken by Government to revive them; and

(c) details of the initiatives taken to promote such industries?

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