

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Opposition from locals against nuclear plant

2081. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is facing stiff opposition from local villagers, where nuclear power plants is proposed to set up;

(b) if so, the details of those power plants which face opposition from local villagers;

(c) whether Government has adopted any strategy to face the opposition; and

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

Roadmap to generate power from nuclear energy

2082. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:
SHRI AAYANUR
MANJUNATHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to generate power through nuclear energy sources;

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

(c) whether Government has consulted various stakeholders for providing assistance to this sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the suggestions received by Government in this regard?

Setting up of nuclear insurance pool

2083. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up nuclear insurance pool to speed up the pending projects of the country;

(b) if so, the project details thereof and in what manner it would help to start new projects; and

(c) the target for 2020 achievement therein?

Funds for North Eastern States

2084. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the DoNER fund was allotted to the North Eastern States for the period from 2014-15 till date; and

(b) whether there was any decrease/increase, percentage-wise in the allotment of funds during the above mentioned period to the North Eastern States and if so, the reasons therefor?

Expansion of cyclone centres

2085. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to expand the cyclone centres in various coastal States;

(b) if so, the details of such centres to be set up in the Twelfth Five Year Plan period in various coastal States, location-wise; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

Generation of electricity from sea water

2086. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) is working in the direction of generating electricity from sea water;

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

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

(d) whether Government is considering to establish pilot projects for this purpose in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress made therein?

Talks on global terrorism with USA President

†2087. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of global terrorism was discussed in the meetings with the U.S.A. President along with other countries during visit of Indian Prime Minister to USA in September, 2015;

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(b) if so, the point of view of all these countries towards terrorism; and

(c) whether any bilateral or multilateral accord has been arrived at these meetings in order to deal with terrorism and if so, the details thereof?

Meeting of Maldives-India Joint Commission

2088. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maldives-India Joint Commission meeting was held recently to discuss matters of mutual interest, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Indian private companies are going to invest in Maldives for which Maldives have asked for and if so, the details thereof?

Mali hotel siege

2089. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Mali hotel siege by Islamic extremists recently;

(b) the number of Indians that were in the hostage and whether any person of Indian origin killed in the terror attack, with details thereof ; and

(c) whether any advisory has been sent to avoid visiting potential areas in such countries so that Persons of Indian Origin or NRIs can feel safe, the details thereof?

South China Sea dispute

2090. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has asked the parties involved in South China Sea dispute to learn from the successful arbitration of India's maritime territorial dispute with Bangladesh under United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether China's nine dash line claims almost the entire South China Sea and Beijing continues to maintain that UNCLOS does not have the mandate to deal with territorial issues; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to convince all other parties involved in South China Sea dispute?

Shifting of headquarters of Haj Committee

2091. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer of Unstarred Question 1720 given in Rajya Sabha on 24 July 2014 and state:

(a) whether any fresh suggestions or requests have been received by Government for shifting the Headquarters of Haj Committee of India from Mumbai to Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in the matter?

**Nuclear agreement with
Australia**

2092. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Australia has said that the civil nuclear agreement allowing it to supply uranium to India and the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) would be in place by the target deadline of December, 2015, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the outstanding issues remained on the CECA, yet both the countries were hopeful that the CECA would be concluded by December, 2015, if so, the details thereof?

**Pakistan raising Kashmir issue at
UNSC**

2093. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has once again raised the Kashmir issue at the UN Security Council seeking its mediation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the world body thereon;

(c) whether India has also raised the issue of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK) at international fora;

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

(e) the steps being taken by Government to bring POK into its fold?

**Problem faced by Rohingya Muslims
in Myanmar**

2094. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has raised the problem faced by Rohingya Muslims to the Government of Myanmar, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry believes that the situation would have any effects on India, if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Bangladesh talks

2095. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had talks with his Bangladesh counterpart in August 2015; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions with regard to bilateral agreements and infiltration into India, the details thereof?

**Visit of delegation of Chinese
officials**

2096. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of Chinese officials visited India recently to discuss matters of common interests with a view to find out solutions to outstanding issues; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Mistakes in history books

2097. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the National Council of Education Research and Training is looking into the 182 alleged mistakes in its history books prescribed for Classes VI to XII, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that a scientific analysis and study of history textbook found more than 250 false facts and incorrect assertions; and

(c) whether it is also true that many RTI applications were filed by many people to enquire about the source of assertions in the history books, if so, the details thereof?

Passport Seva Kendra in Rajasthan

2098. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) in Rajasthan have been modernized completely, if so, the status thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to open new Passport Seva Kendra in Rajasthan; and

(c) the total number of Passport Seva Kendra in Rajasthan and the efforts being made by Government for modernization of these Kendra?

Compensation to Indian victim of Pan Am 73 flight

2099. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has raised the issue of compensation for the Indians on the hijacked Pan Am 73 flight with their American counterparts during US President's visit to India in January, 2015 or during Prime Minister's visit to the US in September, 2015;

(b) if so, the outcomes regarding payment of compensation to the Indian victims or their relatives; and

(c) the legal impediments that the United States has cited for their inability to pay the compensation?

Stopping help to Sri Lankan Tamils

2100. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has stopped further help to Sri Lanka's North East Provinces and Tamil speaking Muslims resettlement projects started from 2009 onwards to the tune of 1.5 billion U.S.D.; and

(b) if not, the new areas of co-operation contemplated in this aspect?

Delay in Closure of five PSUs

2101. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made little progress in shutting down five unviable public sector companies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the closure of Hindustan Cables has been held up due to Defence Ministry as it showed interest to take over the unit and has not come up with a formal proposal, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether out of the other four PSUs, three entities of HMT and Tungabhadra steel cases are also held up, if so, the details thereof?

Amount released for poverty alleviation to the States

2102. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

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

(a) the details of amount released by Government to the States especially for poverty alleviation of backward and tribal areas during last two years till date under Integrated Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the details of the achievements of the States especially in backward and tribal areas during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

Demand and Supply gap of affordable houses in Maharashtra

2103. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is big gap in the demand and supply of affordable houses in Maharashtra and rest of the Country;

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

(c) the steps that Government propose to take to substantially reduce this gap within a time-frame?

Construction under Housing for All by 2022

2104. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started constructing the houses to be provided to the people under plan of Housing for All by the year 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof mentioning the type and sites of the houses; and

(c) the number of such houses targeted to be constructed?

House for Houseless in Himachal Pradesh

2105. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a scheme of land for landless and house for houseless and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposals from States are pending with Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government on the request of the State of Himachal Pradesh for providing house for houseless?

Increasing area of slums in cities

†2106. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slum area in
the existing cities of the country is
constantly increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government is
considering to take any special steps to
minimise it; and

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

**Reduction in seats for vocational
courses in Delhi University**

2107. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister
of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state
whether it is a fact that the College of
Vocational Studies, University of Delhi
has decided to reduce the number of seats
for vocational courses, if so, the details and
reasons therefor?

Stress level in students

2108. SHRI MANSUKH L.
MANDAVIYA:
SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that
stress level is on the rise in students due to
various reasons, if so, whether Government
has conducted any study in this regard;

(b) whether Government has any

specific data about suicide by students, if
so, State-wise data for the last three years;

(c) whether Government has held
consultations with State Governments and
other stakeholders to abolish/minimise
stress among students due to various
reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with
action plan drawn, if any, to abolish/
minimise stress levels in students'?

Coaching to SC/ST students by UGC

2109. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants
Commission (UGC) provides financial
assistance for remedial coaching to SC/ST
students, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of SC/ST students
benefited from the said programmes during
the last three years, year-wise and State-
wise;

(c) whether UGC is offering any
scholarship/incentives to the students for
such coaching facilities; and

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

**Reimbursement of grants for RTE in
Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and
Punjab**

2110. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

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(a) the grants sanctioned and released to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab during the last three years to meet the target of education to all under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act;

(b) whether there is delay in reimbursement of grants, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps taken by Government to help the States in achieving 30:1 ratio of students and teachers as per RTE Act?

Sports as compulsory subject

2111. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to consider for making sports a part of its policy to enable young students get access and training in a sport of their choice as compulsory subject with practicals and theoretical lessons;

(b) what steps have been taken in this regard and whether any feasibility study has been done in order to assess its implementation; and

(c) is this aspect being discussed in the current consultations ongoing with the various stakeholders groups across the nation for the New Education Policy?

Transparent system of evaluation in Delhi University

2112. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the name

of autonomy the papers of Undergraduate (Hons.) and Post Graduate courses of Delhi University and certain other Central Universities are not sent to other universities for evaluation as it was done earlier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this discontinuation of earlier practice has led to opaqueness in the system and a lot of corrupt practices; and

(c) whether Government propose to advise the universities to revert to earlier transparent system of evaluation?

Quality of education in deemed universities

2113. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC/Government has evolved new guidelines and framed statutory rules for assessing the quality of education being offered by deemed universities;

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

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve the quality of education in deemed universities particularly in the light of their infrastructure, faculty and research facilities?

Other courses in IITs

2114. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian

Institutes of Technology have approached Government for introducing many other courses in their institutes, if so, the details thereof, and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IIT Kharagpur now offers MBBS degree, if so, the details thereof?

Bodoland University at Kokrajhar

2115. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of upgrading of Central Institute of Technology (CIT), Kokrajhar to a University which was promised in Bodo Accord, 2003;

(b) whether there is a long standing demand for establishment of a Central University at Kokrajhar, Bodoland but not fulfilled till date;

(c) whether one University known as Bodoland University at Kokrajhar is presently established but it is running without a sufficient infrastructure and sanction posts of faculty; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry can help in getting UGC grant for its adoption as Central University?

Vacant teaching position in West Bengal

2116. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number

of teaching position are vacant in the universities, IITs, IIMs, etc. under MHRD, if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) what is the position in Central institutions in West Bengal; and

(c) the step being taken to fill those vacancies?

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Bihar

†2117. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy deduction has been made in the amount supposed to be given to Bihar under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the policy of Government in this regard, the details thereof ?

Funds for cooking gas to Rajasthan for mid-day meal scheme

†2118. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether consequent upon withdrawal of gas subsidy, the Government proposes to make a payment of ₹ 714.34 lakh to the State Government of Rajasthan towards increased cost of cooking gas to prepare food under the mid-day meal scheme, if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

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Reservation in higher educational institutions

2119. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reservation presently been provided in higher educational institutions;

(b) in what manner Ministry proposed to take action on Supreme Court's directive to scrap quota in higher educational institutions in the national interest; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has also ruled to this effect in two cases in 1988; and if so, the details thereof?

Commissions for Sanskrit language

2120. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a panel headed by Shri Gopalaswami, former CEC to examine and recommend measures to revive the interest in Sanskrit and its promotion;

(b) whether the panel's terms of reference include suggestions for integrating the study of the ancient language with other disciplines such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, medical science and law; and

(c) what are the salient findings of report of the 13 member Sanskrit Commission led by Prof. Saryavrat Shastri, for promotion of Sanskrit?

Skill mission in Universities

2121. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to rope in universities across the country to help implement its skill development mission and the UGC has asked over 700 universities and 35,000 colleges to join the mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the universities have been asked to implement the skill mission which aims to train 2.4 million youths in 2015-16 and asked them to put to use the infrastructure of these institutions beyond formal education if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in Central Universities of Jharkhand

2122. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength and vacancies in posts of employees, in particular lecturers, in Central Universities in Jharkhand; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to fill the vacant posts, if so, steps taken thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Low enrolment in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Maharashtra

2123. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

enrollment of children in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is going down in several States including Maharashtra, if so, what is the position regarding enrollment and infrastructure being provided under SSA scheme;

(b) whether many schools in the country still lack toilets and buildings, if so, how many schools are there in the country particularly in the State of Maharashtra; and

(c) how Government propose to strengthen SSA scheme and monitor this scheme in the entire country?

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan

2124. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the elements of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) what was the target set for the year 2014-15 and what were the achievements; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the targets were surpassed despite reduced allocations in Revised Estimates, if so, whether it indicates that inflated demands for grants are being made to achieve modest targets?

Funds for a branch of Aligarh Muslim University at Kishanganj

2125. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government

for the Kishanganj Branch of Aligarh Muslim University, the funds actually required for the same, the details of the works completed so far;

(b) by when the initial infrastructure would be in place and how much amount will be required for the same; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide adequate amounts for the same?

Separate toilets for boys and girls in Bihar

†2126. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the construction work of separate toilets for boy and girl students in all schools of the country under clean school scheme;

(b) if so, the number of schools in Bihar where separate toilets could not be constructed so far;

(c) whether providing clean drinking water is also a part of this scheme; and

(d) if so, whether clean drinking water has been provided to all schools, details thereof?

National Testing Service in India

2127. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government is considering to set up a National Testing Service in India along the lines of the Education Testing Services of the USA;

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(b) whether it is also true that Government has received a recommendations that a Scholastic Aptitude Test SAT type examination be held to select 4-5 lakh students to appear for the Joint Entrance Examination; and

(c) whether it is also true that after aptitude test, the second level test will be conducted by the IITs to select 40,000 students, if so, the details thereof?

Committee for Engineering Curriculum

2128. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a Committee of Eminent Persons (CEP) to rationalize Engineering Curriculum in the country, if so, the details of the Committee; and

(b) whether this Committee has submitted its report to Government, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Access to higher education for economically poor

†2129. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that access to higher education of economically poor section of the country is minimal, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any special strategic/ planned efforts are being made by Government to ensure economically poor sections cent per cent access to higher education, if so, the details thereof?

Interest of Shiksha Mitra

†2130. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in several States of the country Shiksha Mitra are making important contribution in the primary education sector but they are neither given sufficient salary nor they are permanently appointed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government can play any role in the interest of Shiksha Mitra working in the States and whether Government is making any efforts in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of students with learning disability

2131. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken measures to promote the inclusion of students with learning disabilities, the details thereof;

(b) the number and ratio of trained teachers for children with learning disabilities in Government schools;

(c) whether Government schools are mandated to have counsellors and special

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educators to ensure the inclusion of students with learning disabilities by training and sensitizing teachers, students and parents, if so, details thereof, State-wise, if not, reasons thereto; and

(d) whether there are adequate textbooks and educational materials for students with learning disabilities, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons thereto?

Toilets in schools under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

2132. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken measures to ensure that toilets built in schools under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have water supply, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons thereof;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to ensure that toilets built, particularly in schools, have a drainage system, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether all toilets built in schools under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have followed the guidelines of one toilet for every 40 students, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons thereof and corrective action Government has taken/plans to take?

Amendment to RTE Act, 2009

2133. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission has recommended for amending the Right to

Education (RTE) Act, 2009 to make it mandatory for the Government to provide free pre-school education to children above the age of three, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the benefits that would accrue as a result thereof; and

(c) the action taken by his Ministry so far in this regard?

Scholarship for primary and secondary classes in Madhya Pradesh

†2134. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide scholarship to the children studying between primary to secondary classes in rural and backward areas;

(b) if so, the details of the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh and other States for providing scholarships in last financial year and current year; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to open new schools in rural and backward areas of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

SC/ST Children dropping from schools

2135. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the details about the SC/ST children dropping out from schools at primary, middle and secondary levels; and

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(b) if so, the details of the last five years thereof, State-wise?

Child attendance in school

2136. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report about the child attendance in schools; and

(b) if so, the child attendance rate of primary, middle and secondary levels of the last three years, State-wise?

Commercialisation of education

†2137. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercialisation of education is taking place at a fast pace;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to check this commercialisation of education?

Funds for Information and Communication Technology in education

2138. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of proposal for release of funds for Phase II of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in School Computer Education Programme to cover 5000 schools submitted to Government; and

(b) whether the fund has been sanctioned and details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

New Kendriya Vidyalaya in Karnataka

2139. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to establish more Kendriya Vidyalayas in different States of the country including Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of KVs in the country are still struggling without proper buildings and if so, details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

New Navodaya Vidyalayas

2140. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether any review of the functioning of existing Navodaya Vidyalayas has been done and if so, the details thereof?

Adoption of villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

2141. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government have launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan;

(b) if so, whether Government has issued directions to all Higher Educational Institutions to adopt backward villages in their vicinity and apply their knowledge and expertise to improving the infrastructure in the gram panchayats under their watch under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have entrusted some tasks to Higher Educational Institutions, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Higher Educational Institutions have identified villages in their vicinity for intervention, and if so, the details thereof?

Tamil Nadu model of quality education for youths

2142. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry look into the aspects of issuing laptops to all Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya and Sainik Schools who would be largely benefited by advanced knowledge power, increasing intellectual calibre, improving vocabulary, communicative, worldly-Earthly conscience etc.; and

(b) whether whole young generation would be enlightened and become visionary and capable of leading and taking forward the nation into the next century, whether Government think over and bring out the

Tamil Nadu Model into reality for Indian youth which has really made remarkable improvement in the quality of Education in Tamil Nadu?

Financial benefits for Kannada language

2143. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Kannada language has been notified as a classical language *vide* a notification, no financial or other benefits have been extended so far, if so, reasons therefor; and

(b) when will these benefits be provided?

Central Universities in country

2144. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the sanctioned strength of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in each of these universities;

(c) whether the positions at all these levels reserved for the SCs and STs;

(d) what is the number of vacancies actually filled in each of the universities and how many vacancies are actually, filled by the SCs and STs in each of the universities?

Minority educational institutions

2145. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a very few minority educational institutions are there in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government prepare to open more institutions in near future?

Recommendation for admission in Central schools

†2146. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of children recommended for admission in Central schools by Chairman of Central School Board in academic year 2015-16;

(b) whether all these children whose names have been forwarded by Chairman belonged to the families living below poverty line;

(c) if so, whether all admitted candidates have submitted proof of living below poverty line; and

(d) if not, the number of children whose families have submitted BPL certificates?

Low teachers-students ratio in Uttar Pradesh

†2147. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of

teachers in schools/colleges are very low in comparison with number of students in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government is taking any effective step to fill the vacant posts of teachers in schools/colleges, if so, the details thereof?

Vacant teaching position in schools

2148. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of teaching posts in primary, secondary and higher levels in schools are lying vacant in States;

(b) if so, details of vacancies as on March, 2015 in different States and the steps taken to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) whether educational boards conduct regular inspections of school to impress upon them to fill the vacancies, if so, the details thereof?

Early childhood care New Education Policy

2149. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has consulted experts on the draft New Education Policy, if so, feedback received so far;

(b) whether early childhood care and effective implementation of the Right

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to Education(RTE) are among the important aspects of education that have been left out of the NEP; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to correct the position?

Change in school timing during harvesting season

2150. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) the attendance rate is low during the harvesting season, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to adjust the school hours during harvesting season and if so, details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

Eligibility norms for Ph.D holders teachers

2151. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that several thousands of college teachers from all over India demonstrated demanding relaxation in eligibility norms for those who did their Ph.D before 2009 without qualifying for the National Eligibility Test, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that without relaxation, nearly 10 lakh teachers in the

country would lose their jobs, if so, the details thereof?

Opening of Technical Institutes

‡2152. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earlier Governments have failed to set up Technical institutes;,

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step in this direction; and

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

NITs in Gujarat and Jharkhand

2153. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) have been set up in all the States/Union Territories and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up more NITs in the country especially in Jharkhand and Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received requests/proposals from various State Governments/UTs and if so, the details thereof and the present status of such proposals, State/UT-wise; and

(d) by what time these NITs are likely to be established particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat?

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**Regulatory body for coaching centres
for IIT & NIT**

2154. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government is considering to set up a regulatory body for coaching centres that help prepare students for the IIT Joint Entrance Examination;

(b) whether it is also true that the objective of setting up of such regulatory body is to ensure that the coaching institutes are well equipped and maintain healthy and best practices as well as charge regulated fees;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has received a recommendation from the committee constituted on the issue concerning IIT, NIT entrance examinations, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for mid-day-meals in Rajasthan

†2155. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Rajasthan has requested the Government to pay an amount of ₹ 22.84 cr. which has been deducted from Food Corporation of India against the cost of foodgrains for mid-day-meals; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to allocate the said amount to the State, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Model degree college in educationally
backward district**

2156. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of Educationally Backward district;

(b) whether Government is implementing a Centrally sponsored scheme to establish one model degree college in each of the identified educationally backward district in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made so far in setting up of such colleges; and

(d) whether any discussions have been held with the State Government in this regard particularly in the matter of expenditure to be incurred for the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Suicides by students at Kota

2157. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken serious note of the recent spate in suicides by students studying in private coaching institutes at Kota, preparing for admission tests for engineering and management courses at IITs and IIMs;

(b) whether Government is aware of the appalling conditions at the private coaching institutes in Kota where the students are subjected to a 24X7 grind in crammed shop-floors; and

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(c) whether most of the students from middle class families studying on borrowed funds soon become weighed down with burden of expectations and accompanying stress, if so, Governments comments thereon?

Model schools in Chhattisgarh

†2158. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 74 model schools running in Chhattisgarh which require the approval for construction of residential campus it required;

(b) whether in view the requirement residential model schools in 14 scheduled castes dominated districts, Government will consider to run these schools in the name of Guru Balakdas for boys and safura mata for girls; and

(c) whether approval is required to open model schools in 72 development blocks out of 146 development blocks of Chhattisgarh ?

Corrupt practice in mid-day meal scheme

2159. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the facts related to mid-day meal scheme related to entries of number of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and reaction thereto; and

(c) details of steps taken to check these corruption?

Aid to Madrassas under SPQEM scheme

2160. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of madrassas presently operational in the country, the number of students enrolled thereat and the State-wise break-up thereof;

(b) the total number of madrassas that have received any help or aid from the Central Government or State Governments under the Ministry's Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrassas (SPQEM), along with a description of the assistance provided; and

(c) the number of madrassas linked to the National Institute for Open Schooling under the Scheme, and the State-wise breakup thereof?

Successful students from Government schools

†2161. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that basic facilities of schools under Right to Education have been met, if not, the reasons therefor, and details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that the number of students in Government schools is declining every year, year-wise and State-wise details thereof for the past three years; and

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(c) year-wise and State-wise percentage of successful primary, secondary and higher secondary students, for the last three years, the details thereof?

Promoting competition among MSMEs

2162. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides grants/financial assistance to promote competition among the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) details of the funds allocated/spent during each of the last three years and this year, year-wise; and

(c) whether targets have been fixed for them, if so, the details thereof?

Employment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2163. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) details of margin money subsidy released and utilized under various projects of MSME sector in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) details of number of projects assisted during the above period, year-wise and district-wise, estimated number of

employment opportunities generated during the above period;

(c) whether it is true that number of projects assisted has come down from 2008-09 to 2013-14 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and to what extent MUDRA Bank help to improve the project assistance?

Promotion of KVIC industries

2164. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) details of the number of khadi and village industry units set up by Government during the last two years and this year, year-wise, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up some more such units, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps taken by Government to encourage khadi and village industries in general and artisans/handicrafts persons in particular?

Products reserved for small scale sector

2165. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has reserved certain goods for production in the Small scale sector;

(b) if so, the list of such goods; and

(c) whether the goods so reserved were with the consent of the manufacturers from the small scale sector?

Funds utilization under PMEGP and KVIC in West Bengal

2166. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that there has been low allocation and utilization of funds under Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in West Bengal;

(b) the allocation of funds along with its utilization made for programmes under PMEGP and KVIC in last five years in West Bengal, district-wise; and

(c) the list of beneficiaries under the programmes run under PMEGP and KVIC in the country, State-wise?

Revision of Pension in KVIC

2167. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the OM issued by Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of PPG&P, dated 30th July, 2015 regarding revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners;

(b) if so, whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) have started/completed the process of revision of pensions of its pre-2006 pensioners, if so, details thereof;

(c) the process to be followed by the pensioners in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons the process of revision of pensions has not yet started and by when the process of revision would be finished and the pensioners would get their dues?

Assistance for MSME in Rajasthan

†2168. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Rajasthan has a lot of potential for expansion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, if so, the assistance provided and schemes formulated by the Ministry to further expand these enterprises, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of assistance provided by Government to the above entrepreneurs of Rajasthan State?

Indian workers dying in Qatar

2169. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Amnesty International Report which said that 279 migrant workers died in Qatar in 2014 while constructing the FIFA Stadium;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to mitigate the hardship; and

(c) whether Government would secure suitable compensation for these workers from the overseas employer?

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Decline in Indians going to Gulf countries

2170. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who have gone to the Gulf countries in the last three years;

(b) whether there is a decline in the number of labour class going to the Gulf countries;

(c) if so, in what way Government is seeing such decline in terms of increasing unemployment in the country; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government is going to address the issue?

Adoption of villages by NRIs

2171. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), the details thereof country-wise, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government is planning to ask these NRIs to adopt their villages or districts to construct toilets in their villages or in their districts as per requirement, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Directions for filling of backlog vacancies

2172. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what

directions are issued to all Ministries in the matter of backlog vacancies to be filled on or before 31st March, 2016, if so the response from all the Ministries?

Revision of Civil Services examination

2173. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a committee's recommendation for revising the Civil Services exam in order to set questions in english and all the languages listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution;

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

(c) whether the recommendations given by Prof. Anandkrishnan committee were made part of the rules for the Civil Services Examination, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is an expert committee set up to assess the Civil Services Aptitude test; and

(e) if so, by when is the expert committee scheduled to come up with its recommendations?

Innovative way of reducing pendency of RTI applications

2174. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Information Commission (CIC) has found an innovative way of reducing pendency of cases by not opening envelopes of about 10,000 RTI applications in the last two months, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the CIC is asking RTI applicants to furnish a photo ID proof along with their appeals filed at CIC;

(c) whether under RTI rules, 2012 proof along with appeals need not be filed; and

(d) if so, the reasons CIC harassing RTI applicants and the remedial measures the Ministry would take against the erring officials?

Abolishment of the practice of interview for group B and C posts

2175. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has fixed the deadline of 31st December, 2015 to abolish the practice of interview for appointment to Group B and C posts in various Ministries;

(b) whether State Governments have also been advised to do so; and

(c) if so, the response of the States to this proposal?

Vacancies in State Information Commissions

2176. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in all benches of the State Information Commission (SIC) in various States including Maharashtra;

(b) the reasons for the above mentioned vacancies; and

(c) the highlights of the 9th Annual Report of the State Information Commission of Maharashtra?

Pendency of RTI application

2177. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applications under Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI) are pending in various Government departments, if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether information sought has been denied in a large number of cases, if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether several complaints have been received by Government regarding rejection of application under the RTI Act, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Science parks in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

2178. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up science parks in the country particularly in Hyderabad, Telangana and in Andhra Pradesh also; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary estimates prepared for these new parks and funds spent so far?

Soft loan for research and development

†2179. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has

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sanctioned amount on soft terms to various companies for research and development;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the criteria adopted for accepting the loans;

(c) the number of companies provided the loan amount, the period of loan and the names of the projects and the present status of loan recovery; and

(d) whether any company has turned sick after being provided loans and if so, the details thereof?

Facility for training in biotechnology

‡2180. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether training facility in biotechnology is available in India, if so, the State-wise details of those facilities;

(b) whether any centres have been established for research and development in biotechnology, if so, whether those researches have been used in agriculture and other sectors, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to encourage private partnership in this regard, if so, the details of the benefits to be achieved through it?

Budgetary allocation

2181. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation to the Ministry during the last three years ending

2014-15, year-wise and the actual year-wise expenditure; and

(b) the reasons for the shortfalls, if any, in the expenditure?

Indo-China scientific collaboration

2182. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Director General, CSIR, during May 2015, had decided to organise Conference and Joint workshop as a part of Indo-China scientific collaboration in association with Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) after CAS had expressed desire for the same;

(b) if so, whether during September 2015, Planning and Performance Division of CSIR had procured a detailed program including the list of Chinese participants for the same; and

(c) if so, the action taken if any in affirmative to the conference if not, the reason therefor?

Publishing of primary journals and popular science journals

2183. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR-NISCAIR is publishing primary journals and popular science journals; and

(b) if so, the details, including title, periodicity, year of registration and registration number with Registrar Newspapers of India, impact factor,

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number of pages published, designation of staff, annual expenditure to publish including salary of staff, total income for sale, latest volume and issue number edited, designation of Editor and Printer and Publisher, and steps taken to improve sales and distribution, journals-wise, year-wise for last three years, as on today?

3D view of India on Google Earth

†2184. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bringing a legislation in the Parliament is necessary before according permission to Google Earth for 3D view of India, if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Google has no representative in India, who will take the responsibility of complying with the laws in such a situation and the details thereof?

Schemes to promote student research in schools

2185. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has schemes to promote students research in schools and colleges with special emphasis to translate the know how to market oriented products;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether any scheme of technological innovation and incubation units are in force?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

2186. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry has awarded funds under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana as on 1st December, 2015;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the ministry is monitoring progress being made under the above mentioned scheme (PMKVY) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the PMKVY integrates the Industrial Training or ITIs across the country in its skill certification and training programme and aims to further improve/develop the ITIs if yes, details thereof and progress made therein?

Loan for skill development

2187. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to simplify the process for getting loan for skill development, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether soft loan is proposed to be disbursed through a digital voucher directly to a qualified students' bank account; and

(c) if so, the criteria for getting the benefits of the scheme?

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Training for selected subjects under skill development scheme

†2188. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the training is being imparted for some selected subjects at the training centres opened under the skill development scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor because it is depriving the youths of getting training as per their interests;

(c) if not, the name of subjects for which Government has issued direction to provide training; and

(d) the name of subjects for which the trainees have got maximum jobs?

Funds to States for skill development activities

2189 DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any financial and logistic assistance for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in the Country since the inception of the New Ministry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has fixed any specific targets to be achieved through the National Skill Development Mission;

(c) the total funds allocated for States/UTs for Skill development activities in the last 4 years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(d) the total number of persons got benefited through the National Skill

Development Mission in the last 2 years, State-wise?

Skill development projects in Kerala

2190. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have accepted skill development projects in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details including the projects-fund allocated and percentage of its implementation?

Deen Dayal Upadhyay rural skill development scheme for Bihar

†2191. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out the outlines of Deen Dayal Upadhyay rural Skill development scheme to remove the unemployment prevalent among youth in rural areas, if so, the highlights of this scheme;

(b) how the unemployed youth of the rural areas would be trained for employment under this scheme; and

(c) the number of villages and the names of districts of Bihar in which, skill training centres have been established under this scheme?

National policy for skill development

†2192. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised

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the proposed National Policy, 2015 for skill development and entrepreneurship;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the policy and if not, by when the above policy will be finalised and notified;

(c) the details of various schemes/programmes being run for skill development/entrepreneurship by Government; and

(d) the details of the obstacles in implementation of various skill development programmes and the steps to be taken for resolving them?

Funds for skill development schemes

2193. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of persons trained/skilled in 2015-16 so far, Ministry-wise;

(b) total number of persons skilled/trained in the last five years;

(c) the details of beneficiaries of all skill development schemes run by Government in the last year and in the current year, scheme-wise; and

(d) details of funds allocated and utilized on these skill development schemes in the last year and in the current year scheme-wise?

Skill development programmes for girls in West Bengal

2194. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any skill development

programmes are being run by Government specifically for girls;

(b) if yes, the details of the schemes and the number of girls enrolled in rural areas, especially in West Bengal; and

(c) the percentage of girls from the above number who have been gainfully employed?

Skill development of diverse age groups

2195. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating the policy for skill development for four generations of the age diversity within an organisation with significant divide in communication, use of technology and expectations of colleagues and co-workers; and

(b) if so, what are the methods, tools and capsules used for such engagement?

Funds for skill development in Rajasthan

†2196. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to Rajasthan by Government for skill development and entrepreneurship in last one year; whether this amount is not insufficient in view of the skill capacity of the youth of Rajasthan; if so, whether Government is considering to increase the said amount;

(b) whether Government has formulated any scheme to provide employment to the

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trained youth of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any arrangement of maintaining permanent skill development centres running State-wise in the country, if so, State-wise details thereof; if not, reasons therefor?

Funds allocated for welfare schemes in Maharashtra

†2197. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements in terms of social justice in Maharashtra and other States in the last three years and as on date;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated scheme-wise for welfare schemes for Maharashtra and other States in the last two years;

(c) the quantum of amount utilized out of the said fund State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaint against any Non-Government Organisation regarding misuse of funds in the said period so far?

Protection of transgenders

2198. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States that have implemented protection for transgenders according to the guidelines set by the Government;

(b) whether the Government has given incentive to the States to comply with the guidelines; and

(c) whether there exists a deadline for compliance with the guidelines, if so, the date thereof?

Dr. Ambedkar Social Integration Scheme

2199. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal requesting for grant of incentives under Dr. Ambedkar Social Integration Scheme for this financial year from Jharkhand State, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of proposals considered for sanction of incentive and the number of proposals pending for approval, the reasons for delay in releasing those incentives?

Employable training to blind persons

2200. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vocational Training Centres, Skill Development, ITIs available exclusively for Adult Blind Persons who can be employed;

(b) whether after school education, Blind students find it very difficult to look for Government opportunities to employable training;

(c) the details of centres available especially in Tamil Nadu for training and the skills taught therein; and

(d) whether employment is guaranteed if they get Diplomas and Degrees from such institutions?

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Steps taken to stop land use change

2201. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Plan 2021 was published to achieve homogenous and sustainable development of the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) whether the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 (Act) prohibits any development in NCR which is inconsistent with the published Regional Plan; and

(c) if so, whether it is correct that Noida, Greater Noida, Faridabad and Gurgaon have already urbanised land more than the Regional Plan 2021 provisions and norms for these settlements, if so, then what action has been taken by the NCR Planning Board and the MUD to stop further land use change/urbanization in these cities to ensure that the development of these towns is as per the Regional Plan ?

Media reports about Anganwadi centres

2202. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of media reports about anganwadi centres and schools being run on caste basis in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, if not, whether Government intend to do an enquiry or survey on this; and

(c) in light of the media reports, the steps taken by Government to stop segregation of students and schools on caste basis?

Proposal for central legislation

2203. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for the central legislation, which would provide reservations for SC, ST and OBCs in private or unaided institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far?

Schemes belonging to SC, ST and OBCs

†2204. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes started for housing, health, education and skill development of people belonging to SC, ST and Other Backward classes;

(b) the amount of money spent so far on this item and the number of persons benefited by this and number of persons become eligible for employment; and

(c) the State-wise details thereof?

Shortage of scientists in ISRO

2205. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is facing shortage of engineers/scientists/physicists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to address the issue; and

(c) the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government to promote space science amongst the youth in the country?

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Sectorial survey on employment and economic scenario

2206. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started sectorial survey on employment and economic scenario for the 2012-17;

(b) if so, the trend of employment and food nutrition scenario of 2012-14 thereon; and

(c) the programmes/planning of Government to develop the situation if required thereon?

Growth rate of different sectors

†2207. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of services, manufacturing, mining and agriculture sectors in the last quarters of financial year 2014-15; and

(b) the reasons responsible for lower growth rate in the above sectors?

Shortage of parking space in NCR

2208. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:
SHRI SALIM ANSARI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of parking space in the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCR);

(b) whether it is also a fact that vehicles parked outside food stalls, showrooms, motor workshops, etc. consume the portion of main roads leading to traffic share; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to remove encroachments so as to free the roads and footpaths for pedestrians?

Waste disposal in urban areas

2209. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether urban areas are posing big challenge of waste disposal in the country;

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

(c) the steps being taken to avoid such situation in future; and

(d) the details of views of each State, NGOs, public and industry in this regard?

Development of some cities as mega cities

2210. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to develop some cities as mega cities on the lines of smart city and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any criteria has been fixed for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether some cities of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have also been selected for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for solid waste management plants

2211. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of solid waste management plants in India, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has allotted funds for improving the waste management scenario in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage State Governments to take serious notes of waste management in their cities; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken any study regarding the effect of untreated waste in our environment, if so, the details thereof?

Funds provided for storm water drain project of Chennai

2212. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much Central funds have been provided to Corporation of Chennai in the last three years for storm water drain project;

(b) the list of storm water drains built under the project in last three years; and

(c) the reasons for delay in building storm water drains?

Projects sanctioned but pending in Rajasthan

2213. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned by Government but pending in Rajasthan under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) the planning of Government to complete these projects; and

(c) the funds allocated along with respective heads to Rajasthan under the said Mission in the current financial year, the details thereof?

Proposal from Andhra Pradesh for AMRUT scheme

2214. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing ₹ 28,756 crores for water connections, drinking water supply, solid waste management, etc. for 31 cities in Andhra Pradesh under AMRUT scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Pooling of land by farmers to develop smart city

2215. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers pooled in 9000 acres to develop smart city with the right mix of commercial, residential

and environment features in the outskirts of Mumbai and if so, Government's response thereto; and

(b) whether Government is considering to promote such proposals in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Installation of eco-friendly solid waste management plants

2216. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many solid waste management plants have been set up across the country;

(b) whether these installed plants are capable to cater the solid waste produced in India;

(c) if so, the details of the cost of set-up and technology being used in these plants;

(d) whether the method used to dispose/recycle the solid waste is an eco-friendly way, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the plans of Government to install adequate number of eco-friendly solid waste management plants in the country?

Water pumps/boosters installed in South Delhi

2217. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several residents of South Delhi have installed water pumps/boosters outside/back lanes of their residences to pump water directly from main water lines;

(b) if so, complete details in this regard; and

(c) the action that DDA proposes to take against residents using DDA land for illegally installation of water/booster pumps?

Elimination of open defecation

2218. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that are being taken to improve urban sanitation in the country considering that it is a major part of the Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) how much funds would be allocated for this;

(c) whether it is true, as per media reports, that Government target to eliminate open defecation and 100 per cent scientific disposal of municipal solid waste by 2019 are accurate; and

(d) how much progress has been made in achieving these targets?

Projects undertaken for waste management for West Bengal

2219. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that urban India is living on a garbage bomb because of lack of proper waste management system in the country;

(b) the allocation of funds and its utilization for waste management made by the Ministry during last three years, State-wise, city-wise;

(c) the details of waste generated from the State of West Bengal in last three years, city-wise; and

(d) the list of projects undertaken for waste management in the State of West Bengal in last four years along with the current status of these projects, city-wise?

Implementation of cleanliness drive in Bihar

2220. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has done study of Jhuggi-Jhonpuri or huts at the Central level to know their pitiable conditions and measures to prevent them;

(b) the steps that have been taken to make Jhuggi-Jhonpuri free cities in Bihar, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism developed at the Central level to ensure cleanliness drive be smoothly implemented in the States, the measures that have been taken in this direction?

Status of Storm Water Drainage Project in Mumbai

2221. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Centrally funded Brihan Mumbai Storm Water Drainage Project (BRIMSTOWAD);

(b) whether the entire cost of the project including the revised cost submitted by Maharashtra as additional cost of the project has been released by Government to Maharashtra Government;

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

(d) by when BRIMSTOWAD project is likely to be completed?

Commercial activities in DDA residential flats

2222. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether commercial activities are allowed in DDA residential flats, if so, what are the criterion for the same;

(b) if not, whether Government is aware of the commercial activities going on in DDA residential flats;

(c) the measures taken by Government to prevent these activities; and

(d) the number of cases that have come to the notice till date and actions taken in this regard?

Utilisation of funds allotted for toilets to States

2223. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States and Union Territories take Central funds to construct toilet, if so, the names of those States and Union Territories;

(b) whether Government has issued instructions to States and Union Territories for utilisation of allotted funds, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government against those States and Union Territories who have failed to construct toilets?

Inclusion of city of Himachal Pradesh under HRIDAY

2224. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dharamshala, an ancient city of Himachal Pradesh have not been enlisted under National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to include any other ancient city of Himachal Pradesh under HRIDAY, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the criteria to select the cities under HRIDAY; and

(d) the name of cities along with their respective States which have been enlisted under HRIDAY?

Population and land requirement of NCR under Regional Plan 2021

2225. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Plan 2021 was published to achieve homogenous and sustained development of the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) whether the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 prohibits any development in NCR which is inconsistent with the published Regional Plan; and

(c) if so, whether the assigned population and the land requirement of NCR towns namely Noida, Greater Noida, Yamuna Expressway, Ghaziabad-Loni, Meerut, Gurgaon-Manesar, Faridabad,

Ballabhgarh, Sonipat-Kundli, Rohtak, Sohna and Greater Bhiwadi are as per the provisions and norms of the Regional Plan 2021 and as per the concerned towns Master/Development Plan?

Subletting of garages in R.K. Puram

2226. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of subletting garages of various Central Government accommodations in R.K. Puram and unauthorized persons are residing in these garages illegally, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Directorate of Estates (DoE) has been informed in this regard during last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken by DoE in this regard along with the inquiries undertaken so far by DoE?

Rain water harvesting systems

2227. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Green Tribunal has directed the Government, to ensure that rain water harvesting systems are installed in every project, including flyovers and bridges, without default in Delhi;

(b) whether instructions to all concerned have been issued to ensure that the directions of the NGT are taken care off by each project without default; and

(c) the details of the instructions issued by NGT?

Inadequate dustbins in cities

2228. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are inadequate numbers of dustbins installed in the cities;

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

(c) the details of guidelines set out by the Ministry for installation of dustbins under Swachh Bharat Mission; and

(d) the details of funds allotted and released under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for installation of dustbins in the cities, State-wise?

Fees increase in Siri Fort Sports Complex

2229. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Siri Fort Sports Complex, South Delhi have increased fee for Yoga lovers from ₹ 150/- to ₹ 500/- per month w.e.f. October, 2015;

(b) if so, the reasons for exorbitant increase of fee;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is promoting Yoga free or at affordable rates; and

(d) if so, the reasons for charging higher Yoga fee from members of the Sports Club?

Development work in Sector-23, Rohini

†2230. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has not carried any development work in Sector-23, Rohini, Delhi as a result of which the people living in DDA flats have to face a lot of problems;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DDA land in Sector-23, Rohini is lying vacant and no market has been established there till now; and

(c) whether Government proposes to establish market on this land, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Urban facilities in Shyam Vihar, Delhi

2231. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 904 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2015 and state:

(a) the number of temporary electricity connection provided in the D Block of Shyam Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi till today;

(b) the details of scheme for electrification of C and D Block of Shyam Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi;

(c) the number of application from D Block of Shyam Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi pending for electric connections; and

(d) what other urban facilities Government is proposing to provide in the above area?

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Identification of malnourished children in Assam and Uttar Pradesh

‡2232. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether severely malnourished children are identified under consolidated child development project;

(b) if so, the procedure adopted to identify them and the manner to ensure that the personnel employed to check malnutrition are capable of this task;

(c) number of children died due to malnutrition in Assam and Uttar Pradesh in last two years and in current year and names of the nutrients found deficient in severely malnourished children and the numbers of such children; and

(d) the remedial measures taken for these severely malnourished children and number of children whose improvement have been seen in their level of malnutrition?

Schemes of compensation to acid attack victims

2233. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide adequate compensation and rehabilitation to victims of acid attacks in country;

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

(c) if not, the time needed to implement the scheme?

Action plan to control malnutrition in Odisha

2234. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out an action plan to control malnutrition among children in the country;

(b) the status of malnutrition in the country among children, region-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of deaths of children in Odisha and other backward regions of the country as a result of the above problem during the last three years; and

(d) whether the respective State Governments have asked for some help in the matter, if so, the details thereof with its feed-back?

Victim Compensation Fund scheme

2235. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has directed State Governments to put in place a scheme (Victim Compensation Fund) that will enable victims of various crimes, including rape to get compensation awarded by the Legal Services Authority within a day, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many States have complied with the order and how many are yet to comply?

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Plan to recognise prenuptial agreements

2236. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has made plea to recognize the prenuptial agreements, a standard legal document as in many Western countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the move could help both spouses, especially women, get their rights on maintenance and share in marital property without a cumbersome, expensive legal battle;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government recently has called for a consultation with the experts in law, social work and others; and

(d) if so, the deliberations made in the said consultation?

Funds allocated by National Nutrition Mission

2237. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 38 per cent children in the country are suffering from chronic malnutrition;

(b) whether a National Nutrition Mission with ₹ 18,000 crore funds allotted by the Ministry aimed at employing technology and a five-tier mechanism to monitor the supplementary nutrition programme for children between 0-6 years

has been rejected by the Expenditure Finance Committee; and

(c) whether this rejection of National Nutrition Mission has put a question mark on Government's commitment towards infant and young children, if so, the details thereof?

Nand-Ghar Yojana in Tamil Nadu

2238. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had identified Anganwadis in State of Tamil Nadu to be modernized under Nand-Ghar Yojana which aims at transforming Anganwadis; and

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

Draft National Nutrition Policy

†2239. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the draft of National Nutrition Policy would be ready and salient features of the same;

(b) the type of special assistance being proposed by Centre to the States and Districts showing bad performance as per norms;

(c) the recommendations of inter-Ministerial group regarding National Nutrition Policy; and

(d) the annual estimated expenditure on implementation of this policy in totality?

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**Children and women suffering
from malnutrition in
Uttar Pradesh**

†2240. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will
the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about

the number of children and women in Uttar
Pradesh who have been suffering from
malnutrition since last one year, if so, the
reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any new scheme is being
run by Government for the eradication of
malnutrition and if so, the details thereof?

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