

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, December 20, 2018/Agrahayana 29, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

#### Proposals under old age homes and de-addiction schemes

†\*106. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals under old age homes and de-addiction schemes received during the year 2017-18 from Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of proposals which have been sanctioned; and

(c) if no proposals have been sanctioned, the reasons therefor?

#### Keeping India out of low risk student visa list of U.K.

\*107. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of United

Kingdom has kept India out of the low risk student visa list;

(b) if so, whether this would deprive the Indian students of the privilege of reduced checks on educational, financial and English language skill requirements to study in British universities; and

(c) whether Government would take up the matter with U.K. Government at the appropriate level to ease out the situation as India is one of the top three nations sending students to the United Kingdom?

#### Supplementary nutrition under ICDS

\*108. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States/UTs are implementing the Programme of providing supplementary nutrition under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)

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scheme by providing special breakfast and hot cooked meals to children aged between three to six years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of additional financial assistance provided to those States/UTs for this purpose; and

(c) whether there has been any improvement in health and nutritional condition of children due to implementation of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Dispensing with home work to children**

\*109. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to dispense with giving home work to primary school children and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has limited the number of books to be carried by such children for reducing the weight of school bags?

#### **Implementation of STEP scheme in Tamil Nadu**

\*110. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action to ensure implementation of the Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) scheme in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated and utilised in that State; and

(c) whether Government has set up any

mechanism to monitor the utilization of these funds by the State Governments?

#### **Shortage of teachers in colleges of rural areas**

†\*111. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the standard of education is falling in colleges located in the rural areas of the country due to shortage of teachers;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage of teachers in such colleges and by when these vacant posts would be filled up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Atrocities against Scheduled Castes in Gujarat**

\*112. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat saw 50 per cent increase in cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes during the last eight years as per the data of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in preventing the atrocities in that State?

#### **Mechanism to accommodate graduate/undergraduate candidates**

\*113. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is absolute communication gap with regard

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to placement of graduate candidates for employment among this Ministry and other Ministries;

(b) if not, the reasons due to which Government is not able to provide employment to graduates/undergraduate candidates from different streams; and

(c) the reasons for absence of mechanism to accommodate the jobseekers from various colleges?

#### **Guidelines for safety of students**

\*114. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has laid down any guidelines for safety of students in those schools the managements of which are not following, child safety norms, as of now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to punish the management of such schools for not following such guidelines; and

(d) if so, whether Government has framed any rules and regulations for such punishment?

#### **Chinese support to Pakistani terrorist**

\*115. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has diplomatically protested Chinese support to Pak terrorists and Jamaat-Ud-Dawa Chief Hafiz Sayeed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the Chinese reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has reached the international community against

Chinese move to support and protect a terrorist; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Chinese reaction thereto?

#### **RTI ranking**

\*116. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the recent Global RTI ranking, India has slipped to 6th position in RTI ranking of 123 countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India ranked 2nd in Global RTI ranking during 2011, 2012 and 2013;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for fall of India's ranking during the last four years; and

(f) the corrective steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

#### **Restriction on H-1B visas granted to Indians**

\*117. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is high level of rejection of H-1B visa applications affecting Indian IT and outsourcing companies in the recent years by USA Administration;

(b) whether there has been a sharp increase in the Issuance of Notices of Intent to Deny (NOIDs) and Notices of Intent to Revoke (NOIRs);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether USA Administration proposes to make further changes in the existing provisions which would restrict the number of H-1B visas granted to Indian citizens detrimental to the interest of Indian IT companies and small IT contractual companies owned by Indian Americans?

**Construction of houses under  
PMAY**

\*118. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to meet the target of construction of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main bottleneck in completing the target has been the financial crunch;

(c) whether several States are lagging behind in constructing the houses under PMAY; and

(d) the number of houses constructed and allocations made to each State during the last four years under PMAY, State-wise?

**Rescue of girls from shelter homes in  
Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**

\*119. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many girls have been rescued from shelter homes after allegation of their sexual exploitation in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard during the said period; and

(d) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

**Development work on connectivity to  
North-Eastern States**

\*120. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many North-Eastern States are not connected with the main land;

(b) if so, the development work relating to road, railways and airways carried out during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any special scheme for attracting tourists to visit North Eastern States has been introduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 14th December, 2018*  
*Agrahayana 23, 1940 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

## **I N D E X**

**(Ministry-wise)**

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