

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Construction of Unit-III and IV of Kudankulam

1121. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to constructor is constructing Unit-III and IV at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) with the cooperation of Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to construct more such units in future with the cooperation of that country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures for public acceptance of nuclear energy

1122. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has declared that nuclear energy is vital for meeting the

challenge of climate change and suggested efforts to promote its public acceptance amid growing opposition to nuclear power and plans by some countries to phase out their atomic power plants in United Nations;

- (b) the quantum of electric energy India harness from nuclear reactors;
- (c) whether Government has signed any memorandum of understanding with Holtec International for nuclear equipment facility; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in share of central funds for NER

1123. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether North Eastern Region (NER) has demanded for increase in share of central funds;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether extra assistance has been given for development of the region?

Business units in North-Eastern States

1124. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of business units set up in the North-Eastern States, since 2014 to 2018; sector-wise, employment-wise, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the manner in which the local expertise and activities were considered and integrated while establishing such units; and
- (c) the local activities which have been promoted by the Ministry?

PSUs in NER

†1125. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has made any plan to establish Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the North-Eastern Region (NER) to provide employment to local people;
- (b) if so, the number of such undertakings Government proposes to establish; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider these issues?

Achievement of India-Japan Act East Forum

1126. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made so far under the Indo-Japan Act East Forum;

(b) the status of Japanese investment and engagement in Arunachal Pradesh, so far; and

(c) the details of net Japanese investment in the development of north east region so far?

Status of trilateral highway project

1127. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the roadmap with targets to complete the work on India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway, area-wise and year-wise;

(b) the challenges being faced in completing the Highway;

(c) the steps the Ministry would take to address those challenges, complete the work on the Highway in time and the details of estimated cost of the project;

(d) what are the concerns of Myanmar and Thailand in signing the Motor Vehicle Agreement; and

(e) the manner in which the Ministry plans to address those concerns?

Corridor to Sharda Peeth in PoK

1128. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundation-stone for building corridor for Sikh pilgrims to visit Gurudwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur in Pakistan was laid recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) by what time, it would be ready on the Indian side and on the Pakistan side;

(d) whether efforts would be made for such a corridor to Sharda Peeth in PoK; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extradition of people involved in financial irregularities

1129. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons involved in financial irregularities and facing criminal investigation who fled the country or are living abroad; and

(b) what efforts are being made to bring them back and the results thereof?

Passport Seva project

1130. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to extend Passport Seva project to all the Indian missions;

(b) whether Government has directed Indian missions to issue passports in less than 48 hours to citizens abroad;

(c) whether the Indian missions have been digitally linked with the data centre back home to speed up the process of issuing passport;

(d) whether Government proposes to simplify rules and regulations for passport applicants and digital verification of their information;

(e) whether Government proposes to issue a new set of passports with all kinds

of security features and better printing and paper quality; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Talks with USA on changes in H-1B visa policy

1131. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has held talks with United States of America (USA) about any changes in their H-1B visa policy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Indian professionals working in USA right now who would be affected by any changes in that policy; and

(c) whether Government has planned some safeguards or measures for the Indian professionals in USA in case that policy is changed?

Indians held hostage in Ethiopia

1132. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three Indian employees of the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services were taken hostage by local staff in Ethiopian town of Bure, 400 kms. from Addis Ababa for non-payment of salaries by the debt-laden firm;

(b) whether the Indian Government is in touch with its counterpart in that country to diffuse the crisis and to ensure early release of the hostages; and

(c) whether the Indian hostages have managed to reach the Minister of External Affairs in India by stealth e-mail/sms seeking rescue defying clampdown by the local staff by immobilising communication channels and water supplies?

**Offer of Saudi Arabia to mediate
between India and Pakistan**

1133. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia has offered to help resolve the contentious issues between India and Pakistan;

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

(c) whether Government has held any talks formally or informally with Pakistan after a new Government assumed office in that country;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Claims settled under Pravasi
Bharatiya Bima Yojana**

1134. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of emigrants covered under the Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY), country-wise, since inception of this scheme;

(b) the details of claims settled till date under PBBY since then country-wise and the details and the reasons behind the pendency, if any;

(c) the details of professions under section 2 (o) of the Emigration Act to which claimants belong; and

(d) the total amount paid by emigrants as premium and amount of money, so far, settled as claims, country-wise, with a particular reference to Afghanistan, Syria, South Sudan and Iraq?

**Policies to regulate overseas
employment**

1135. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing policies to regulate overseas employment;

(b) whether Government has brought any new policies for the same during the last one year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of plans run specifically to ensure security of blue collar workers engaged in overseas employment; and

(e) the manner in which the Ministry ensures hassle free passport and documentation for such uneducated workers?

**Replacement of take-home rations
under ICDS**

1136. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to replace the provision of take-home rations and supplementary nutrition as part of its Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) to plug leakages with conditional cash scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a pilot project is being carried out to evolve the outcome of the project and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are difference of opinions in the implementation of the above scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of incentives given under FAME India scheme

1137. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has withdrawn the incentives given to buyers of mild hybrid vehicles under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in (FAME-INDIA) scheme;

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

(c) whether the said scheme was launched in 2015 to popularize the use of electric vehicles in the country; and

(d) if so, the total number of buyers of electric vehicles given subsidy cash and non-cash since the launch of the scheme?

Establishing Centre of Excellence

1138. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the announcement to set-up 4 new Centres of Excellence in the fields of Textile Machinery, Machine Tools, Welding Technology and Smart Pumps has been implemented on ground;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any further plans to establish more such centres in the country for technological advancements competitive to global standards; and

(d) if so, the fields identified and future plans proposed for implementation?

Strengthening PSUs for capital goods

1139. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any scheme to strengthen the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and to reduce the import of capital goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has set any target for technical assistance for capital goods industry and to provide modern industrial park during the current Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Establishing a solar power project in Rajasthan by BHEL

1140. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is planning to establish a solar power project in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof along with its estimated cost;

(b) whether the solar power project would be the largest project of its kind in the country;

(c) if so, the salient features of the project and the latest progress in construction of the project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Operationalising of Land Pooling
Policy through single
window system**

1141. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Land Pooling Policy for Delhi notified by DDA recently specifying the density, FAR on commercial and PSP permitted and calculation of 5 acres of land pooled under the policy;

(b) whether this policy is to be operationalised through a single window system and if so, whether the modalities have been finalised and appointed therefor;

(c) whether the revenue maps have been prepared for zones and sectoral planning done;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when DDA plans to open the application window for receiving applications under the Policy?

Utilisation of funds under DAY-NULM

1142. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 500 crore was sanctioned as part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to ensure and promote job creation;

(b) if so, the details of funds utilised, so far; and

(c) the details of unutilised funds and reasons for their remaining unutilised?

Houses for the weaker sections

†1143. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status with regard to construction of houses in urban areas for socially and economically weaker sections, State-wise and the amount being provided as assistance for the same; and

(b) the details of target fixed for construction of houses and the amount to be spent thereon during the next three years?

Flagship programmes in Kerala

1144. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the current status of flagship programmes and projects undertaken by the Ministry during the last three years in the State of Kerala?

Plinth area of LIG flats of DDA

1145. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that DDA in its Housing Scheme 2014 and 2017 allotted LIG flats as promised in the scheme brochure;

(b) if so, the details of plinth area of LIG flats specifically allotted in Pocket-8, Sector 23B, Dwarka;

(c) the standard size of a LIG flat, as per model Building by-laws-2016, and whether the same had been adhered to while designing these flats in terms of plinth area; and

(d) the measures for compensation if DDA has allotted EWS flats in lieu of LIG flats?

Encroachment on MCD land in Delhi

1146. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a plot, lying in the centre of Chhoti Sabzi Mandi, Janak Puri, New Delhi, transferred by DDA to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, has been encroached by unauthorised elements nearby shopkeepers;

(b) if so, the steps taken to get the encroached plot vacated;

(c) in what manner Government proposes to utilise the land; and

(d) the status of the proposal?

Setting up of smart bio-toilet by GSCL

1147. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Guwahati Smart City Ltd. (GSCL) has launched a project for setting up of smart bio-toilets at major locations of the city under the Smart Cities Mission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified, estimated cost of the project and whether the project has been completed?

Unregistered builders under RERA

1148. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of builders who have not yet been registered under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for non-registration of builders; and

(d) the details of action initiated or taken against such builders, so far?

Allotment of houses to weaker sections in Kerala

1149. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to weaker sections who have been allotted houses under various schemes in Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the estimated number of persons in that State who are homeless; and

(c) the outcome of the Housing for All project?

Vijayawada Metro Rail Project

1150. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action on the proposals re-submitted by State Government of Andhra Pradesh for Vijayawada Metro Rail Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Urban development programmes in NER

1151. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any urban development programme has been taken up in the capital cities of North-Eastern Region (NER) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure incurred, so far, year-wise;

(c) the time-limit fixed for completion of works under the programme; and

(d) whether Government has any plans to take up similar programmes in cities other than the capitals of NER?

Metro Rail Projects

1152. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Metro Rail network operational in the country;

(b) the details of Metro Rail Projects currently under various stages of implementation;

(c) the criteria for selecting cities for Metro Rail Projects;

(d) the details of funds allocated and released by Government for these projects during the last three years; and

(e) the details of various modes of financial assistance given by Government for these projects?

Pucca houses to BPL under PMAY

†1153. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to provide pucca houses to all BPL families under PMAY;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of houses built, so far, in Bihar under PMAY and the number of houses proposed to be built thereunder and by when the same would be completed?

Implementation of NULM

1154. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding the number of people provided employment under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the details of sectors under which such employment was provided, State-wise; and

(d) the percentage of people who are getting employment after skill development?

Demolition of shelters

1155. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shelters demolished during the last three years along with the reasons therefor and the number of people who became homeless due to this demolition;

(b) the number of people affected who have been provided alternate accommodation;

(c) whether Government has constituted committees in all States and Union Territories for supervising construction of shelter homes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to provide houses for homeless under the affordable housing scheme, PMAY?

Construction of night shelters

1156. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of night shelters constructed during the last three years in

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

urban areas, number of people such shelters could accommodate, amenities available and funds released by the Central Government for the same during that period, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the number of night shelters constructed specifically for women across States/UTs during that period, year-wise?

Progress of PMAY-U

1157. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the progress of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY-U) and if so, the details thereof during 2015 to 2018, year-wise;

(b) the details of houses approved and constructed under *in-situ* rehabilitation of existing slum dwellers using land as a resource through private participation, Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme, Affordable Housing in Partnerships and Subsidy for Beneficiary-led Individual House, Construction/Enhancement, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised and unutilised under each of the four components of PMAY during that period, State-wise and year-wise?

Implementation of 'Mobilise Your City' programme

1158. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a programme 'Mobilise Your City' is under implementation with foreign assistance in a few pilot cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the features of the programme;

(c) whether Government would consider implementing the said programme in other cities of the country including the cities in Karnataka also; and

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

Implementation of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana in West Bengal

1159. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana is being implemented in the State of West Bengal with emphasis on major cities in the State;

(b) the outcome of measures taken under the scheme along with the benefits accrued to the urban poor due to its implementation; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the last three years, year-wise?

Increasing investment under Smart Cities Mission

1160. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government would consider increasing the share of investment under the Smart Cities Mission for solid waste management and storm water drainage issues?

Number of people waiting for flats in Delhi-NCR

1161. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who are currently waiting for their flats in Delhi-NCR despite having paid full or substantial amount to builders;

(b) what action Government proposes to take in this regard; and

(c) whether there is a time line within which they could expect either possession or refund?

Sewerage system in cities

†1162. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is still no sewerage system in two third cities of the country;

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

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

Urban poverty alleviation

1163. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes which are being implemented for urban poverty alleviation, employment generation and professional earning during the last two years; and

(b) the details of achievements made, so far, project-wise, scheme-wise and State-wise?

Impact assessment of AMRUT and SCM

1164. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any impact assessment study of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban

Transformation (AMRUT) and Smart Cities Mission (SCM) schemes since its inception;

(b) if so, when it was undertaken and what have been the results of this exercise and whether there were any modifications in the schemes thereafter; and

(c) if not, the reasons why the assessment has not been undertaken?

Houses constructed under PMAY

1165. SHRI RAMKUMAR

VERMA:

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

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

(a) the total number of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since its inception, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon, year-wise; and

(c) the number of houses constructed for people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Community and public toilets

†1166. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses where toilets have been constructed during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of community and public toilets constructed during that period, State-wise; and

(c) the number of towns declared as open defecation free till now during that period, State-wise and the details of amount spent on it, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Status of cities to be transformed under AMRUT in Chhattisgarh

†1167. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of cities in Chhattisgarh proposed to be transformed under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) the details of amount allocated to that State under this scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to enhance water supply in that State under the scheme?

Vijayawada Metro

1168. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vijayawada Metro is proposed to be extended till the new capital Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of DPR being prepared by Systra Group of France;

(d) whether it is a fact that the metro is not on PPP mode and it would be taken up by Government itself; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of houses in Andhra Pradesh

1169. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY-VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the shortage of houses at the end of Twelfth Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh

estimated by the Technical Group on Estimation of Urban Housing Shortage;

(b) the number of houses sanctioned during the Plan and the subsequent years and the number out of them grounded for construction and of those which have, so far, been completed in that State;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a vast difference between houses sanctioned and completed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and how the Ministry is planning to complete them?

Proposals under Land for Landless and Home for Homeless

1170. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from the States especially from Jammu and Kashmir under the scheme of 'Land for Landless and Home for Homeless'; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

Scheme for allotment of shops under physically handicapped quota in Delhi

†1171. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA had launched any scheme to allot shops in Delhi under physically handicapped quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of applications received under physically handicapped quota; and

(c) the stage at which the scheme to allot the shops has reached?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Sewerage system in Gujarat

†1172. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in Gujarat which are being assisted financially by the Central Government under the integrated transfer system;

(b) whether Government is considering to take assistance from a global agency for setting up sewerage system in the districts of that State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

DUSU election in Delhi University

†1173. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether a candidate with fake degree was successful in getting elected on the post of President in DUSU election as no timely action was taken by the University administration on the complaints and the candidate resigned from the post as the issue heated up;

(b) whether the re-election on this post was delayed after the above incident and consequently the post of President got transferred to Vice-President; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against any one for laxity/irregularity in this regard?

Issuing of certificates on Digi Locker

1174. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to make issuing of certificates mandatory only on Digi Locker by the universities and other educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Samagra Shiksha scheme

†1175. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an integrated scheme namely 'Samagra Shiksha' has been introduced which is aimed at bridging the gap of gender inequality and social status at all levels of school education, providing access to the children belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minority communities and giving special attentions to deprived urban children, children affected due to migration and children living in remote and scanty populated areas; and

(b) whether the said scheme is in progress as per the prescribed target and if so, the details thereof?

Tracking of school children under U-DISE

1176. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of recent Supreme Court judgement on Aadhaar declaring children to be kept out of its ambit;

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(b) whether the Ministry still continues to track students via their Aadhaar cards under the Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) despite the judgement and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of students being tracked under U-DISE, at present?

Rules for appointment of Ph.D. holders

1177. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has changed the rules for appointment of Ph.D. holders in Indian Universities as assistant professors and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) in what way this would incentivise more and more students to leave India for pursuing their Ph.Ds. abroad and its impact on Ph.D. programmes in the country?

Withholding of seats by engineering colleges

1178. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints that some private engineering colleges are withholding seats and selling them to low-ranked students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against such colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Non-appointment of teachers in NCWEB

†1179. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite issuing appointment letters to the candidates of the deprived section of the society they have not yet been appointed to the post of teachers in Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board (NCWEB) under Delhi University;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this lackadidasical approach is being adopted in appointments to the 6th and 7th grade wherein most of the persons belong to the downtrodden community; and

(c) the number of teachers appointed, category-wise and subjects-wise?

Change in engineering courses

1180. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most employers complain that engineering graduates are not equipped to provide solutions to actual problems faced by services and production industry;

(b) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) proposes to bring in major changes in engineering courses to make engineering graduates acquire more practical knowledge; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for its implementation?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Centralised education quality monitoring system

1181. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists any centralised education quality monitoring system software for the educational institutions to ensure the quality of education across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government would introduce such a centralised system software?

Social inclusion in schools

1182. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the record of admissions made under “Economically Weaker Section” category in private unaided schools under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education Act during the last three years;

(b) whether drop-out rate is higher in the above group as compared to children enrolled in Government schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether any guidelines have been formulated to promote social inclusion in such schools to reduce drop-out rate; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, in what manner the Ministry would ensure inclusion and non-discrimination in such schools?

Sex education for adolescents

1183. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any international commitments towards providing sex education for adolescents and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of programmes for providing comprehensive sex education to adolescent boys and girls, besides menstrual health and sanitation both inside and outside formal schools, Central and State-wise;

(c) if no such programmes are running, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether several State Governments have banned the Adolescent Education Programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the Ministry to such bans?

Reference of freedom fighters in NCERT books

1184. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is hardly any reference made about freedom fighters, social reformers like Bhagat Singh and Lala Lajpat Rai from Punjab in the history books and curriculum of NCERT; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to include life and works of these personalities in NCERT curriculum and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Collaboration with reputed foreign institutions

1185. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps

to promote collaborations among quality institutions of India with reputed foreign institutions under the University Grants Commission (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between India and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has chosen any institutions from Andhra Pradesh for such collaborations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulatory mechanism for fee by private institutions

1186. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government would introduce some regulatory measures in respect of fees charged by private professional institutions?

Scholarships for students belonging to Scheduled Castes

1187. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any ongoing schemes to provide scholarships for higher education to students belonging to Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of students who have been provided scholarships under these schemes, if any, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has taken any measures to ensure placement of students after completion of education who were provided scholarships; and

(e) if so, the details of placement of students, State-wise, specifically for the State of Haryana?

Launch of call centre and mobile application

1188. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is all set to launch a dedicated call centre and mobile application during the next few months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this would attract students from abroad;

(c) whether Government is also taking several other measures to attract students from different countries; and

(d) whether Government would spend about ₹150 crore during the next two years in this regard?

Hiring of foreign faculty

1189. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of faculty in IITs and central universities across the country;

(b) whether the Ministry is trying to hire foreign faculty or guest lecturers from abroad to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to streamline the higher education in these institutions?

Events organised by NCERT

1190. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT organises mega events like Kala Utsav, Yoga Olympiad, National Role Play, ICT Mela etc. on behalf of the Ministry;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of departments involved in carrying out each of these events;
- (d) whether it is the mandate or one of the objectives of NCERT to organize such events;
- (e) whether the services of academic staff like Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors are used for such events; and
- (f) whether such activities create obstruction in carrying out regular academic programmes of NCERT?

Cooking of Mid-Day-Meal by jail inmates

1191. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is exploring the possibility of cooking of Mid-Day-Meal in prisons by inmates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has consulted the Ministry of Home Affairs or the jail authorities directly and if so, the details of their response in this regard;
- (d) whether it is a fact that such arrangement on pilot basis is already going on within a jail in Chandigarh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such arrangement?

Bringing services of teachers under ESMA

1192. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the teachers from Delhi

University and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) have accused the Ministry and the University Grants Commission (UGC), of meddling in their democratic rights through circulars;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UGC had issued a circular to bring the services of teachers under the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA);
- (d) whether teachers of these bodies construe this as a restriction on the academic community's intellectual autonomy and violation of free thinking and democratic values; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Quality of Mid-Day-Meal

1193. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to improve the quality of Mid-Day-Meal in the light of complaints and suggestions received and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is taking the help of different NGOs in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

School drop-outs

1194. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what percentage of students complete tenth class at present in each State;
- (b) the States in which drop-out percentage is maximum;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to reduce drop-out percentage; and

(d) the percentage of students who dropped out from schools during the last three years?

Applications for affiliation by CBSE

1195. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has cleared over 8,000 pending applications for affiliation wherein some are dating as far back as 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the revised by-laws released by Government focus on a transparent and hassle free process of affiliations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Acquisition of land for schools

1196. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is yet to acquire land for 51 schools sanctioned by it in various States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the officials of KVS are delaying such acquisitions;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time for completion of all sanctioned schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas without own buildings in J&K

1197. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jammu and Kashmir which have their own buildings and of those which have not;

(b) the list of Kendriya Vidyalayas in that State which have not their own building;

(c) the manner in which such schools are operating without buildings; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to enhance the existing structures like school buildings?

Logistic University in Andhra Pradesh

1198. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been considering the establishment of Logistic University in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal to this effect, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of funds being allocated and likely schedule of commencement of the project, the details thereof?

Obscene acts and misbehaviour with children in schools

†1199. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

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(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of obscene act and misbehaviour with children in schools are increasing;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during the last three years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to prevent such incidents and the manner in which its implementation is being ensured?

Educational institutions in North-Eastern Region

†1200. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established new universities and higher educational institutions to promote higher education in the North-Eastern Region of the country; and

(b) if so, the names of such institutions along with their locations?

Courses on aircraft maintenance in universities

†1201. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to start aircraft maintenance courses in all the universities of the country;

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

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

Residential educational institutes in Bihar

†1202. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up residential educational institutes in various districts of Bihar on the pattern of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the State of Bihar stands ahead of other States in the field of education and if so, the details thereof?

Students from Jammu and Kashmir in AMU

1203. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority students in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) from Jammu and Kashmir, at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that these students had decided to return their degrees to the university when few of them were served notices for indulging in anti-national activities in the campus; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's, reaction thereto?

Impact assessment study 'Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat'

1204. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any impact assessment study of 'Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat' under the National Education Mission since its inception;

(b) if so, when was it undertaken and what have been the results of this exercise and whether there were any modifications in the scheme thereafter; and

(c) if not, the reasons why the assessment has not been undertaken?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fee charged from and scholarships given to students of JNU

1205. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fee being charged from students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) for various courses and the scholarships being given to them, course-wise;

(b) the details of various other charges against facilities and amenities provided to students;

(c) when the charges and fees were last revised and whether there is any proposal to further revise the same to make them realistic; and

(d) whether there has been any checking/ inquiry to ensure that only *bona fide* students reside and study there?

University for deaf and dumb students

†1206. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to open university for deaf and dumb students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same is proposed to be established and the names of the States where these are proposed to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Posts lying vacant in University of Delhi

1207. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors are lying vacant in the University of Delhi;

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

(c) by when they are likely to be filled up?

Shortage of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1208. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the posts are likely to be filled up?

Atal Tinkering Laboratories

1209. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to invest ₹ 1 lakh crore by 2022 for improving the quality of education and infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Atal Tinkering Laboratories have been introduced for school children to inculcate a culture of innovation among them;

(d) whether Government has conducted any study about the implementation of such laboratories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Crackdown against renting of seats by private schools

1210. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE proposes to penalise close to 1,700 private schools across the country by sending them a show cause notice for withdrawal of affiliation and a fine of ₹ 500 or more per extra student;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the move is also seen as a crackdown against renting of seats by private schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New provisions of CBSE affiliation

1211. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new provisions of CBSE affiliation mandate schools to make full disclosure of fee structure and prohibit them from levying any hidden charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the new by-laws denote a major shift from the highly complex procedures followed earlier to a simplified system based in preventing duplication of processes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compliance of RTE Act, 2009

1212. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as much as 25 per cent of elementary schools in Andhra Pradesh are not complying with the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that all the elementary schools in that State comply with the provisions of the Act since these schools are getting financial and other assistance under RTE?

Decline in enrolment of students belonging to Scheduled Tribes

†1213. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey done in 2016-17, there has been considerable decline in the enrolment of students belonging to Scheduled Tribes in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of such students in higher education?

Changes in CBSE curricula

1214. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of changes made in CBSE curricula and textbooks during the years 2014 to 2018, especially in the subjects of History, Political Science and Economics;

(b) whether changes made were debated and approved by the Textbook Development Committees;

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(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

National fellowships for OBC students

1215. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the National fellowships for OBC students was launched;

(b) in what manner the Ministry justifies giving just 300 Junior Research Fellowships and 600 Senior Research Fellowships per year when OBCs constitute more than 50 per cent of the total population;

(c) whether there have been demands to increase the above fellowships to a more acceptable level; and

(d) if so, the details of constraints the Ministry is facing in increasing the same?

Admission on fake certificates in Delhi University

1216. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many students have joined Delhi University by submitting fake certificates;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government would take steps to curb this menace; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Swachh Vidyalaya initiative

1217. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the targets of Swachh Vidyalaya initiative particularly in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of the initiative, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the initiative has helped in increasing the enrolment of students and improving learning outcomes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make the initiative a success?

Vacancies in CIC

1218. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of the Chief Information Commissioner is presently vacant;

(b) if so, by when Government proposes to fill this vacancy;

(c) what is the sanctioned strength and vacancies in the Central Information Commission (CIC);

(d) whether the current number of Members is at full sanctioned strength;

(e) if not, by when Government proposes to fill the vacancies;

(f) the date on which each vacancy in the Commission was created; and

(g) what are the reasons for the delays in filling the vacancies in the CIC?

**Appointment of consultants in
Kendriya Bhandar**

1219. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Bhandar has formulated any scheme for appointment of consultants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a consultant is working on the regular post of Assistant General Manager (AGM) in Kendriya Bhandar for the last one year;

(c) whether AGM (Consumer), Kendriya Bhandar is also looking after the charge of Quality Control Officer and if so, whether it is not against the principles of vigilance to allow procurement officer to certify the quality of goods procured by him; and

(d) whether CVO, Kendriya Bhandar has received complaint in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon?

**AGM of General Bodies of Kendriya
Bhandar**

1220. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received information that the Board of Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Limited (Kendriya Bhandar) did not call annual General Meeting (AGM) of General Body under Section 39 of MSCS Act, 2002 within six months of the closure of the accounting year 2017-18;

(b) whether Government has sought clarifications from the Managing Director, Kendriya Bhandar in the matter;

(c) if so, the details of clarifications submitted by him; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to convene AGM?

**Complaints on withholding payments
to SSIs**

1221. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received by Government/CVC regarding willful withholding of payments to various Small Scale Industries (SSIs) by officials working in SAIL/Bokaro Steel Plant Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in CAT

1222. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of judicial and administrative members which are vacant in CAT, bench-wise and the dates from which they are vacant;

(b) the reasons for delay in filling up those vacancies;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to fill them up; and

(d) proposed time-frame for filling up those vacancies?

**Review of implementation of central
schemes**

1223. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the progress of implementation of the Central Government schemes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the quantum of funds allocated to various schemes and the status thereof;

(c) whether the schemes have been implemented as per the laid down guidelines or any deviations have been observed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of remedial measures adopted by Government in case of deviations?

Global Mobility Summit

1224. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Global Mobility Summit, 2018 has been inaugurated recently in September, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the views exchanged by the participants in the summit; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to address their concerns?

Efforts in area of artificial intelligence

1225. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has initiated a national programme to direct efforts in the area of artificial intelligence, including research and development of its applications and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the NITI Aayog is working to evolve a suitable mechanism to enable access of lessee cultivators to credit without compromising the rights of the land owners and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Rapid transformation of States

1226. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has selected any districts in the country for rapid transformation by 2022, in line with Government's vision to create New India;

(b) if so, the details of States and districts selected, district and State-wise;

(c) the criteria adopted for selection of the districts;

(d) the funds earmarked, sanctioned and spent till date, district-wise; and

(e) whether Government has taken measures to ensure that the selected districts achieve the targeted growth and if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to families of manual scavengers

1227. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of Supreme Court Judgement in a case between Safai karamchari Andolan vs Union of India dated March, 27, 2014 in which Government has been ordered to identify people who died while cleaning sewers since 1993 onwards and offer ₹ 10 lakh compensation to each of their families;

(b) the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) the number of families of manual scavengers compensated during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to empower manual scavengers by offering technological support?

Grants to private coaching institutes

1228. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for imparting coaching to SC, ST and OBC aspirants of competitive examinations in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has any proposal of providing grant to private coaching institutes of that State for such aspirants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sewage cleaning without safety equipments

1229. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that even today cleaning of sewage, septic tanks and chemical tanks of industrial units is being carried out by workers by going inside the tanks without safety equipments; and

(b) if so, the steps being proposed to be taken by Government to effectively enforce the existing law in this regard?

Schemes for upliftment of weaker segments

†1230. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes started in various States by Government during the last three years to uplift the weaker segments of the society in the country;

(b) the number of people who have been benefited from these schemes during the above period, State-wise;

(c) the amount allocated to every State during the above period, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) whether there is any agency to monitor the implementation of these schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

†1231. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had announced "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana" in 2017 which aims at providing physical aids like wheelchairs, hearing aids, spectacles, walking sticks, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this yojana is being successfully implemented, as per its objectives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Death due to manual scavenging

1232. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of deaths have been reported of workers engaged in manual scavenging/sewer cleaning;

(b) if so, the number of such people who died during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

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(c) what action has been taken by Government to provide support to the affected families including employment; and

(d) whether Government would consider making it mandatory for all corporations and institutions to use machines for cleaning deep sewers and septic tanks?

Recruitment to posts reserved for differently abled persons

1233. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts are reserved for differently abled persons in each Ministry/department;

(b) if so, the number of differently abled persons recruited for various Central Government posts during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several Government departments have not filled up the vacancies reserved for them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether any action has been taken against such departments?

Scholarships for disabled persons

1234. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various scholarships introduced for disabled persons during the last three years;

(b) the details of beneficiaries thereof during the above period, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for scholarships during the above period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of other measures taken for the welfare of disabled persons by Government during the above period?

Reservation benefits to castes

†1235. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a caste, getting the benefit of reservation in a particular category in a State, is not getting the same benefit in other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would issue order regarding extending the benefit of reservation particularly to women belonging to Other Backward Classes of a State in other States specially when they get married in other States?

Allocations to Andhra Pradesh

1236. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted/allocated under various schemes of the Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under various schemes to the State during that period; and

(c) the details of funds yet to be released to the State?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Plans for economically backward communities

†1237. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans being formulated by Government to help the educationally and economically backward communities of the country to secure their rights;

(b) the road map of the said plan, if any; and

(c) if no plan has been formulated, the reasons therefor?

Construction of hostels for backward category boys and girls

†1238. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from Madhya Pradesh to construct hostels for post matric boys and girls belonging to backward category is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons for its pendency?

Proposals under Accessible India Campaign

†1239. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals have been received under the Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) from Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the same would be sanctioned?

Regulation of home care services for senior citizens

1240. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any mechanism to regulate home care services for the elderly being offered by various private firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prescribe standards for establishing and providing quality services to senior citizens?

Functioning of Gharaunda Centres

1241. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gharaunda Centres in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of pathetic condition of such centres, not having minimum quality of care services and non-functional in many cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, case-wise;

(d) the details of funds sanctioned, released and spent during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, for establishment of such centres, with particular reference to Karnataka; and

(e) what innovative and new steps the Ministry has taken or proposes to take for effective functioning of such centres?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Adoption of modern technology to end manual scavenging

1242. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the inhuman practice of manual scavenging is still continuing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has innovated and adopted any technologies to eradicate this practice and if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are taken for mechanisation and modernisation of sewage cleaning in the country under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?

Welfare schemes for poor

1243. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented in various States along with the names of the each scheme;

(b) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to check whether the benefits under these schemes are reaching the needy persons; and

(c) whether some specific schemes are still to be announced for weaker sections/ BPL people in various States particularly for Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details of those schemes along with the allocations proposed therefor?

Launching of GSAT-29

1244. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the heaviest satellite GSAT-29, launched recently by ISRO from Sriharikota;

(b) whether the launch vehicle GSLV MK-III, utilised for the said satellite, would also be used in Chandrayaan-2 and Gaganyaan Mission;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this satellite would be useful for enhancing communication service in Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States due to its KU and KA Bands?

Launching of HySIS

1245. SHRIMATI AMBIKA
SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has successfully launched earth monitoring Hyperspectral Imaging Satellite (HySIS) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the data is expected to collect and in what fields;

(d) whether co-passenger satellites were also dropped into the designated orbit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Placement of satellites through a single launch

1246. SHRI VINAY DINU
TENDULKAR: Will the PRIME
MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has placed thirty

nano satellites and an earth observation satellite Cartosat-2 in a single launch PSLV C-38 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether majority of satellites belonged to foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(d) whether ISRO has taken steps to protect these satellites from space debris once they are made functional; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Awareness of basic rights among tribal women

1247. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any awareness programmes are being run to make tribal women aware of their basic rights and to empower them to raise voice against exploitation; and

(b) whether there is any report available with data of crimes committed against tribal women?

Loss of land by tribals of Attapadi in Kerala

1248. SHRI SURESH GOPI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribals of Attapadi in Kerala keep on losing their land to others like settlers, builders, etc. during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Education and nutritious food for tribal children

1249. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

introduce any new schemes to provide higher education and nutritious food to the children of tribal communities;

(b) whether Government proposes to take any steps to provide education and employment to the children and youth of such communities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Tribal sub-plan in Maharashtra

1250. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released funds to the States, including Maharashtra, under the Tribal Sub-Plan during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of States which have fully utilised the funds and of those which have not?

Rejection rate of forest land claims

1251. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of forest land claims that have been approved since the inception of the Forest Rights Act, State-wise;

(b) the number of claims on forest land under the Forest Rights Act which got rejected at the Gram Sabha level, sub-divisional committee level and district committee level, State-wise and year-wise since 2014;

(c) whether the Ministry has identified the major reasons for such rejections at each of these levels, State-wise and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action would be taken to bring down the rejection rate of forest land claims?

Initiatives taken for development of tribal people

1252. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 8.6 per cent of India's population is tribals and their population is growing now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tribal groups available in India, whether any committee is formed for the socio-economic development of the tribal people;

(d) the major initiatives taken by Government for upliftment of tribal people during the last three years; and

(e) whether tribal lands are exploited by the outsiders and if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent such type of exploitation and preserve the rights of tribal people?

Incorporation of Kudumi in Fifth Schedule

1253. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of West Bengal and Jharkhand have requested the Central Government to give recognition to Kudumi as tribals and incorporate them in the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Upgradation of forest villages into revenue villages

1254. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programme being implemented by Government specially for forest villages and its dwellers in the country, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the allocations made, amount sanctioned, released and utilised by the State Governments as well as concerned departments for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Government proposes upgradation of forest villages to revenue villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed and the steps taken therefor; and

(e) the total number of forest villages upgraded to revenue villages till date, State-wise?

Forest villages in Jharkhand and Gujarat

1255. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of forest villages situated in protected areas of the country, especially in Jharkhand and Gujarat under the Gram Vikas Yojana;

(b) the details of funds sought by these two State Governments and released by the Central Government for carrying out developmental works in those villages during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the status of progress and

development of those villages during those years?

Illegal adoption

1256. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that illegal adoption is taking place across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to tackle this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Under reporting of malnourished children

1257. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malnourished children have been under reported in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether faulty methods have led to poor detection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Toilets in Anganwadis

1258. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that there are no toilets in several Anganwadis run by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of existing Anganwadis and the number of those provided with safe drinking water and toilets, State-wise?

Sexual harassment at work place

1259. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of incidents of sexual harassment reported during the last three years at work place, year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to ensure that the companies disclose incidents of sexual harassment of women at work place in their annual reports and the action taken thereon by those companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what other major steps the Ministry has taken during the above period to ensure that corporates and every other work place in India are more conducive and safer for females to work and to avoid sexual offences at workplaces?

ICCs and sexual harassment cases

1260. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has issued directions to all the Departments to form Internal Complaint Committees (ICCs) to go into the sexual harassment cases at work places;

(b) if so, the number of Departments at the Centre and in the States which have constituted ICCs;

(c) whether any training material are made available to the staff and members of ICCs to sensitise them about the sensitive issues;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to know if the number of such incidents have come down over the years or are on the rise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Change in sex ratio in Punjab due to BBBP

1261. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme in Punjab during the last three years; and

(b) the change in sex ratio of boys and girls noticed during that period in that State?

Changes in PMMVY

1262. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), a maternity benefit programme has not been found to be beneficial for about half of the pregnant women as the scheme is applicable for first births only; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what changes are proposed to be made in the eligibility criteria of the scheme and also to make the scheme in compliance with the National Food Security Act (NFSA)?

Implementation of BBBP scheme

1263. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased

to state:

(a) the number of districts selected for implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme;

(b) whether new districts are proposed to be included under this scheme and if so, the details thereof, district-wise particularly in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government has partnered with any NGO for implementation of this scheme in that State and if so, the details thereof?

Inspection of child care homes run by NGOs

1264. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the States and Union Territories to inspect child care homes run by an NGO recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also asked the States and Union Territories to identify all child care homes that could be potentially involved in illegal adoptions which is equivalent to child trafficking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for safety and security of children in child care centres

1265. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any guidelines for safety and security of children staying in child care centres;

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

(c) whether any study has been conducted to assess security and safety of children in child care centres, State-wise; and

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

Training to AWWs and AWHs

1266. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give sufficient training to Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether Government has received representations from Assam for financial assistance to Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme for giving training to AWWs and AWHs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government has initiated any action for extending financial assistance to provide tablets to ICDS supervisors; and

(e) if so, the details of financial assistance given to States/UTs in this regard, State/UT-wise?

Increase in deaths due to malnutrition

1267. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly one-third of world's 150.8 million stunted children live in India, as revealed by 2018 Global Nutrition Report recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the

number of deaths of children are increasing day by day due to malnutrition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to curb malnutrition and allied diseases like anaemia and stunting?

OSCs in Tamil Nadu

1268. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has instituted and started operating One Stop Centres (OSCs) in Tamil Nadu to support women affected by violence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of range of services provided at OSCs as well as the funds allocated therefor in that State; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism to address grievances of women not satisfied by the services provided at OSCs and if so, the details thereof?

Women Grievance Redressal Cells

1269. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing Women Grievance Redressal Cells in the country specially in the rural areas to check harassment of women folks in the country; and

(b) whether these Cells are fully equipped to tackle the harassment of women and whether any monitoring mechanism has been constituted to monitor the complaints lodged by women in different Women Grievance Redressal Cells in the country for speedy justice and if so, the details thereof?

Allocations to Andhra Pradesh under various schemes

1270. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds granted/allocated under various schemes of the Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under those schemes to the State during that period; and

(c) the details of funds yet to be released to the State?

Monitoring of conditions of adopted children

1271. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children adopted in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) for how long Government monitors the condition of adopted children especially those who go abroad?

Prohibition of child marriage

1272. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is set to make child marriage void;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 does not invalidate child marriage itself; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that it only gives child brides and grooms the option of annulling it?

Audit of shelter homes in Karnataka

1273. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shelter homes registered in Karnataka;

(b) whether the State Government has provided the details of illegal running of shelter homes;

(c) whether the State Government has audited the shelter homes; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to adhere to the Supreme Court directives of conducting the proper audit of shelter homes?

Allocations to Karnataka under ICPS

1274. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided to the State Government of Karnataka under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government has received the details of pattern of utilisation of funds from the State Government and if so, the details thereof?

Amending Juvenile Justice Act for adoption

1275. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved to allow District Magistrates and Collectors to be the competent authorities for sanctioning adoption instead of the courts;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to amend the Juvenile Justice Act in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Marketing of products of women of rural areas

1276. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to enhance marketing of products manufactured by women entrepreneurs in rural areas;
- (b) the details of women entrepreneurs getting benefit of the ambitious plan of Mahila Haat, launched in 2016, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has set any criteria for inclusion of products on Mahila E-haat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure that the benefits are reaching out to maximum number of women entrepreneurs and the people?

Interim compensation for victims under POCSO Act

1277. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that interim compensation, to meet the immediate needs of the affected child for relief and rehabilitation under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, is extremely low and if so, the measures taken to address this issue; and
- (b) whether Government would bring

any amendments to make interim compensation mandatory in the Act and if so, the details thereof?

One Stop Centres

†1278. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to set up Nirbhaya Centres as One Stop Centres for women in crisis in all the 640 districts and also at 20 additional places;
- (b) if so, the number of such centres set up, so far;
- (c) whether names of such centres were changed from Nirbhaya to Sakhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Functioning of PMMVY

1279. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), its present status including beneficiary applications received;
- (b) whether the maternity benefits to which a pregnant woman is entitled are higher under the National Food Security Act, 2013 than the PMMVY;
- (c) if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to reconcile this difference;
- (d) whether only first pregnancies are covered under PMMVY and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Ministry plans to expand the coverage of the scheme, in terms of monetary benefits and beneficiaries reached and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Recommendation of Rajesh Bindal Committee

1280. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajesh

Bindal Committee has recommended against the Hague treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India would not ratify that treaty in the interest of women fleeing bad marriages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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