

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 21, 2016/Ashadha 30, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

Draft of the New Education Policy

website of the Ministry and by when the policy is proposed to be announced ?

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

(a) whether the draft of the New Education Policy is ready;

(b) whether Government had constituted any committee to provide feedback for preparing the draft, if so, the names of the members of the committee;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report, if so, the essential features of the report;

(d) the number of meetings at State, district, taluk, municipal/panchayat level held for the purpose; and

(e) whether these inputs are on the

Attack on Indians in Congo

*47. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indians in Congo were recently attacked in retaliation of the murder of a Congo National in New Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that attacks on African Nationals have recently risen in the National Capital for which African envoys have protested with Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government has taken or propose to take in the matter ?

**Conversion of engineering colleges
into skill development centres**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme is being formulated to convert existing engineering colleges into skill development centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the status of this scheme and by when it is likely to be finalized ?

**Women and children affected by
nutrition deficiency**

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

(a) whether as per various news reports there are large number of women and children affected by nutrition deficiency in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to meet this challenge;

(c) the details of funds released for different women and child development schemes during the last two years, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any schemes to improve the situation and to get rid of this problem in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of New Education
Policy**

*50. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the major changes made in the new policy and the highlights of the same?

Target for nuclear power generation

†*51. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for nuclear power generation for next five years in the country and implementation programme therefor and the details of resources in terms of their availability and supply; and

(b) indigenous thorium reserves, energy potential and factual position of research for power generation from it?

**Discussions with Sri Lankan
authorities**

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

(a) whether Government has held discussions with Sri Lankan authorities regarding abrogation of the 1974 and 1976 agreements and retrieval of Katchatheevu;

(b) whether Government has been receiving demand from the State Government of Tamil Nadu on this issue from time to time; and

(c) whether Government has received a representation from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu recently, in this regard if so, the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Enrolment under Pradhan Mantri
Kaushal Vikas Yojana**

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

(a) the number of people enrolled and certified under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana so far, skill-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of women, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, minorities and people with disabilities certified under the Yojana so far;

(c) the number of people certified so far who have also received placements, State-wise; and

(d) the average salary/wages being received by people certified and placed under Yojana together with the expenditure incurred on the Yojana so far, State-wise and item-wise?

**Performance of States in Mid Day
Meal scheme**

*54. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many States are utilizing the Centre's share for the Mid Day Meal scheme properly;

(b) whether Government has tried to assess the performance of the State Governments in ensuring that the benefit of the Mid Day Meal reach the actually needy children; and

(c) which State Government could actually achieve the maximum benefit out

of the scheme and what is the number of children who could benefit out of this scheme?

Introduction of New Education Policy

*55. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a new Education Policy in the country;

(b) if so, whether the NEP would cater same syllabus and system throughout the country;

(c) if so, the consultation reports from the State Government thereon; and

(d) the coordinated action plan between the boards, Central Government and State Governments to fulfil the target of NEP?

Agreements between India and Qatar

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

(a) whether India and Qatar signed seven key agreements during the Prime Minister's visit recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how these agreements are beneficial to each other?

'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme

†*57. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme was launched by the Central

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Government in selected districts of the country for balancing the declining sex ratio, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the achievement of this scheme has been encouraging, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend this scheme to cover more districts and, if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of public grievances

*58. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has limited powers of recommending and monitoring the public grievances submitted to it by citizens with various Central and State Ministers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there exists a mechanism of appeal with DARPG or State or Central Ministers for citizens' in case of inadequate disposal of the grievances; and

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

Admission of foreign students in IITs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are planning to hold their entrance tests abroad from next year to admit foreign students;

(b) if so, whether the foreign students would be admitted in addition to our students or they are part of the total strength or there is any cap on foreign students to be admitted in IITs; and

(c) whether total number of seats available to Indian students would remain the same?

'Make Your City Smart' portal

*60. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has unveiled fourteen smart city mission projects recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has also launched 'Make Your City Smart', a crowdsourcing portal, where ideas on urbanism would compete, if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
The 15th July, 2016
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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