

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 23, 2015/Sravana 1, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Delay in commissioning of Kudankulam Project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is inordinate delay of nearly eight years in commissioning of Kudankulam Atomic Power Project Unit-2, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if so, the details of the escalation in the cost of the project due to this inordinately delay?

Demand and supply of uranium in nuclear plants

322. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between demand and supply of uranium in nuclear power plants of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures taken to meet the demand of uranium for smooth functioning of nuclear projects?

Fast Reactor Fuel Cycle and Fuel Reprocessing at Kalpakkam

323. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plan to decentralize and expedite the Fast Reactor Fuel Cycle Facility (FRFCF) and

Demonstration Fuel Reprocessing Plant, IGCAR, Kalpakkam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total funds earmarked, allocated and disbursed as on date;

(c) whether the project faces any delay in execution as it requires approvals from Atomic Energy Commission Board and other regulatory agencies; and

(d) if so, the details of the current status of the project and the approximate time by which the project would be commissioned and production of Nuclear Energy would be started?

Conversion of sea water into potable water

324. KUMARI SELJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether sea water can be converted into potable water by atomic energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the projects set up for this purpose along with the quantity of the potable water produced by them;

(c) the cost of conversion of sea water into potable water by using atomic energy; and

(d) whether Government proposes to set up more such projects in the country during the current financial year, and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for such projects?

Safety and security of Nuclear Plants

325. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ensured the safety and security for all the Nuclear/

Atomic Power Plants of NPCIL and the Department for ensuring hi-tech electronic security and surveillance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of Atomic/Nuclear Power Projects initiated in the country and the total amount allocated so far in the last five years;

(c) whether NPCIL and AERB have planned to allocate any funds for the security and surveillance to install Perimeter Detection Solutions, and CCTV Camera and Biometric surveillance gadgets and surveillance system for all the Nuclear/ Atomic Power Plants in the country; and

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

Projects for nuclear power generation

326. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for nuclear power generation proposed by Government in the last two Five Year Plans along with the success achieved in this regard and the names and sites where such projects have been commissioned/are pending during the said period;

(b) the amount of total power generation that is shared with Maharashtra and Karnataka separately; and

(c) the total number of nuclear power projects pending for approval from Government, State-wise and the reasons for the pendency, project-wise?

Nuclear reactors under IAEA

327. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the nuclear power reactors in the country are under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, if so, the details thereof, reactor-wise;

(b) whether all these reactors are fuelled by indigenous uranium and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of the countries from where uranium is being imported for fuelling these reactors ?

Nuclear power plants in Andhra Pradesh

328. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering setting up of nuclear power plants in Andhra Pradesh in addition to the one already in the works, if so, the details and timeframe thereof;

(b) whether the new ventures would be in public sector, private sector or PPP mode;

(c) whether the site selection and other preliminary works have been completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for completing these works?

Nuclear scientists died mysteriously

†329. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear scientists who died under mysterious circumstances during last five years;

(b) the details of the safety measures provided to the scientists to protect them from nuclear radiation; and

(c) the details of Government's plan to tackle with any untoward situations caused in the nuclear plants?

Private sector in nuclear power generation

330. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any recent request/agreement with the private sector to enable them to participate in nuclear power generation as a major partner;

(b) the extent to which the private sector is participating in the supply of equipment and services for nuclear power generation in the country; and

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

Uranium reserves in Maharashtra

331. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is self-reliant in nuclear fuel/uranium resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of uranium reserves found in the country during the last three years and the current year, location-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the achievement being made to explore new uranium mines in the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Reprocessing of used nuclear fuel

332. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has changed its policy to allow reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel from Japan made reactors, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the move is a significant development that could have positive bearing on proposed Indo-Japan civil nuclear deal and if so, the details thereof?

Mining of Monazite

333. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is only allowed to mine Monazite as per the "Prescribed Substances List";

(b) whether for allowing mining of rare earth minerals to private players, they need to store Monazite as per AERB rules and have to give a periodic reports to Atomic Minerals Directorate (AMD) in Hyderabad, Telangana;

(c) if so, whether miners from Tamil Nadu who are mining beach sand containing Monazite are giving such reports to AMD in Hyderabad;

(d) if so, details of reports so far submitted since inception of mining in Tamil Nadu, year-wise and leaseholder-wise; and

(e) amount of Monazite stored and handed over to AMD since inception of mining, year-wise and leaseholder-wise?

Implementation of NLCPR Scheme

334. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed the Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR) Scheme, Social and Infrastructure Development Fund and Schemes of North Eastern Council;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof during 2014-15, scheme-wise;

(c) whether several deficiencies were noticed in the implementation of these schemes for development of each of the North-Eastern States in the country;

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to appoint independent agencies to audit and monitor the implementation of NLCPR Scheme in the North Eastern States during 2014-15?

Socio-economic development in North Eastern Region

335. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified specified 'thrust areas' for the socio-economic development of North-Eastern Region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any plan for the development/extension of road and railway network in this region;

(c) whether Government has any specific strategy to develop domestic and international tourism in this region also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Special financial package to
Bodoland**

336. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing Special Financial Package (SFP) to Bodoland Territorial Autonomous Districts (BTAD) every year;

(b) if so, the amount of the special package given every year;

(c) the number of projects funded and completed in the last three years from (SFP); and

(d) the number of projects not completed and the reasons therefor?

**Development of infrastructure in
Meghalaya and Manipur**

337. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient amount of fund has been given for road and highways maintenance in Meghalaya and Manipur States; and

(b) if so, the amount of fund released during the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the purpose, and if not, the reason therefor?

Monsoon prediction

338. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Meteorological Department has lowered the monsoon prediction from 93 per cent in April, 2015 to 88 per cent in June, 2015 raising drought fears;

(b) whether this downward revision of rainfall estimates is based on the possibility of El Nino effect which continue to play its adverse role; and

(c) whether private weather forecaster Skymet Weather Services still sticks to its prediction of 102 per cent of Long-Period Average (LPA) that would in effect mean normal monsoon this year?

**Projects for conversion of sea water
into drinking water**

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

(a) whether the project for conversion of sea water into potable water has become a success and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of desalination plants set up in the country, State/UT-wise along with their capacity;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up more such plants in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Karnataka; and

(e) the details of the cost of conversion of sea water into potable water alongwith the details of the cost sharing between the Centre and the States?

Pollution on Delhi's edge Kaushambi

340. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the Delhi's edge Kaushambi and such other locations there is heaviest toxic air even more than Delhi;

(b) whether industrial areas, land-fills, garbage, etc., are the main reasons of such pollution;

(c) whether such townships are equally disturbing and vitiating the environment of Delhi; and

(d) whether Government has devised some action plan to address this serious issue and if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for online processing of projects

341. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is processing over 2,200 project proposals online which means that there is transparency in it and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has turned the Ministry from a license permit road block to a people friendly facilitator and if so, the details thereof?

Deaths of big cats in Gujarat

342. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of big cats have died in Gujarat recently;

(b) if so, the number of deaths in the last two months; and

(c) the remedial measures taken to prevent such casualties?

Green Climate Fund

343. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the \$100 billion Green Climate Fund and the process of accrediting organisations which can access the funds would soon become operational in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Relocation of villages in 'Project Tiger'

344. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the package being offered to families for relocation of villages in the 'Project Tiger;

(b) how many villages have been relocated in the project tiger; and

(c) how many more villages need to be relocated, the details thereof?

CRZ regulations in Goa

345. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CRZ regulations are enforced in the State of Goa;

(b) whether the State Government had sought any modification in their application to the Government;

(c) if so, what are the modifications made to the CRZ regulation in its application to the State of Goa; and

(d) whether any concessions are given to the fishermen communities or to those who have been staying or doing business within the CRZ area and if so, the details thereof?

Orders of Green Tribunal

346. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of orders passed by Green Tribunal since its constitution;

(b) whether the Green Tribunal exercises powers of granting stay and injunction orders;

(c) whether there are specific provisions for the purpose in the GTA;

(d) whether Government proposes to amend the Green Tribunal Act either to curtail and enhance the powers of the Tribunal; and

(e) the number of cases presently pending before the Tribunal and the cases disposed of ever since the Tribunal was constituted?

Scientific explanation for climate change

347. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether extreme changes in weather pattern in recent years are due to the onset of climate change;

(b) whether the devastating cloud bursts and attendant storms and floods, incessant heat waves, scorching winds, drying up plants and trees observed in different parts of the country are caused by climate change, if not, what is the scientific explanation for them; and

(c) whether disaster management set up under Central and State Governments has been geared up to save lives of people and property from such widespread destruction?

NGT orders to make cities cleaner

348. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Green Tribunals has passed number of orders to make the air and water in the cities cleaner and has banned ten year old diesel vehicles;

(b) if so, how many such order pertain to Delhi and the cities of Maharashtra;

(c) whether all the orders passed by NGT are being enforced by Central and State Governments and its monitoring is being done; and

(d) if so, what agencies have been deployed to carry out monitoring and enforcing NGT orders and whether they have got sufficient manpower to deal the current load?

Single window environmental clearances

349. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented, fully or partially, its proposal to provide the facility of single window clearances for environmental regulatory approvals for industrial and mining projects, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of other measures being taken by Government to expedite the process of obtaining environmental clearances?

Deaths of blackbucks in Nandanvan Zoo, Raipur

350. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the media reports regarding the deaths of many blackbucks due to unknown ailments over the past two months in Nandanvan Zoo near Raipur and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the authorities have been able to trace the reasons behind deaths and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any water and air polluting industrial unit(s) is existing near the zoo which may have caused these deaths and if so, the details thereof and the corrective action being taken?

Schemes to increase forest and plantation in Hyderabad and Karnataka

351. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the schemes of Government to increase the forest and plantation area in particularly Hyderabad-Karnataka 371(J) region;
- (b) the present status;
- (c) what is the need; and
- (d) the role of private participant to meet the need?

Ban on use of Styrofoam (Thermocol) products

352. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether hundreds of cities in the world has banned single use of Styrofoam (Thermocol) products to protect environment;
- (b) whether India is the 12th largest contributor of plastic waste including Polystyrene waste in the ocean, the details thereof; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to ban Styrofoam products that is non-recyclable and replaceable?

Forest conservation to stop climate change

353. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has championed the concept of forest conservation as one of the most effective means of climate change mitigation at the UNFCCC;

(b) if so, the domestic and the international finances mobilised by Government for forest conservation in the last three years and in this year, year-wise and funding source-wise; and

(c) the scale of both domestic and international additional funds Government plan to mobilise in the next five years for forest conservation, year-wise and funding source-wise?

Deforestation in high latitudes

354. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale deforestation in the high latitudes could affect rainfall in the monsoonal regions of tropics and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the South Asian monsoon is the worst affected, with an 18 per cent decline in precipitation over India and if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring of effluents on 24/7 basis

355. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make it mandatory for identified 17 categories of high polluting industries to monitor their effluents on a 24/7 basis and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there are some industries which are likely to cause pollution or damage to environment and if so, the details thereof?

Environmental degradation due to widening of national highways

356. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widening of national highways has resulted in environmental degradation in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that these national highways do not result in division of any wildlife sanctuary?

Disposal of industrial waste/e-waste in cities

357. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrial waste/e-waste is increasing in various parts of the country including the metropolitan cities, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any effective mechanism for proper disposal management and handling of waste being generated in the metropolitan cities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any system to monitor the waste/e-waste management, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action plan drawn to address the issue?

Ultimatum to industrial units for effluent discharge

358. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports about ultimatum given by the Ministry to 2800 industrial units to install devices related to effluent discharge, if so, whether this includes PSUs (Centre and State owned) and private enterprises;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of PSUs and private companies, who are given such ultimatum; and

(c) if so, the details of the companies among them which are causing pollution to rivers through discharge of effluents and how many among them are polluting air through discharge of effluents?

Deaths due to pollution

†359. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has highest number of deaths due to pollution in the world, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Environmental Pollution Prevention and Control Authority report has revealed that more than three thousand children die in the capital Delhi every year

due to pollution and if so, the details thereof?

Air pollution from particulate matter

360. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the air pollution from respirable particulate matter is responsible for around 80 deaths everyday in Delhi;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study in this regard;

(c) if so, what have been the findings of the study; and

(d) whether Government has sought any action in this regard?

Accountability of official agencies for water pollution

361. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite a number of prevailing Acts intended to protect India's waterways, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and State Pollution Control Boards have not ensured their effective implementation and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a more ecological sound approach towards environmental protection of flows of rivers is necessary;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether accountability norms for official agencies are necessary for the restoration of many rivers that are dying due to pollution and if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocation for 'Tiger Protection Force'

362. SHRI V. P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fund that has been allocated for 'Tiger Protection Force' by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), the details thereof; and

(b) the number of project tigers that have the Tiger Protection Force, the details thereof?

Air Quality Index

363. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Quality Index for checking the level of pollutants in the air has been applied to some select cities/metropolitan towns, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the impact of the Air Quality Index being applied on the efforts/measures being pushed into purify environment in the cities?

Proposals for various development schemes

†364. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for various development schemes, received by Ministry from Uttarakhand for approval under the Forest Act, 1980;

(b) the details of the schemes approved;

(c) the names of the schemes which have not been approved; and

(d) by when the reweaving proposals would be accorded approval?

Serious situation of Munroe Island

365. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed about the serious situation of Munroe Island in Kerala which is subjected to the threat of drowning due to the impact of climate change; and

(b) if so, the steps that were taken by Government to address the issue, the details thereof?

Introduction of express passport service

366. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce express passport service by which an applicant can get the passport in a few hours;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the Regional Passport Offices selected for their purpose at first instance;

(c) the number of passport applications lying pending in various Regional Passport Offices; and

(d) the steps taken to clear the backlog?

Action against officials of Indian diplomatic mission

367. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:
SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling to take action against officials of the Indian diplomatic missions in seventeen countries who are facing a variety of charges, including corruption, dereliction of duty and harassment of domestic servants and if so, details thereof in the last three years; and

(b) the quantum of punishment that would be meted out to these officials so that such things do not recur in future?

Students refusing to leave Ukraine

368. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian students refused to leave Ukraine's killing fields;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ukraine Government has officially communicate to the Indian Embassy in Kiev that Government cannot guarantee their safety as they are behind the frontline;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure the safety of the above students in Ukraine?

Chinese submarines docked in Karachi

369. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese submarines have docked in Karachi in May, 2015, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Chinese Navy is expanding its presence in Indian Ocean near Colombo and in Arabian Sea;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese Government; and

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

Agreement with Sweden

†370. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past three years many agreements have been signed between India and Sweden; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when they are likely to be enforced and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Chinese comment on Indian Ocean

‡371. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:
SHRI NAZIR AHMED
LAWAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has given any ultimatum to India that India should not consider Indian Ocean as its own;

(b) if so, whether Government has held any meeting with China in this regard; and

(c) the proceedings of the meeting held between the two nations?

Biometric details for Visa

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

(a) whether Government has rolled out a project which ensures collection of applicant's biometric details before any kind of visa is issued;

(b) if so, whether out of the 178 Indian missions, only 55 have been equipped with this biometric recording facility;

(c) whether a proposal was floated to have the biometrics of the tourists on arrival in India; and

(d) whether Government has taken final call on enforcing the biometric aspect in the visa issuing process?

Fishermen issue with Sri Lanka

373. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has impressed

upon the Sri Lankan Navy to act with restraint and not to fire on Indian fishermen and to treat our fishermen in a humane manner, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether during India-Sri Lanka bilateral meetings, including those at the highest level, India has reiterated its position that the use of force could not be justified under any circumstances and that all fishermen should be treated in a humane manner, if so, the details thereof?

China strengthening foothold in Indian Ocean

374. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is using Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Nepal to expand its foothold and strengthen across the Indian Ocean;

(b) whether China has sent two submarines to 200 miles off Indian Coast in Sri Lanka; and

(c) if so, what requisite capabilities India is planning to stop Chinese pro-active and aggressive posture towards India?

Opening doors to IR experts

375. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government opens doors to International Relations Experts as consultants to ease the pressure on Indian Foreign Service personnel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

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Corruption/irregularities in issuing passports

376. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether alleged corruption and irregularities in issuing passports have come to the notice of Government from Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any probe has been conducted in the matter and if so, the details and the action taken thereon?

Satellite for SAARC countries

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

(a) whether meeting of experts from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries was held recently in finalizing modalities for developing satellite exclusively for regional grouping, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when the satellite would be launched and the areas it would give information?

Misbehaviour with officers in High Commissions

†378. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of alleged misbehaviour with the employees/officers of the High Commission of India situated in Pakistan during last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

India-China border issues

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

(a) whether India and China have agreed to patch up border issues, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether this issue has come up for discussion during the Prime Minister's visit to China, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Chinese Government to the matter, the details of the resolutions made during the visit of PM to China and action plan envisaged in this regard?

Help to earthquake-stricken Nepal

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

(a) whether Government of India has extended any help to the earthquake-stricken Nepal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Indians suffered during the earthquake, particularly from Jharkhand;

(c) whether any study has been done on the effect of earthquake witness across the country, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the persons killed and injured and rehabilitation measures taken by Government?

Permanent seat in UNSC

381. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of acquiring a

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permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC);

(b) the countries that are in favour of India for acquiring a permanent seat in the UNSC; and

(c) the hurdles that Government is facing in this endeavour?

US advice on business with Iran

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

(a) whether the United States has said that India and other countries should not rush into doing business with Iran as Washington is yet to work out its nuclear deal with Tehran;

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

(c) what implications it would have on the trade between India and Iran; and

(d) whether India has agreed to abide by the said dictate of the USA, and if so, the reasons therefor?

Attacks on Indians in United States

383. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to rising attacks on Indians particularly Telugu speaking people working in the United States;

(b) whether Government has taken up or intends to take up the issue with the US Government; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to put in place a standard operating procedure for the Indian Missions in the US to send the bodies of

the victims to India and to help the families of the victims in distress; and if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against Indian High Commissioners

384. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Zealand High Commissioner has been recalled following allegations that his wife assaulted a member of his domestic staff and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government has completed investigation in the matter and if so, findings thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received similar complaints against other Indian High Commissioners and Ambassadors posted in various countries and if so, the details thereof together with action taken on each complaint ?

Nurses forced to leave UK

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

(a) whether Indian nurses working in the UK are being forced to leave the country due to a new income threshold required under visa rules for continued stay in the UK;

(b) if so, details of the nurses being forced to leave the UK; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue of their displacement and their children's education with the UK authorities and if not, the reasons therefor?

Arrest of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy

386. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan Navy had arrested fourteen Indian fishermen on 3rd June, 2015, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has demanded that a permanent solution must be found to this problem through a decisive initiative by Government, if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

VRS to employees of Public Sector Undertakings

387. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to give Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to 2,800 employees of five public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details of employees that are proposed to be given VRS, company-wise, and the reasons therefor;

(c) the value of assets that are likely to be freed through the above VRS; and

(d) in what manner such assets are likely to be used?

Closure of private and public industries in country

†388. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private and public industries closed in the country, the number of industries incurring losses, the details of the last one year along with the reasons;

(b) whether Government has received any proposals to restart these industries or to make them profitable, if so, the action taken on those proposals, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people whose employment got directly or indirectly affected due to closing of such industries, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of efforts made by Government to make such industries profitable and to restart the closed industries?

SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations

389. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various posts in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SC/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/ provided by Government/PSUs for the SC/STs Welfare Association viz. Office Accommodation, etc.; and

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(e) the ways and means in which PSUs/ Government involves SC/ST Welfare Association in the Administrative activities/ developmental activities/Management of the PSUs?

Employees working in PSU's in West Bengal

390. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PSUs in West Bengal and the number of employees working in them;

(b) whether the employees working in the PSUs in West Bengal get their salaries regularly; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when they will start getting their salaries regularly?

Entering of PSUs into infrastructure sector

391. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PSUs are planning to take up infrastructure projects in view of sufficient cash surplus;

(b) if so, the details of PSUs which are trying to venture into infrastructure sector; and

(c) how PSUs venture into sector where they do not have expertise?

Vacant residential plots in urban areas

†392. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan being undertaken by Government to ensure the availability of affordable housing in urban areas;

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate any policy regarding residential plots lying vacant for a very long time in the urban areas; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made to check the steep rise in the prices of residential lands and to control commercial activities at residential lands?

Affordable houses to common man

393. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the action plans of Government for providing affordable houses to the common man;

(b) the extent to which these action plans have been successful in achieving the target;

(c) whether the prevailing home loan interest rate is right enough to provide affordable houses to the common man; and

(d) if not, the further steps being taken by Government in this regard?

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Pending projects under JNNURM

394. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many number of housing projects sanctioned under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are still pending;

(b) if so, details of the pending house projects under JNNURM, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any policy to complete the housing projects under JNNURM and any fund has been allocated for this; if so, details thereof?

(a) the steps taken by Government to provide temporary shelters to all the shelter-less and homeless people in different States/Union Territories as per the directions of the Supreme Court;

(b) whether Government has taken stock of the availability of shelter to the homeless with respect to the directions of the Supreme Court; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has sought additional funds for the current year so as to provide shelter to homeless; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shelters under National Urban Livelihood Mission

395. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total grant allocated/released to States/UTs for construction of shelters for homeless under National Urban Livelihood Mission from 1st April, 2013 till date;

(b) the total number of shelters constructed so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for very slow pace of construction of shelters for homeless; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to expedite construction of shelters for 9 lakh urban homeless across the country?

Shelter to homeless

396. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

Houses for BPL

†397. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a huge scarcity of houses for people living below the poverty line in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of houses required for this category; and

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan in this regard, the effective steps to be taken by Government, the details thereof?

Homeless in country

398. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of homeless households in the country as on 31 March, 2015, State-wise;

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(b) how many houses were completed/ provided under the Central Government Housing Schemes for poor during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) how many houses are to be completed in the next five years; and

(d) list of those schemes/programmes being contemplated by Government for poverty alleviation from the country?

'Housing for All' Mission

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

(a) whether under the Government's new Housing for All Mission, the target is to create two crore affordable houses in urban areas by 2022;

(b) whether the Mission is yet to be launched; and

(c) whether the Mission requires amendment in the Land Acquisition Act to ensure hassle-free acquisition of land for providing affordable housing in rural and urban areas, if so, the details thereof?

Status of agro-rural industries

400. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the agro-rural industries in the country;

(b) the details of amount allocated and utilized for setting up and development of the said industries in the country during

each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote and develop the agro-based industries in the country?

Assistance to budding entrepreneurs by development institutes

401. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) development institutes have been successful in providing assistance to budding entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of trainees in each institute annually and the number of trainers posted at each institute, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the activities of these institutes have contributed towards bridging the entrepreneur-academicians gap and increased the production index in States?

Revival of closed/sick MSME units

402. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units have either been closed or become sick due to shortage of power, paucity of funds, expensive loan and recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such units which have been closed/become sick during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise

and the current loan outstanding against the MSME sector given by banks; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government for the revival of closed/sick MSME units?

SCs/STs Welfare Association

403. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various posts in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SC/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/provided by Government/PSUs for the SC/STs Welfare Association viz. Office Accommodation, etc.; and

(e) the ways and means in which PSUs/Government involves SC/ST Welfare Association in the Administrative activities/developmental activities/Management of the PSUs?

Steps taken to export of Khadi products

404. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of Khadi Gramodyog has declined during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of Khadi products

exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period, product-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote export of Khadi products?

Lack of institutional funds for Micro and Small Enterprises

†405. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of institutional funds is the biggest hurdle before the Micro and Small Enterprises of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the monetary banking scheme (MUDRA) launched recently by Government in the country has proved very beneficial for the micro and small entrepreneurs and if so, the details thereof?

Cases of fraudulent NRI marriages

406. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of complaints/cases have been received in Indian Missions about fraudulent NRI marriages during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the details of the number of cases in which fraudulent overseas spouses were punished/arrested during the said period?

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Recruitment of nurses in Kuwait

407. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 800 nurses recruited have reportedly not been given jobs in Government hospitals in Kuwait as promised during recruitment;

(b) whether nurses were promised the high salaries, upto ₹ 25 lakh per month, offered in Government hospitals in Kuwait, but they get only around ₹ 80,000/- per month in school health programmes;

(c) whether Government has received any representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Harassment of Indian workers abroad

408. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of complaints are registered with Indian missions abroad from people working abroad particularly in Gulf countries related to physical and sexual abuse as well as the employer not keeping promises made in the job contract and non-payment of salaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and measures being taken to provide help to such complaints by the Indian diplomatic staff in these countries, Mission-wise?

Steps to motivate CBI officers

409. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI says that its officers

are not serious about pursuing their investigations in courts and they deliberately seek adjournments time and again, if so, details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to motivate CBI officers in pursuing court cases and in disposing of cases?

Age relaxation in CSAT

410. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations were received for relaxation in age limit and to appear in regional languages for the Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) conducted by UPSC for all India services, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any committee has been constituted on this issue, if so, the recommendations thereof;

(c) whether choice to give answers in regional languages in the Main Examination would be considered to make it more representational; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Period for applying LTC advance

411. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Government servant can apply for his LTC advance at the notice of sixty days at maximum for purchase of tickets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Railways has increased the advance reservation period to 120 days;

(c) if so, whether Government would revise and link the limit of maximum days of notice period of LTC application with the advance reservation period of Indian Railways since the employees face a lot of difficulties to purchase railway tickets with their LTC advance as railway tickets are mostly booked by that time; and

(d) if so, by when if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps for eradication of corruption

412. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the corruption is rampant in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an alarming level of corruption at various level; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to effectively eradicate the epidemic of corruption?

Filling of backlog vacancies of SC/ST

413. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the backlog of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been fulfilled in all departments as per the direction given by Prime Minister, if not, by when it will be fulfilled;

(b) whether Prime Minister is aware of this situation; and

(c) the action taken against the officers for not fulfilling the backlog?

Sanction of prosecution of Government officials

414. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests for the sanction of prosecution of Government officials received by Government under section 197 of the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 since the year 2010 for officials of the Indian Administrative Service, Central Secretariat Service, and CBI (Gr A) officers;

(b) the number of such requests that were permitted and prosecution was sanctioned for such officials during each year; and

(c) the number of such prosecutions that resulted in a conviction, acquittal and dismissal of charges?

Appointment of Safai Karamcharis

†415. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Safai Karamcharis appointed in various departments of Central Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of posts of Safai Karamcharis, reserved for the candidates belonging to General, Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively and the number of posts filled up out of those during the last three years and the details thereof, department-wise;

(c) whether Safai Karamcharis are given promotions or adjusted against other posts by the various departments of Government, the procedure thereof; and

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(d) the number of Safai Karamcharis promoted or adjusted against other posts, the details thereof, year-wise and category-wise?

(d) whether Government of India is going to review its decision regarding financial assistance to Registrars and if not, the reason therefor?

Updating of statistics on BPL people

416. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps to update the statistics regarding the number of Indians living below poverty line, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has been given any specific mandate to undertake a national survey to determine the number of people living below poverty line; and

(c) whether new criteria for determining BPL has been approved by Government, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Financial assistance for successful UID enrolment

417. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India was providing financial assistance to Registrars @ ₹ 50/- per successful UID enrolment till August, 2012;

(b) whether Government of India has reduced financial assistance to Registrars @ ₹ 40/- *w.e.f.* April 2012, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government of India has received representation from the State Government of Gujarat to restore the rate of ₹ 50/- per successful UID enrolment; and

Details of schemes after devolution

418. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes that are transferred to States after devolution of 42 per cent of Central Tax to States;

(b) the details of schemes that are jointly being implemented by States and the Centre and the schemes that are exclusively implemented by Government of India;

(c) the money that otherwise spent in the last five years by Government on schemes transferred to States before devolution of 42 per cent of Central taxes to States, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) in what manner Government thinks that States would spend substantially on schemes transferred to them even though 42 per cent is given to them?

Budget allocation for SETU Scheme

419. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Self Employment and Talent Utilization (SETU) Scheme as announced in the Budget to be administered by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog;

(b) the institutional architecture of the scheme and whether the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has the institutional outreach to identify the beneficiaries and implement the scheme; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no budget allocation has been made for the scheme despite Budget announcement of ₹ 1000 crore this year, if so, the reasons therefor?

Programme/Schemes in Special Delivery Monitoring Unit

420. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of key programmes/ schemes included in Special Delivery Monitoring Unit, along with their objectives and outcomes in the last one year and in the current year, scheme-wise; and

(b) whether with regard to the said key schemes several Ministries have failed to achieve the set targets, and if so, reason therefor, scheme-wise?

Lack of environment for good research

421. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has fewer researchers among working people than countries such as Kenya and Chile;

(b) if so, how many fulltime researchers are there in the country;

(c) whether there is an overall lack of environment for good research which pushes people to go out of the country; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to create an environment for good research to stop brain drain and the details thereof?

Resource crunch in S&T labs

422. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Science and Technology (S&T) labs are facing serious resource crunch in our country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to address the issue; and

(c) the funds allocated for S&T labs in our country?

Schemes for skill development

423. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: SHRI AHMED PATEL:

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

(a) the details of the skill development schemes formulated for the youth in the country;

(b) whether targets fixed by various Ministries/departments under skill development have been achieved;

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

(d) whether Government has taken any action to rationalize various schemes on skill development and if so, the details thereof?

Skill development schemes in universities and colleges

424. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is including skill development schemes in universities/private colleges in collaboration with the State Governments;

(b) if so, the names of such schemes and the amount sanctioned for their implementation along with the time by which these are likely to be implemented, location-wise; and

(c) whether any assessment has been made by any committee to ascertain the benefits that could accrue as a result of such schemes, if so, the details thereof?

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana in Rajasthan

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

(a) the number of rural youth who have been given training under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana till now, the details thereof State-wise;

(b) the total number of rural youths targeted to be trained in Rajasthan State under the above scheme; and

(c) the number of rural youth who have been given training till now under Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana in Rajasthan State and the total number of training camps with districts and places and details thereof?

ITI's in North-Eastern Region

426. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ITIs both Government and private, in the North-Eastern Region, State-wise;

(b) whether the number of ITIs is sufficient to meet the requirement of the region;

(c) if not, whether Government has any plan to set up more ITIs in the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same are likely to be set up, State-wise?

Skills in agriculture and allied occupations

427. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received in the year 2014-15 along with requirement of funds and number of persons to be imparted skills in the proposals;

(b) the number of proposals to impart skills in agriculture and allied occupations and number of beneficiaries involved;

(c) whether significant number of tribal beneficiaries are involved in the proposals for the year 2014-15; and

(d) the number of proposals cleared by the Ministry and status of implementation on the ground?

Financial help for entrepreneurs

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

(a) whether the National Policy for Skill

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Development and Entrepreneurship seeks to connect entrepreneurs to established industrial leaders for guidance and mentorship, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the policy seeks to provide few or partial financial help for start up and entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof?

Job opportunities for skilled trainees

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

(a) the roadmap for the implementation of National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurships;

(b) the details of the current Skill Development Programmes (SDP) implementation by Government, the financial cost of running these SDPs; and

(c) whether Ministry is planning to provide job opportunities for the Public who are trained under the SDP, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill gap assessment in Jharkhand

430. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various skill development schemes under implementation by Government for the youth;

(b) whether Government has assessed the skilled manpower requirement for different sectors and if so, the details of skill gap in these sectors, sector-wise;

(c) whether the skill gap has also been assessed at the level of States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Jharkhand;

(d) whether any study has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the key findings of the study; and

(e) steps taken/being taken by Government to train more youth to meet the demand of skill force of various sectors in the country?

Annual income criteria for OBC

431. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual income criteria for creamy layer for OBCs has to be revised once in every three years;

(b) if so, whether income criteria has been revised only three times since 1993;

(c) the reasons for not complying with the statutory obligation with regard to income criteria for OBCs;

(d) whether National Commission for OBC has recommended recently to increase the creamy layer from ₹ 6 lakhs to ₹ 10.5 lakhs; and

(e) if so, action taken on the above recommendation so far?

Old age homes

†432. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is considering to prepare the map itself for the old age homes to be given to elderly people;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard till now; and

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

Publishing of Scheduled Castes in Gazette of India

433. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether in Appendix II of Census Manual Part I of Census of India 1961, against serial no. 51 in the list of SC and ST category in Appendix F of Uttar Pradesh, Majhi, Mujabir, Mallah, Kevat and Gond Mazvan which are synonym of mazvan are indicated;

(b) if so, whether these castes are notified and published in Gazette of India; and

(c) the names of the States in which above castes are notified in the list of Scheduled Caste and published in the Gazette of India?

Assistance for students in Madhya Pradesh

†434. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few schemes meant for coaching and related assistance for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and vulnerable

sections of the society have been approved, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds earmarked, released and utilized, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and in the current year; and

(c) the details of the students benefited under these schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise during the said period?

Rights of Person with Disabilities Bill

435. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total number of differently abled people in the country stood at 26.8 million as per the 2011 census as against the 2001 figure of 21.9 million;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken for the welfare of such people; and

(c) whether Government is considering a proposal to introduce the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill which was lapsed after the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha, if so, the details thereof?

Skill development of differently abled in West Bengal

436. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by Government for entrepreneurship and skill development of differently abled persons in the country;

(b) the funds provided and utilized for the purposes along with the number of beneficiaries during each of the last three

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years and the current year, scheme and State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received proposals from various States including West Bengal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government, State-wise?

Kasturba Gandhi Residential School

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is running Kasturba Gandhi Residential School for the children of Backward and the most Backward classes, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding total number of sanctioned, on-going, closed and pending Kasturba Gandhi Residential Schools in Bihar together with the district-wise locations thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to start the closed, pending and new schools?

Pending proposal of Himachal Pradesh for expansion of SC/ST list

438. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from various State Government including Himachal Pradesh for inclusion of various communities in the list of Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs), if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government thereon;

(b) whether a number of recommendations for inclusion of various communities in the list of SCs/STs are still pending with the Government for approval, if so, the details, community-wise and the present status thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government for approving the said proposals?

National Institute for universal design for disableds

439. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced setting up a National Institute with focus on creating universal design to ease access for persons with disabilities about a decade ago;

(b) if so, the present status thereof along with the reasons for delay in setting up of the institute; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early setting of a national institute for Designing products, buildings, software and transport facilities for disableds?

Special assistance for welfare of Scheduled Castes

†440. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides special assistance to the States for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

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(b) the names of the States wherein the amounts allocated for this purpose have been spent on other schemes and the ratio thereof and whether Government is taking any steps to prevent the same, if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Inclusion of castes in Scheduled Caste List

†441. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include more castes under the list of the scheduled castes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the requests to include some more castes therein received from various States/Union Territories during the last one year?

Schemes for welfare of differently abled childrens

442. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up any coordination mechanism with other Ministries/Departments and the State Governments to protect the interest of the differently abled children, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plans to take initiative to formulate special schemes for children suffering from disability, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of the schemes in the country for making barrier free environment for the disableds?

Allotment for social sector schemes

443. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a cut in the budget for social sector schemes in the financial year 2015-16, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) the allotment for social sector schemes in the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(c) the reasons for not increasing the budget for social sector schemes in the successive financial years?

Death of senior citizens in old age home

444. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards media reports regarding senior citizens dying without water and food living in a tin shed old age home in the National Capital, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what remedial measures Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

Abuse of elders in family

445. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards media reports regarding elders abused by own family

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members in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

Launching of SAARC Satellite

446. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to launch a South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Statellite next year which would serve the needs of SAARC member nations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the response of the SAARC nations to the said proposal;

(c) the total funds likely to be spent on the launch of the satellite and the manner in which the funds would be mobilized; and

(d) the details of the areas likely to be benefited by the launch of the satellite?

Space co-operation agreement between India and Russia

†447. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia propose to make joint space exploration and to transfer the space technology under the space co-operation agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of this agreement;

(c) the progress made so far regarding the above said agreement; and

(d) the advantage India would get thereby?

Knight Frank Wealth Report 2015

448. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to Knight Frank Wealth Report 2015 the population of Ultra-High Net Worth Indians having \$ 30 million plus wealth rose from 622 in 2004 to 1652 in 2014;

(b) whether Government concurs with this estimate, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government concurs with the said Report that India's billionaire population rose from 26 in 2004 to 68 in 2014, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government concurs with the said report that 27 per cent of 43,400 high Net Worth Indians having \$ 1 million plus wealth migrated to other countries, if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof?

Projects running behind schedule

449. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 300 infrastructure projects are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, whether the Government has reviewed these projects recently, if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether Government has prioritise the infrastructure projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan prepared by the Government to complete the infrastructure project without any further delay?

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Metro service in sub-urban areas of Mumbai

450. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to extend metro service in some sub-urban areas of Mumbai;

(b) if so, which are the sub-urban areas of Mumbai to be covered; and

(c) what will be the number of daily ridership to be benefited by the extension, a detailed report thereof?

Overstaying in ASIAD Village

451. SHRI BHUBANESWAR
KALITA:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL
DARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2541 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 2015 and state:

(a) whether Government is cognizant of recent media reports regarding artists overstaying in Government allotted Houses in ASIAD Village, New Delhi, in violation of standard norms;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has ascertained the facts, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the standard norms have been relaxed in such cases of reported violation, if so, give the details and reasons for such relaxation of norms; and

(d) steps taken to get vacated these violators and to allot the Houses to more deserving candidates?

Foreign assistance for smart cities

452. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of countries that have expressed their interest in building smart cities, with special reference to Tamil Nadu?

Land for smart cities

†453. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MEHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to develop smart cities in the country, if so, the names of the smart cities to be developed, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) whether already settled cities/towns would be selected for developing those as smart cities, if not, whether farmers' land would be acquired for developing smart cities; and

(c) if so, the details of difficulties being faced by Government in selecting already settled cities/towns?

Smart cities in Kerala

454. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in the State of Kerala identified to make smart cities under clusters scheme;

(b) the role of State Government in this regard; and

(c) when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

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Funds for development schemes

455. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to mobilise fund for the development of smart cities and also for the two other schemes Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana through the resources of urban local bodies from collection of user charges, beneficiary charges, impact fees, land monetisation, loans etc., if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amount expected to be raised through land monetisation?

Metro projects in Maharashtra

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

(a) how much amount have been sanctioned and utilized for Pune, Nagpur and Mumbai Metro projects since last three years;

(b) whether Government has requested for the sanctioning the metro projects and demanded financial assistance for the early completion of Pune, Nagpur and Mumbai metro projects; and

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

Performance grants granted to States

†457. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which fulfilled all essential conditions for the performance

grant in year 2014-15 and the amount they received in financial grant, details thereof;

(b) the number of the States which could not get the grant/aid and the number of States which did not claim for the performance grant, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the conditions for the performance grant and the conditions met by the States?

Agreement with France on smart cities

458. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held discussions with France regarding smart cities in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has signed any pact with Government of France for undertaking smart cities in India, if so, the details thereof?

AMRUT scheme in Tamil Nadu

459. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state that the number of cities from Tamil Nadu that have been included under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme?

Metro trains in Bihar

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to provide the facility of metro train in the other cities including Patna in Bihar, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) if not, Government's plan to provide the facility of metro train in other cities of Bihar including Patna?

Sewage system for Jodhpur city

†461. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing any plan to establish a sewage system in deprived and newly developed areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Rajasthan for the development of Jodhpur city, and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be sanctioned and implemented?

Smart cities in Tamil Nadu

462. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to develop smart cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *vis-a-vis* existing schemes for developing the cities, the criteria laid down to develop such smart cities; and

(c) details of the cities shortlisted in the State of Tamil Nadu for developing smart cities?

Upgrading of basic infrastructure in cities

463. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is smart city project and how has it been implemented in the country;

(b) what are the details of cities that have since been earmarked for this project;

(c) what is new urban renewal mission and what is its present status; and

(d) how far will this help in upgrading the basic infrastructure in the cities in the country?

Second phase of Jaipur metro

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide assistance to the metro rail projects, if so, the details of the financial assistance provided to various metro projects in various States;

(b) the quantum of the financial assistance given by Government to the Jaipur metro till date, the details thereof;

(c) whether the centre has developed any plan for the construction of the second phase of the Jaipur metro, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government intends to expand the first phase of Jaipur metro, if so, the details thereof?

Commercial activity in Shivalik Colony

465. SHRISALIMANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority have received complaints from the Shivalik Co-operative Housing Society for rampant commercial activity in 'C' Block

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of Shivalik Colony, New Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether illegal construction activity by schools, courier services etc. continued inspite of complaints; and

(c) if so, reasons thereof and action DDA propose to take to stop commercial activity in residential area of Shivalik Colony?

Incomplete project under JNNURM

466. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that of the 1406 project sanctioned between 2007 and 2012 under JNNURM, 693 are incomplete;

(b) whether Government is considering withdrawing from JNNURM projects; and

(c) whether Government is now likely to fund those projects which have achieved at least three fourths physical progress under JNNURM, if so, the details thereof?

Encroachment of roadside land

467. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that roadside land in various parts of Delhi has been encroached upon, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a task force was constituted to remove the encroachment, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) to what extent these encroachments have been removed so far?

Change of name of Lutyens Zone and Shahjahanabad

468. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to rename the Lutyens Zone of Delhi as Imperial City of Delhi in the Master Plan of Delhi 2021, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that the nomenclature, the walled city of Delhi Shahjahanabad (Old Delhi) is set to be changed to the Imperial City of Shahjahanabad, if so, the details thereof?

Gujarat Urban Development Institute

469. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has released any grants during the last two years for the Gujarat Urban Development Institute (GUDI) formed by the State Government of Gujarat to support the Municipal Corporation and Municipalities of the State for Capacity Building;

(b) if so, how much grant has been released by Government during the current financial year for the said institute; and

(c) whether Government has made any planning for the next financial year to give financial assistance to the above mentioned institute and if so, the details thereof?

Modalities for Smart Cities

470. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised all the requisite modalities/formalities for the purpose of its ambitious plan to set up hundred Smart Cities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the estimated number of people likely to be benefited by this plan?

Displacement of poor people

471. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per experience any large scale infrastructural development is attended by massive displacement especially of poor people, if so, how this will be avoided when 100 metro cities are built up by Government;

(b) whether it would be ensured that their abodes and places of work are not touched;

(c) whether new houses would be constructed at Government cost for them; and

(d) by what time Government intends to provide shelter and employment to the urban poor?

UN Report on malnourished children

472. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether according to UN Report,

India accounts for 57 million of the world's 146 million malnourished children;

(b) if so, whether India, Nepal and Bangladesh have got highest malnourished children;

(c) if so, whether Government have studied the Report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to improve the position?

Increasing malnutrition in States

473. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) whether malnutrition in children is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise position of malnutrition in children;

(c) whether the United Nations Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has in its report stated that malnutrition in children in India is rising alarmingly;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 60 per cent of malnourished children are in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Welfare of tribal women

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a

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decline in the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in the tribal areas;

(b) the details of the efforts being made by Government to prevent the declining Child Sex Ratio in the tribal areas;

(c) the details of the funds allocated under the schemes being run for the welfare of the tribal women, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to prevent malnutrition in the tribal women?

Quality of food at Anganwadi Centres

475. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that children and women are being served food meant for animals in the name of nutritious food at Anganwadi Centres across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has investigated the matter, if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government has chalk out any plan to give direct subsidy to supplement the nutritious food to the eligible children and women across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the persons responsible for supply of food to Anganwadi Centres meant for animals?

Substance abuse by street children

476. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey conducted by an NGO, there are around 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh street children in the capital;

(b) whether almost 80 per cent of them purchase substances like white fluid, cannabinoids and tobacco for consumption which is worth ₹ 27 lakh per day; and

(c) if so, actions being taken by Government to stop this menace?

Anaemia among children and women

477. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of children and women have been reported to be anaemic in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to make fortification of daily food items mandatory in order to bring down the number of anaemic children and women in the country?

Anganwadi meals in Madhya Pradesh

478. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh did not approve a proposal to include either egg curry or

boiled eggs in Anganwadi meals in the tribal areas; and

(b) if so, details in this regard with reasons for not agreeing to the proposal?

Consumption of left out food by children

479. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that small abandoned children/kids have to eat the left out food of the Shatabdi/Rajdhani trains in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has any information about such children eating left out foods at various stations in the country;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study about the effect of such type of food on the health of the children, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Missing children in India

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

(a) whether National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data has shown that an average of one lakh children go missing in India every year;

(b) the details of number of missing children in India in the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of cases in which the children have remained untraced?

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