

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, November 24, 2016/Agrahayana 3, 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

Shortage of teachers in the country

†*91. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of teachers in the country which is adversely affecting the students pursuing studies;

(b) if so, the details of shortage of teachers in the country at present; and

(c) whether Government is working on any proposal to enhance the number of teachers so as to meet their shortage, if so, the details thereof?

Missing student from Jawaharlal Nehru University

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a minority student has been missing from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) for the last four weeks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there was an attack on this student inside the university campus;

(c) if so, whether any FIR has been lodged against the attackers; and

(d) what measures have been taken to find out the missing student?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Auctioning of FM radio channels in Odisha

*93. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to auction FM radio channels in 264 cities in the recent past;

(b) if so, the list of the cities where such auctions were undertaken;

(c) the number of such cities in Odisha; and

(d) what was the revenue collection expected and what was the actual total revenue collected from these auctions?

Swachh Bharat Kosh

*94. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swachh Bharat Kosh for Swachh Bharat Mission has not taken off in two years it has been in existence;

(b) if so, contributions to the Kosh made till October, 2016;

(c) whether Government is considering to put CSR money in Swachh Bharat projects; and

(d) if so, the response of the corporate sector towards the mission and steps being taken to achieve the objective of the mission?

Social security agreements with BRICS Nations

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is planning to ink pacts on social security programmes with BRICS nations with a view to ensure more benefits to Indians in BRICS nations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of agreements entered into so far and the number of agreements implemented as on date?

UGC funds for Punjab

*96. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Punjab has approached the Central Government seeking release of funds from the University Grants Commission (UGC) to tide over the financial crisis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Scrapping of English as a mandatory language

*97. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to scrap English as a mandatory language in schools; and

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

Decline in number of female teachers in schools

*98. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of female teachers in schools has declined during the last three years;

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

(c) the schemes being implemented by Government in collaboration with the State Governments for increasing the number of female teachers in schools?

Women in STEM workforce

*99. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there are only 14 per cent of women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine (STEM) workforce according to a recent World Economic Forum Report; and

(b) if so, whether Government has brought or considered to bring any schemes/policies to motivate women to take up careers in STEM field, if so, the details thereof?

Steps for administrative reforms

†*100. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for extensive administrative reforms in order to check malpractices prevailing in administration; and

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

Indians residing in war-torn countries

*101. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians currently

residing in war-torn countries like Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan;

(b) the steps taken for the safety of their life and property;

(c) the number of Indians who have returned from these countries in the wake of disruption of peace; and

(d) whether Government provided them with employment opportunities or requisite financial aid on returning to India?

Non-availability of MPLADS funds in time

†*102. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-availability of funds under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) leads to delay in timely completion of work, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any new measures have been taken by Government to make funds available on time and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant posts of Vice-Chancellors in universities

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

(a) the details of posts of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) or other key positions currently lying vacant in various Central universities; and

(b) the details of the time-frame set and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

the steps being taken by Government to fill such vacancies?

Formulation of National Policy on Education

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

(a) whether Government is considering to formulate a National Policy on Education; and

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

Incorporation of life skills guidelines in educational curricula

*105. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has underlined ten life skills which are essential for overall development and has insisted that these life skills should be incorporated in all educational curricula; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for their implementation?

NEW DELHI;
The 18th November, 2016
Kartika 27, 1938 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

INDEX

(Ministry-wise)

Prime Minister	:	—
Atomic Energy	:	—
Development of North Eastern Region	:	—
Earth Sciences	:	—
External Affairs	:	95, 101,
Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation	:	—
Human Resource Development	:	91, 92, 96, 97, 98, 99, 103, 104, 105,
Information and Broadcasting	:	93,
Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	:	100,
Science and Technology	:	—
Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	:	—
Social Justice and Empowerment	:	—
Space	:	—
Statistics and Programme Implementation	:	102,
Urban Development	:	94.
Women and Child Development	:	—