

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Safety audits of atomic plants

961. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether safety audits are being conducted on all atomic power plants in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any private consulting firm is involved in the said audits, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these consulting firms charge an exorbitant fee for auditing, if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of fuel for atomic plants

962. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of fuel for atomic power plants in the country;

(b) if so, by when the country is likely to become self-dependent in the field of atomic fuel; and

(c) the quantity of uranium imported from various countries and expenditures incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year, country-wise and year-wise?

Health hazards due to radiation from uranium mines

963. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether radiation from uranium mines in Jharkhand is crippling children and the habitants near uranium mines are suffering from severe diseases caused by radiations, if so, the details thereof and the details of remedial action taken by the respective agencies;

(b) the details of the affected habitants living in the proximity of such radiation

sources and the type of illness with the grade of its severity, mine-wise and stage-wise; and

(c) the details of health hazards in such areas and actions contemplated to tackle them?

Extradition request for fugitives hiding abroad

964. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of our extradition requests for fugitives hiding abroad is pending with various foreign countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to bring back those fugitives and take due legal action against them?

Indo-Sri Lanka joint working group on fisheries

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Sri Lanka have reached an agreement on establishing a joint working group on fisheries to resolve the dispute between fishermen of both the countries; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

Locked in Face off with Chinese army in Ladakh

966. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese People Liberation Army has been locked in face off with Indian soldiers in Demchok sector in Ladakh

division and stopped the work of irrigation canal and other civil work in the first week of November, 2016, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese authorities, if so, the details thereof and the response of China thereto and the outcome thereof?

Permanent membership of international forums

967. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has applied for or wish to apply for permanent membership of various international forums like Sanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) etc.;

(b) what would be the benefit of joining these international forums, the details thereof, forum-wise; and

(c) what steps Government has taken in this regard, the details thereof, forum-wise?

Telegu people stranded in Iraq

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn to the matter of Telugu people stranded in Erbil in Iraq as their visa are lapsed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to bring them back to India,

if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received by the Ministry in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to rescue and bringing them back to India?

Setting houses of Hindus on fire in Bangladesh

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of setting houses of Hindus on fire and vandalising the temples at Brahmanbaria district in Bangladesh have come before the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of attacks on Hindus and places of worship of Hindus in Bangladesh during the last three years and whether matter of curbing such incidents and action against vandals has been raised with Bangladesh and if so, the details thereof?

Outcome of 17th NAM summit

970. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outcome of the 17th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in terms of its relevance for India's foreign policy; and

(b) whether Government acknowledges that the absence of our Prime Minister in the summit would impact India's standing within the 120-member group, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reports about illegal migrants abroad

971. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any reports about Indian citizens staying in various countries as illegal migrants, if so, the details thereof and the reasons which made them stay illegally; and

(b) the assistance being offered by the Indian diplomatic missions to help such immigrants in distress?

Time limit for police verification for passport

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

(a) whether Government is aware that various States are not sticking to desired time limit of 21 days to complete the police verification for issue of Passport and No-Objection Certificate required for No Objection to Return to India (NORI) certificate, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there are specific instructions to mandate the State Governments to complete the police verification in the desired time limit?

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Talks on terrorism during BRICS summit

†973. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of cornering Pakistan on terrorism issue in Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) summit, China and Russia did not support India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, whether it constitutes India's diplomatic failure; and

(c) if not, the comments of BRICS countries on Pakistan fostering the growth of terrorism?

Border disputes with neighbouring countries

974. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of border disputes between India and its neighbouring countries including China and Pakistan;

(b) whether a high degree of mistrust continues between India and its neighbours mainly due to border disputes;

(c) if so, the steps taken to solve these disputes; and

(d) the details of the policy initiatives taken by Government in the last more than one year to have cordial relations with our neighbours?

Relationship with neighbouring countries

975. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our relationship with our immediate neighbours in the recent past is not so smooth; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to improve it?

Labourers from Poorvanchal and Uttar Pradesh stuck in UAE

†976. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that labourers of Poorvanchal and Uttar Pradesh are stuck in UAE;

(b) if so, the details of the system in place for taking speedy action in such matters and the number of complaints of labourers received on the 'Madad' website of the Ministry; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Labourers being less educated are unable to file complaints on Ministry's website, and if so, the details thereof?

Talks with China on terrorist attack on Indian soil

977. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had communicated China about the recent terrorists attacks on Indian soil when the Prime Minister met the Chinese President at the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Goa; and

(b) if so, the response of China on terrorism in the sub-continent?

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Installing gadgets in fishermen boats

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

(a) how many Indian fishermen have been arrested in the foreign waters due to drifting during the year ending October, 2016;

(b) whether this seems to be a regular feature, if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to ensure that the poor fishermen do not go astray in the sea; and

(c) whether the Minister considers installing some gadget in their boats which may indicate when drifting away from Indian water into the international waters, which would save them from getting arrested in the foreign waters?

Consultation with China for Membership of NSG

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

(a) whether any consultations with China on the membership of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) was held in the recently concluded G-20 Summit, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how does the Ministry look at recent statement by US Secretary of State John Kerry that by the end of this year India would become a member of the NSG; and

(c) how would the above happen when China has made it again clear in the first week of November that it would not allow India to become a member of NSG?

Workers rendered jobless and stranded in gulf countries

980. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers were rendered jobless and are stranded in Gulf countries, if so, the number of workers affected; and

(b) the diplomatic actions taken by Government for securing the recovery of unpaid dues by the employers and their safe return?

Difficulty in getting police verification for passport

981. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after taking more and more measures people are finding it difficult particularly in getting police verification, to obtain Passport;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received in this regard and also various other aspects in getting passport; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government to streamline the process of getting Passport and bringing the harassment at the hands of Police to a considerably lower level?

Indian bus driver torched in Australia

982. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian bus driver was torched in Brisbane, Australia recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many other persons/passengers were injured in the bus and whether it was an act of terrorism and whether any enquiry report received from the Australian Government;

(c) whether the issue was taken up with the Australian Government to provide compensation/relief to be given to his nearest relative; and

(d) if so, what is the compensation/relief provided to the Indian national driver, who was well known singer, and also by the Indian Government, with details?

Urban poor in Jharkhand

983. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of urban poor in India and in Jharkhand;

(b) the break up of urban poor in terms of categories like SC, ST, OBC and General for Jharkhand; and

(c) the details of upliftment of urban poor from below the poverty line during the last ten years?

Rise in the number of slum-dwellers

984. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the rise in the number of slum-dwellers in Indian cities;

(b) whether Government has introduced any scheme for relocating slum-dwellers or providing cheaper houses to them; and

(c) if so, the details of the same, if not, the reasons, therefor?

Surveys for demand of housing under PMAY

985. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many States/UTs have undertaken surveys for assessing demand of housing under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) (urban);

(b) what is the demand State-wise; and

(c) what are the major initiatives taken under this Yojana since its inception?

National Slum Rehabilitation Policy

986. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a National Slum Rehabilitation Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) if answer to (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when such a policy would be ready for implementation?

Funds for economically backward residents of urban areas

987. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intends to provide funds to the economically backward residents of urban areas for the construction of houses; and

(b) if so, the quantum of such funds to be provided per household/homeless for the construction of houses?

Maps listing earthquake vulnerability of locations

988. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Ministry have prepared maps listing earthquake vulnerability of locations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Fund to Tamil Nadu for construction of houses

989. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered 219 project proposals from Tamil Nadu with the central assistance of ₹ 667 crores of which ₹ 181 crores are only released in August, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken by Government to expedite the release of the remaining ₹ 486 crores to Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether Government has received any request for funds for any special project proposal from State Government of Tamil Nadu for the construction of 50,000 houses; and

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

Financial assistance to construct permanent house for BPL families

990. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has planned to provide financial assistance to construct a permanent house for BPL families under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in the last two years;

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

(c) the amount to be spent so far?

Scheme for improving the conditions of slum-dwellers

†991. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps in order to provide essential basic facilities like sewage system, healthy environment, electricity, water, etc. to the slum-dwellers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Time-bound action plan for eradication of urban poverty

†992. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for preparing a

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time bound action plan for eradication of urban poverty from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Audit of violations of UGC regulations by Deemed Universities

993. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertook audit regarding violations of provisions of 4 to 4.12 contained in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 by the Deemed Universities across the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether any shortcomings/ violations were noted against any Deemed Universities, if so, the details thereof?

Linking of autonomy of Universities to their performance

994. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to linking the autonomy of higher education institutions to their performance as measured by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to divide universities into three categories on the basis of their NIRF rankings; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the first will be most autonomous while the last will require more regulation, if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of annual examination for class V and VIII

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the learning outcome has deteriorated with the implementation of the no-detention policy from class I to class VIII; and

(b) if so, whether Government in consultation with State Governments proposes to introduce annual examination for class V and VIII, if so, the details thereof?

Revamping of University Grants Commission

996. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has been assigned with the task of preparing a proposal to revamping the University Grants Commission, if so, objectives behind this move;

(b) whether the Aayog has also been entrusted the job of preparation of roadmap for 20 world class institutions in the country;

(c) if so, the institutions identified for this purpose; and

(d) how this roadmap is proposed to be implemented?

**Teaching of German language in
Kendriya Vidyalaya**

997. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

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

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Goethe Institute (Max-Mueller Bhawan) for teaching of German language was entered into some time back;

(b) if so, the number of students who studied German language under the MoU during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the MoU is not being renewed now; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and its likely impact on preparing Indian youth for a globalised world?

**Inter-University Centres for Teacher
Education in Kakinada, Andhra
Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC is planning to set up Inter-University Centres for Teacher Education in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, to give impetus to teachers education, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is going to become operational?

Appointment of Directors in IIMs

999. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
SWAIN:
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

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

(a) whether the post of directors in most of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have been lying vacant presently, if so, the name of these IIMs;

(b) whether the process of recruitment of directors have started, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been set by Government to complete the process of appointment of these directors, if so, the details thereof?

**Courses without approval of
AICTE**

1000. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) sends periodically list of institutions running courses without its approval to State Government for taking action;

(b) if so, what action is taken against them;

(c) whether AICTE receives any compliance report from them; and

(d) if not, what is the follow-up action taken?

Teacher student ratio in the country

†1001. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target for teacher-student ratio in primary schools under Right to Education in the whole country including Madhya Pradesh has been fixed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been a decrease in the above ratio in other schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas, if so, the details of the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether funds have been allocated on above issue by Government and whether teachers have been appointed; and

(d) if so, the details of the teachers appointed and funds allocated, State-wise?

Intermediate education in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

1002. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce Intermediate education in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) throughout the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any representation from the State of Telangana with regard to sanction of necessary funds for starting Intermediate education in KGGV in the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Ministry to the request and the quantum of funds being allocated for this purpose, State-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

Divyang friendly educational institution

1003. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to direct the schools/educational institutions in the country to make them Divyang friendly, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has allocated funds to all such schools/educational institutions towards making them Divyang friendly; and

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

Vacant post of Directors in IIMs

†1004. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to make its major educational institutions of global standards;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the post of Director is lying vacant in 10 IIMs out of 20 IIMs institutions including Bengaluru; and

(c) if so, how the Government would make its major educational institutions world class in such a situation, the details thereof?

Posts vacant in Delhi University

†1005. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of professor, associate professor and assistant

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professor are lying vacant in University of Delhi;

(b) if so, since when such posts are vacant and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when appointments would be made for the post of assistant professor in various colleges of University of Delhi including Deshbandhu college?

Telugu Vidyapeeth in Guntur

1006. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for establishment of Telugu Vidyapeeth in Guntur, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action has been initiated by the Ministry in this regard, the details thereof?

Scholarship for research students

1007. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many scholarships have been sanctioned by Government for research students during 2015-16 and 2016-17 and how many of these have been awarded so far;

(b) how much is the scholarship per head per year:

(c) whether there are complaints that qualified students were not awarded scholarship;

(d) the number of SC, ST, OBC and minority students among the awardees; and

(e) whether universities/Vice

Chancellors have authority to stop payment of such scholarship, if so, for what reasons?

Student Unions in Central Universities

1008. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the Central Universities are not having elected Student Unions; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there are any plans to conduct elections there?

Decrease in scholarships for minority students

1009. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decrease in the number of scholarship given to minority students in the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of hostel and affordable accommodation facilities for students

1010. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that students who hail from other States and want to pursue their studies from University of Delhi face shortage of hostel and affordable accommodation facilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government and Delhi University have taken or propose to take to provide hostel and affordable accommodation facilities to such students?

Efficient functioning of UGC

1011. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any concrete steps to make the functioning of University Grants Commission (UGC) more efficient; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Criteria for appointments of Vice-Chancellors

1012. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any systemic approach to eliminate the politicization of appointments at educational posts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including criterion laid out for qualifications and appointment of Vice-Chancellors?

End to no-detention Policy

1013. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representations favouring an end to no-detention policy till Class VII;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken a view on the issue in view of decline in educational levels; and

(c) whether the Central Government has consulted the States on the subject and propose to amend the RTE Act?

Blocking of admission seat by students

1014. SHRI T.RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to do away with the refund of one lakh rupees to students;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the amount used for blocking admission seat was not being taken seriously by students as almost 95 per cent of it is refunded; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to allow students to register again and mark fresh option, if so, the details thereof?

Low enrolment of female students in higher education

1015. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that proportion of enrolment of female students in higher education in the age group of 18-23 is abysmally low, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government undertook any study to assess the reasons for the gender disparity in enrolment at higher education between males and females, if so, the details thereof?

Reservation for faculty jobs in IIMs

1016. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to enforce reservation for faculty jobs in IIMs, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons, therefor specially when Government has decided to enhance the higher education in this country?

Training for administrative officers of Central Universities

1017. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to give comprehensive training for administrative officers of Central Universities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) who would provide training package for them, in order to develop a vision for excellence in higher education and institutional ranking;

(c) whether they would also be given training to deal with students community, especially dalit students with humane face, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the total amount estimated to be spent on their training in all respects?

Committee for New Education Policy

1018. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ministry is planning to constitute a new committee for formulating the New Education Policy which is likely to be headed by an educationist, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what elements, if any, are going to be retained for implementation from the prior draft policy document which is invited for suggestions from the public as well?

Schemes for educational development of poor people

1019. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) schemes formulated by Government for the educational development of economically backward classes and the poor people of the country;

(b) the amount of funds allocated by Government under such schemes; and

(c) the criteria adopted by Government for proper utilisation of funds allocated for such schemes in the country?

Forceful participation in Scouts and Guides in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1020. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether participation in Scouts and Guides (S&G) in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is purely voluntary according to guidelines;

(b) if so, whether KVS asks for willingness of teachers/staff before deputing them for S&G;

(c) whether teachers are given exemptions from attending S&G on any grounds including medical;

(d) whether teachers of KVS are forced to join the training by coercive tactics/threat of initiating disciplinary action;

(e) if so, whether forceful participation in S&G has been raised at different levels including Joint Consultative Machinery; and

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

Right to Quality Education Act

1021. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to replace the current RTE Act with Right to Quality Education Act;

(b) if so, by when the new legislation would be brought before Parliament; and

(c) what are the salient features of the Bill?

Anomalies in payment of salaries in private universities

†1022. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether guest professors in private universities are not being paid salary as per the norms of University Grants Commission (UGC);

(b) whether there are serious anomalies in the payment of salaries of professors of most of the private universities;

(c) whether salary is shown as ₹ 20 to 25 thousands in inspection for affiliation and recognition, whereas ₹ 250 to 300 is paid per class; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Higher and technical education to girls

†1023. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering seriously to provide higher and technical education apart from primary education to girls;

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

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

Introduction of new portal for examination

†1024. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating introduction of a new portal regarding exams for the benefit of the students in all the universities on the lines of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Uttar Pradesh (AKTU);

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

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Motihari and Nalanda as education hub

†1025. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether Government has given approval to any proposal to make Motihari and Nalanda in Bihar as education hub; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan in Uttar Pradesh

1026. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of 225 State High Schools in 2013-14 and 258 schools in 2015-16 has been approved by the Government under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in Uttar Pradesh under funding pattern of 60:40 ratio;

(b) the amount so far approved and released for providing infrastructure in these schools; and

(c) the time by which the remaining amount is proposed to be released, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Dwindling reading habit amongst students and public

1027. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that many important book stores of repute in Delhi and elsewhere are closing, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that reading habit amongst the students and the public does not dwindle?

Low level of education in Government schools

†1028. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a survey conducted by Education Directorate under Chunauti 2018, according to which 46 per cent of class VI students of Government schools of Delhi cannot read the books prescribed for class II students, 67 per cent students cannot do simple multiplication and 13 per cent students do not recognise alphabets;

(b) if so, whether such condition is due to lack of interest among students or faulty educational system;

(c) the steps taken to make education simple and interesting; and

(d) whether Government would make any efforts to improve the level of education throughout the country?

Different syllabus of different Boards

1029. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the school children of different boards are burdened with heavy weight school bags;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the subjects and syllabus of CBSE, ICSE, ISC and state boards are different and thus creates over-exhaustion to the children; and

(c) if so, the proposal of Government in this regard?

Increasing intake of students in IITs

1030. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) have a current strength of 10572 students;

(b) whether there is a proposal to increase this strength to 11,100 from the 2017 session;

(c) whether it is a fact that the IITs are not able to recruit faculty of high talent to meet academic needs and the increased intake of students;

(d) to what extent IITs would face declining academic standards and poorer scholastic achievements; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that quality of teaching staff and academic do not decline?

Dropout students in Assam tea garden

1031. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dropouts in Assam, especially in tea garden areas are very high;

(b) if so the details thereof and the number of drop out students after primary

level and secondary level during the each years from 2013-14 to 2016-17 in Assam, tea garden-wise;

(c) the reasons for dropouts in tea garden; and

(d) the step been taken by Government to reduce the number of dropout students?

Board exam for class X

1032. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether doing away of the Class-X board exam six years back has affected academic standards adversely;

(b) whether the CBSE Class-X Board exams were scrapped to reduce pressure on students; and

(c) if so, what balanced approach to this issue would be adopted by the Ministry?

Mahila Lekhak Protsahan Yojana

1033. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Mahila Lekhak Protsahan Yojana under which it will publish the first work of women authors in English or any of the 22 Indian languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the Committee which shall scrutinize the work submitted for publishing;

(c) the criteria which would be used by the Committee to scrutinize the work for acceptance to publish; and

(d) whether applications would be collected only from women below the age of 40, if so, the reasons therefor?

Evaluation for Board examination

1034. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to discontinue the practice of re-evaluation of marks for all subjects from 2017, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the composition of the internal committee that would be constituted to scrutinize the genuine complaints seeking re-evaluation; and

(c) the current method of evaluation and whether Government has considered any other method for evaluation for the board exams of class 10th and 12th, if so, the details thereof?

Vacant seats in AKTU, Uttar Pradesh

†1035. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interest of students has reduced in Engineering courses in the country;

(b) the number of students who took admissions in B. Tech and MBA in each year against number of seats available in Government and Non-Government technical institutes in the last three years and current year;

(c) whether most of the seats in non-Government technical Institutes under Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), Uttar Pradesh are remaining vacant, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to promote technical education and the results thereof?

Promotion of technological innovations in IITs

1036. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country have a separate unit for promotion of technological innovations and what has been the state of budgetary allocation to these units over the years;

(b) whether there has been any attempt of evaluating the performance of these units/cells to promote innovation;

(c) the IITs that have performed better on innovation front;

(d) whether IITs keep any track as to how many of the innovations conceived by IIT students have been successfully converted into a business proposition; and

(e) the view of the Ministry about the issues responsible for non-conversion of innovative concepts into business propositions?

Review of syllabus in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

†1037. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether any review of syllabus of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas has been done by Government over the last few years;

(b) the extent to which Government is cautious about conducting review of syllabus in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya for quality and all-round development of these institutes in this era of globalisation; and

(c) policy of Government to promote sports in these Vidyalayas, and the details thereof?

Central Universities sanctioned and started recently

1038. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities that have been sanctioned in the country recently, State-wise;

(b) the number of these universities where teaching has started, building has been constructed or is under construction;

(c) the total sanctioned strength of non-teaching staff in the said universities; and

(d) whether it would be increased as per demand of the universities and if so, the details thereof?

Unaffordable education for poor

1039. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scarcity of public financed education an exorbitant fees of private institutions make education

unaffordable to a vast majority and leads to poor Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Inadequate higher education institutions

1040. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we are unable to match the demand of our exploding cohort of youth population with the adequate availability of higher education institutions as against 1500 institutions projected by National Knowledge Commission, we have just 750; and

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

Income ceiling for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1041. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the income ceiling for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas is likely to be prescribed;

(b) the number of low income group students enrolled in Kendriya Vidyalayas at present and whether the Government is considering to increase their number; and

(c) whether the wards of Government officials would also be included in the purview of income ceiling?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fake universities in country

†1042. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several fake
universities are operating in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such fake
universities and number of years these have
been operational;

(c) the number of students earning their
degrees from these so far and whether any
record is available to show the problems
being faced by degree holders because of
their fake degrees; and

(d) the details of action taken against
fake universities during last one decade?

Incentives to award winning students of FTII

1043. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the students of the Film
and Television Institute of India (FTII) have
received several national and international
awards during the last three years and the
current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps/programmes taken up by
Government to incentivise and encourage
the students of FTII with a view to augment
their creative performance?

Channels banned under Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act

1044. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will
the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances where
television news channels have been banned
under the Cable Television Networks
(Regulation) Act, 1995 and the
corresponding Code; and

(b) the details of the grounds on which
such channels were banned, the duration of
the ban, and the authorities involved in
determining such bans, in the past three
years?

Committee of officials to look into conduct of a media unit

1045. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will
the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to
give full powers to a committee of officials
in the Ministry to silence a media unit
temporarily;

(b) whether Government chose not to
give even a semblance of impartiality in
taking such a decision;

(c) why the decision making authority
was not reposed in an independent
committee of judicial or quasi-judicial
nature; and

(d) whether Government by this act is
arming itself with authoritarian powers in
the name of defending national security and
suppressing terrorism?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

E-auction of FM radio phase III channels

1046. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted e-auction of the second batch of private FM radio phase III channels recently;

(b) if so, the details of the companies that participated in the e-auction and the cities for which license to operate FM channels were granted to those companies; and

(c) whether Government imposed any new condition regarding the content of programmes viz., compulsory inclusion of educational programmes, current affairs programme, which will be of immense help to students, of new FM channels which were auctioned recently, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Monthly charges for television channels

1047. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI has decided to examine the tariff structure so that the business models provide all consumers freedom to choose from an array of attractive and affordable a-la-carte channels and bundled broadcast TV services as per their preferences and paying capacity, if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(b) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the monthly charges to view television channels?

Ignoring advertisement in vernacular language

1048. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether less than 7 per cent Indians are proficient in English and more than 30 per cent of advertising expenditure is reserved for them, ignoring the 93 per cent population who are proficient in vernacular language, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the figures for last five years of percentage advertisements spent by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) language-wise, publication-wise, State-wise, population-wise as against the percentage mandated in previous policy; and

(c) whether English papers from Delhi are taking more than 25 per cent of the budget of advertisement whereas Delhi has less than 1 per cent of India's population?

Induction of disabled candidates in civil services

1049. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled candidates selected by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in the civil services who were not allotted any service in the last three years and the current year, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any plans have been/are being formulated by Government to ensure that the physically disabled candidates are smoothly inducted in the civil services?

CBI investigation in VYAPAM scam

1050. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the CBI is investigating the VYAPAM scam in Madhya Pradesh, if so, the progress of this investigation and how long it would take to complete it?

Long pendency of RTI appeals

1051. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long pendency of Right to Information (RTI) appeals at various levels in the Court of various State RTI Commissioners;

(b) if so, the details of pendency of waiting cases for hearing in the Court of various State Commissioners, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government would take to expedite the pendency, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Warning to Employees Associations for criticizing Government Policies

†1052. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Unions have been warned by Government of stringent action against them, if they criticize Government's policies, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the reasons for issuing a circular under which Employees Unions have been warned against criticizing Government?

Retrenchment of OBC candidates selected by UPSE

†1053. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of retrenchment of those OBC candidates selected by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in Civil Services Examination 2015 whose parents earn more than six lakh rupees has been started on the pretext that they fall under the creamy layer, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the rule for creamy layer would apply in such cases where the parents/guardians of a candidate have legally disinherited him or they would be treated differently, the details thereof?

Cases of corruption against officers

1054. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of corruption against the officers and employees of various Ministries/Departments of Union Government under investigation by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and courts for the last three years; and

(b) the action taken against such officers and employees by Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Committees/Boards constituted under PMO

1055. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted various committees and boards, councils under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and associated establishments;

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

(c) whether Government is taking effective steps to expedite the process of appointment of Directors/Members to such committees; and

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

Reforms in functioning of administration

1056. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is imperative to bring about major reforms in the functioning of Government services to extend the proper benefit of development of the country to all the sections of the society, if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether economically weakest sections of society are not getting the benefits due to shortcomings in the functioning of administration at the Central and State level in the country and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Strength of IAS officers in Andhra Pradesh

1057. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sanctioned strength of IAS officers in Andhra Pradesh is 211;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh has presently 171 IAS officers;

(c) what are the reasons for such high number of vacancies and the efforts being made by Government to fill in the vacancies; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake strength by taking into account the vacancies in Andhra Pradesh and other States so as to fill in the gap?

Uploading of Government data for public scrutiny

1058. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Government data have not yet been digitized and uploaded for public scrutiny, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether complaints have been received by Government regarding non-disclosure of information; and

(c) if so, the details of number of complaints regarding non-disclosure, region-wise, over the past three years?

Popularization of science and technology inventions

1059. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to popularize science and technology inventions by our scientists in the country; and

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

Nano Science and Technology Mission

†1060. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nano Science and Technology Mission programme is being run by the Central Government to encourage research and development in emerging sector of science and technology, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there has been tremendous progress in fundamental research promotion and in the field of development of research infrastructure in the last two years under this Mission and if so, the details thereof?

Indiscriminate filing of Indian and foreign patents

1061. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has recently given out a stern message to its laboratories to avoid indiscriminate filing of Indian and foreign patents;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to put in place a system and process so that worthless patents are not filed and demonetization of patents is pursued vigorously?

Innovative way to fortify rice

1062. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Biotechnology has developed an innovative way to fortify rice with iron and other nutrients, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to take forward the rice fortification model to all parts of the country to deal with nutritional deficiency among the women and children?

Jobs under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

†1063. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana; and

(b) the type and number of new jobs likely to be created under this scheme?

Skill Development Centre in each Constituency

1064. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up skill development centres across the country to encourage enthusiastic youth to become entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to establish at least one Skill Development Centre in each of the Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for each constituency and the quantum of funds released so far?

Apprenticeship under NSDM

1065. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youths provided training and apprenticeship under National Skill Development Mission(NSDM) till 31st October, 2016, State-wise; and

(b) the name of the States ranking-wise on the basis of their performance of National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) programmes?

Modification of PMKVY as Skill Development Component

1066. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) has been modified as Skill Development Component, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the modification in nomenclature and objectives of PMKVY;

(b) the details of skill areas which are covered under this scheme; and

(c) the details of target and

achievements under PMKVY, since its commencement till date State/UT-wise?

Vocational training programmes under Corporate Social Responsibility

1067. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has met the target of providing vocational training to eligible candidates under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) programme;

(b) if so, the number of candidates benefited under the said programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of candidates who passed out and have been employed based on NSDC vocational training in the country during the said period year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has tied up with various industrial associations like FICCI, CII to run such vocational training programmes under their mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions, if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development Centres in Jharkhand

1068. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up Skill Development

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Centres in Jharkhand to encourage enthusiastic youth to become entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and released so far; and

(c) the number of centres opened in the State so far?

Jobs through Skill India Scheme

1069. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the main focus of Skill India Scheme is to create jobs for the youth of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of sectors where jobs are created and number of youth likely to be benefited under the scheme;

(c) the number and details of trades which are available for youth to be trained in and to provide jobs, trade-wise and salary-wise; and

(d) whether any salary or incentive has been paid to trainees and if so, the details thereof?

Skill development programme for urban poor

1070. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started skill development programme for training the urban poor to increase their

employment opportunities, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has included private players in this scheme for provision of vocational training to urban poor, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures taken by NSDC to enhance soft skills

1071. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that candidates for employment significantly lack soft skills and this worsens their chances of being hired;

(b) what are the measures taken by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and other associated skill development institutes to curb this gap;

(c) whether they have proven to be effective; and

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

Employment to persons with disabilities

1072. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focusing on generating or providing employment to persons with disabilities; and

(b) if so, whether schemes are being implemented for skill development and vocational training of persons with disabilities and the details thereof, State-wise?

National Action Plan for skill training to physically handicapped

†1073. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government cannot deny promotion on the basis of disability, if so, the number of complaints pending regarding promotion of physically handicapped and the number of complaints redressed, the details thereof for the last two years; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a national action plan was announced in March, 2015 to provide skill training to physically handicapped to improve their job opportunities in public and private sectors, if so, the details of progress made in this regard?

De-addiction centres in all districts

†1074. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to open de-addiction centres in all the districts of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such districts where such de-addiction centres are operational;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that voluntary organisations do not take any interest in setting up of such de-addiction centres due to excessive formalities involved therein;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to relax these formalities; and

(e) whether Government has decided to increase grants to such de-addiction centres which are already operational?

Survey project of street based drug dependent children

1075. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry funded any survey project of street based drug dependent children in Delhi to Delhi Government;

(b) if so, the interim report of this survey;

(c) the action plan to prevent substance abuse among children in the country; and

(d) how many de-addiction centres are functional in the country exclusively for children?

Committee for review of caste-based data

†1076. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been constituted to review the caste-based data contained in Socio-Economic-Caste Census-2011;

(b) if so, by when the Committee would submit its report; and

(c) whether Government proposes to make the caste-based data public in future, if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cost of construction of girls hostel

1077. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 2014-15, State Government of Rajasthan had submitted proposals for Central assistance for construction of hostel buildings for SC, ST and OBC;

(b) if so, whether Government intends to sanction those proposals and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would bear 100 per cent cost of construction of girls hostel under Babu Jagjeevan Ram Hostel Scheme?

(a) whether it is a fact that total number of fellowships for Divyangs undergoing M. Phil or Ph. D is mere 200 in a year and many do not get the fellowship considering the length and breadth of the country;

(b) whether Government maintains any data on the number of applications received and those denied the fellowship every year, if so, the details for the last three academic sessions; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to increase the number of fellowships so that none of the eligible Divyang candidates is denied fellowship to pursue higher studies?

Establishment of Composite Regional Centre

1078. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had agreed to establish a Composite Regional Centre (CRC) in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government intends to grant administrative and financial sanction for the CRC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fellowship for Divyangs undergoing M. Phil or Ph. D.

1079. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

Social security schemes for poor

1080. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is implementing schemes/programmes for providing social security to the poor and most disadvantaged section of the society;

(b) if so, funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose along with the number of beneficiaries during each of the last three years and the current year for North Eastern Region (NER);

(c) whether Government has discontinued some of the social security schemes, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has evaluated the performance/effectiveness of the schemes/programmes and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Scheme of pre-matric stipend

†1081. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme of providing pre-matric stipend is run by State Governments for persons engaged in sanitation and other health hazard occupations for which 100 per cent central assistance is provided, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether States have fully utilized the Central assistance provided under this scheme during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Education problem of people belonging to Nomadic tribe

1082. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people belonging to Nomadic tribe constantly move from one place to other for livelihood and there is serious problem of education of their children because of lack of education the next generation also remains backward and away from general stream;

(b) what steps Government is taking to educate these children; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to make these Nomadic people stable and yet earn livelihood?

Achievements of the Ministry

1083. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the Ministry in the last two years;

(b) whether presentation before the Prime Minister made about the Ministry included last two years' achievements, if so, the details thereof;

(c) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled;

(d) what are the targets set for the coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;

(e) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(f) the details of core areas, the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years?

Deployment of rover on Lunar surface

1084. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is bracing to deploy rover on lunar surface, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the wheeled rover would be useful in pursuing multiple applications by collecting soil and rock sediments; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ISRO has not yet finalized the timing of its launch?

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Objectives of Second Indian Mars Orbiter Mission-2

1085. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Second Indian Mars Orbiter Mission MOM-2 and by what time, it would be achieved;

(b) what are additional experiments that would be undertaken in MOM-2, and what is the payload limit; and

(c) in what way, it would be different from MOM-1, the details thereof?

ISRO conducting critical bailout test

1086. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up to conduct a critical crew bailout test to see how fast and effectively the crew module of an intended space mission could be punched out from the spacecraft in the event of an emergency; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that while the overall aim is to master the technology that aims at rescuing the crew if a launch is aborted at any stage, the present test would try out the scenario of aborting a launch at the pad itself, if so, the details thereof?

Funds for dengue vaccine trial

1087. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is not committing to the required fund balance

for dengue vaccine trials despite the fact that there is a national crisis with dengue cases at their peaks, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to take any measures to provide necessary funding for the project given the gravity of the situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Inconsistencies in data compilation

1088. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after reworking and re-basing of many key statistical indicators recently, there still have been rampant contradictions and inconsistencies on sets of data compiled, reflecting poorly on the credibility of methodology;

(b) whether Government has proposed to overhaul the process of economic data gathering to facilitate a realistic review of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and

(c) whether China having faced a similar situation earlier, now relies more on data such as electricity consumption, railway freight and bank loans than GDP estimates?

Survey for average family income in the country

†1089. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last survey carried out on average family income in the country,

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and the details of average family income of rural and urban regions, including Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people, State-wise;

(b) the increase or decrease in average income of rural and urban families in last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the programmes being run by Government to increase average income in rural regions, the details of new employment generated in rural regions in last three years?

Monitoring of basic infrastructure mega projects

1090. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of basic infrastructural mega projects such as rail and road projects has gone up due to delays in their completion;

(b) if so, the number of years since when such projects have remained in the pipeline, project-wise along with the total cost overruns so far;

(c) the total number of such mega projects which have been scrapped due to increase in their costs with details; and

(d) the steps taken by Government so far to monitor and expedite completion of the projects?

Allotment of land to consumer cooperative societies

1091. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the land allotment policy of Government;

(b) whether it is the policy of Government to allot land at subsidized rates to consumer cooperative societies for commercial purposes without auction in Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Secretary (Urban Development) has discretionary power to allot Central Government property and shops to cooperative societies for commercial purposes without inviting tender and if so, the details thereof?

Plan to transfer markets to MCD

1092. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to transfer markets of Delhi under Land and Development Office, Directorate of Estate and CPWD to MCDs in contravention of the Gazette notification dated 24th March, 2006;

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

(c) the reasons therefor?

Modification in freehold schemes by DDA

1093. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times and on which dates did DDA modify the scheme of conversion from leasehold to freehold and how many times converted flats to freehold flats were changed, date-wise and year-wise;

(b) what was the need to modify the scheme;

(c) when was the scheme last modified;

(d) the number of registrants who got converted their flats from leasehold to freehold; and

(e) the details of DDA's SFS and NPRS 1979 flats whose location and floor have been changed?

Selection of Model cities

1094. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Model cities selected, the details of their names, State-wise; and

(b) the source of money released and its impact on ground?

Latest position of smart cities

†1095. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:
SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of the smart cities announced, State-wise in the country and the measures taken so far, to make them smart, including financial resources provided for the same; and

(b) the concept of 'Smart' with reference to infrastructure, road, power, drinking water, health, education and transport in relation to (a) above?

Completion of developmental work in smart cities

1096. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of smart cities in which development work is complete; and

(b) the details thereof?

Funds spent on developing smart cities

1097. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of funds allocated and funds spent on developing smart cities during the Financial Year 2016-17; and

(b) the details thereof?

Opening of Phase 3 of Delhi Metro

1098. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of Delhi Metro's Phase 3 project and when it will be opened for public in phases;

(b) whether line from Janakpuri West to Botanical Garden would be operational by January, 2017 as per the original schedule, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what would be the increase in the number of commuters after Phase 3 and what is the total number of commuters in Phase 1 and Phase 2 lines, in the last three years, year-wise; and

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(d) the steps taken to cope up with increase in the number of commuters, with details?

Slow work on Kochi Metro

1099. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Kochi Metro has slowed down after the present Government came to power in that State; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Resource transfer to urban centres

1100. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no clear-cut mechanism or regular resource transfers to urban centres in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in the light of absence of clear-cut mechanism how would Government go ahead with creation of Smart City projects; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Identification of 500 cities under AMRUT

1101. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), 500 cities were to be identified by Government in 2015 for improving

water supply, sewerage, storm water drainage, pedestrian, non-motorized and public transport facilities, parking spaces, and creating and upgrading green spaces, etc.;

(b) which are the cities identified under the Mission and funds earmarked during 2015-16 and 2016-17 including the expenditure incurred during 2015-16; and

(c) the physical progress achieved under the scheme so far and the target date fixed for completion of works initiated?

NAM Summit in Venezuela

1102. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister did not attend this year's Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) Summit at Venezuela; and

(b) if so, the reasons for giving it a miss?

Increase in traffic jams in Delhi

1103. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal on mitigation of traffic on the ring roads/main roads in view of increasing jams in Delhi, is under consideration of Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any special study/research has been conducted by CRRI in order to decongest the roads, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make Delhi roads similar to those of mega cities of the world and to manage the increasing traffic, the details thereof?

Non-implementation of cadre review in CPWD

1104. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after introduction of cadre review in the year 2012, CPWD has failed to promote its staff of the ministerial cadre against the total sanctioned strength *in toto*;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the cadre review after a lapse of four years resulting in stagnation and agonies to the staff; and

(c) the time-frame proposed for complete implementation of cadre review to achieve the full strength in different categories of ministerial cadre of CPWD?

Multi-sectoral actions under BBBP scheme

1105. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the multi-sectoral actions focussed under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' (BBBP) scheme; and

(b) how many districts have been selected from Tamil Nadu under this scheme?

Ujjawala scheme

1106. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Ujjawala scheme; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries under this scheme so far?

Nutritional guidelines for children

1107. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exists considerable vagueness with regard to nutritional guidelines for children in India;

(b) whether the Ministry has ever issued any such authenticated nutritional guidelines for children, if so, the steps to make the general masses aware of the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Report on children living in extreme poverty

1108. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees with a report compiled by World Bank and UNICEF that, India is the home to over 30 per cent of almost 385 million children living in extreme poverty all over the world; and

(b) if not, what are the alternate views of Government?

Number of Anganwadi buildings with all facilities

†1109. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Anganwadi buildings constructed and taken on rent in the country and dimensions and type of constructed building with arrangement of facilities of playground, drinking water, toilet, etc.;

(b) with reference to above, the cost of construction of Government Anganwadi buildings and the State-wise number of Government buildings which will be made available for providing all the facilities in the remaining Anganwadi buildings and the time by when it will be made available; and

(c) the honorarium and facilities provided to Anganwadi workers, helpers in the country, State-wise?

Linking of Aadhaar with schemes on children

1110. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to link Aadhaar with a number of major schemes focused on children:

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

(c) the steps taken by Government for implementing the plan and for enrolment of children under Aadhaar?

Vacant posts of Members in NCPCR

1111. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to fill all the posts of Members in the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Training and sensitisation of Anti Human Trafficking Units

1112. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill covers all forms of trafficking including bonded labour and labour trafficking and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether this legislation would provide legal mandate for Anti Human Trafficking Units to have powers for rescue and prosecution; and

(c) if so, the details on training and sensitisation of Anti Human Trafficking Units on labour trafficking and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Mechanism to monitor the functioning of NGOs

1113. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for empowerment of women and child development through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in various States, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to monitor the functioning of NGOs working in this field and if so, the details thereof?

Study on the impact of Domestic Violence Act

1114. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has made any study on the impact of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken note of many false cases filed by wives against husbands and their relatives to settle score and if so, the total number of such cases during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop misuse of this Act; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to amend the Act to stop its misuse and if so, the details thereof?

Report of Rapid Survey on Children

1115. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malnutrition is one of India's most serious development challenges;

(b) if so, the report of the Rapid Survey on Children (RSOC) commissioned therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India loses over 1.2 billion dollars in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) due to vitamin and mineral deficiencies among the age group between 0 to 59 months?

Data on child marriage

1116. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is year-wise data available on number of child marriages in the last three years, if so, what are the numbers;

(b) if not, whether Government is planning to collect year-wise data of the same; and

(c) what further steps have been taken other than that of the previous Government to end child marriage?

Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana

1117. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the beneficiaries under the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana since, 2010, State and UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to create awareness of the scheme for improving the enrolment ratio;

(c) by when Government is planning to introduce this scheme in districts which are yet not covered; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in its expansion?

Setting up of 'One Stop Centre'

1118. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:
SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is in the process of setting up of 'One Stop Centre' (OSC) for women in every State under Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that OSCs have not been established in some of the States, if so, the details thereof, and the reasons for delay, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry envisages to have OSC in each district in the coming days; and

(d) if so, what action plan it has prepared for this purpose and the expected expenditure involved in this?

Measures undertaken on prevention of trafficking

1119. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister

of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate measures have been undertaken on prevention of trafficking at source district/areas;

(b) if so, whether these measures have been elaborated under the Draft Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016;

(c) if so, under which schemes have measures of prevention been outlines/ addressed; and

(d) if so, what measures have been adopted to ensure that adequate budgetary allocations are made, ensuring that these reach the district/village level?

Quality testing of foods under ICDS scheme

1120. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism put in place to check the quality of supplementary foods provided to States under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme;

(b) whether Government has issued guidelines to the States to conduct periodical test of the food supplements in laboratories to ensure their quality; and

(c) if so, the number of laboratories notified for the purpose by Government?

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