

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 25, 2016/Phalgun 6, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Parliamentary Affairs; 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

Adoption norms and rules

160. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children adopted in the country, State/UT-wise and year-wise since last three years;

(b) the number of children adopted in the country since last three years according to the age at which they were adopted; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to ensure ease of adopting children and making the process of adoption faster?

Yoga department in Universities

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

(a) whether there is a proposal for opening Yoga department in all the universities of the country if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the policy process in this regard has been started if so, the details thereof?

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Nuclear reactors from Russia

162. SHRI C.M. RAMESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of nuclear reactors of Russia coming up in the country, location-wise;

(b) whether Russia proposed to involve India in building nuclear reactors in the country; and

(c) if so, to what extent this would help to grow in atomic energy sector and become independent to construct our own reactors?

Safety concern of new nuclear power plants

163. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been security and safety concerns at some newly constructed and under construction nuclear power plants;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to address these issues; and

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

Shifting of nuclear power plant, Haripur

164. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nuclear power plant, Haripur is proposed to be shifted to Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether any consultations have been held with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard, if so, the response thereto?

Formulation of new nuclear programme

165. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently formulated a nuclear power programme to provide long-term energy security to the country based on the indigenous nuclear fuel resources; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which it stands at present?

Local participation in safety audit on exposure of radiation

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

(a) whether safety audit were made regarding individual and collective occupational exposures of radiation to workers and the handling of radio-active effluents from various plants, as approved by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether periodic inspection of units is being made with the involvement of representative of local public to create confidence among them, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider involving local representatives for confidence building and assurance of safety at nuclear installations, if so, the details thereof?

Roads and railway lines in North East

†167. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is executing the work of laying roads and railway lines in the North-Eastern States, particularly in the border areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has issued tenders in the North Eastern States for completion of road and railway projects, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these projects are proposed to be completed?

New projects for North-Eastern region

168. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state whether Government has sanctioned any new projects for the construction of highways, railway lines and airports in the north-east region, if so, details thereof?

Vulnerability of Delhi to earthquake

†169. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) how vulnerable is Delhi to major earthquake like Nepal and whether Delhi is designated as a category four seismic zone;

(b) whether safety awareness campaign is being rendered by Government in preparing citizens to respond to such situations;

(c) whether Government is doing enough to ensure compliance by building developers; and

(d) whether affordable housing policies by various State Governments have enough checks and balances to address the issue around earthquakes?

Hottest year on record globally

170. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether this year is not only in line to the hottest on record globally but also in India as per India Meteorological Department;

(b) whether the country has lived through its hottest September, October and November last year; and

(c) whether the countrywide mean temperature in November last year was 1.25 degree Celsius above normal, the highest ever for the month since record keeping began, if so, the details thereof?

Summer advisory by Meteorological Department

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

(a) whether the Meteorological Department has planned to come out for the first time ever, with a summer advisory on the lines of the usual monsoon outlook it releases at the end of June every year;

(b) whether the Meteorological summer advisory would be out by end of February and would forecast the mean average

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temperature likely across the country for the months of March, April and May; and

(c) whether the summer advisory would come handy for the industries to plan their power usage and provide market forecasts for refrigerator and air cooler industry?

Advancement in predicting natural calamities

172. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked any new initiatives aimed to bring in scientific and technological advancement in predicting natural calamities like earth quakes, floods and cyclones, abnormal weather, unseasonal rains etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of countries and Government agencies abroad who have signed MoU with India for providing technological support in this regard;

(c) the priority sectors earmarked for the next three years while strengthening India's agro based industries, maritime trade and transport and coastal security; and

(d) the roles and responsibilities and the other stake-holders in this regard?

Expenditure on foreign trips of Prime Minister

173. SHRIDEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure on trips to foreign countries by the Prime Minister since taking office in 2014, trip-wise; and

(b) the expenditure on foreign trips and the number of countries visited by each Prime Minister during the last three years?

Indian lodged in jails of Pakistan

174. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians currently lodged in jails of Pakistan and since when, the details thereof for less than five years, more than five years but less than ten years, more than ten years but less than fifteen years, and more than fifteen years;

(b) whether our consulates in Pakistan have all relevant details of all Indian prisoners and whether they extend all legal/ financial support to such prisoners, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Indian fishermen detained/in jails in Pakistan, as of now, and the efforts made to secure their release?

Fleeing of people in the name of Haj

175. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Al-khidmat Welfare Foundation Trust Khizrabad, New Delhi has fleeced a number of people of lakhs of rupees in the name of sending them to Haj pilgrimage; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken in the matter so far?

Indians arrested in China

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

(a) whether China has detained many

Indians for terrorist links, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether India has taken up this issue with the Chinese Government and if so, the details thereof?

Prisoners of War lodged in Pakistani jails

177. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Prisoners of War still lodged in the Pakistani jails, as per the latest figures available with Government; and

(b) the latest steps taken by Government to bring them back?

Indian taken hostage by militants

178. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Indian are held as hostage in various countries by terrorist, militant groups operating in those countries, if so, the details thereof, country-wise and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to free those Indians who are held as hostages?

Ambassadors/High Commissioners other than IFS Officers

179. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether persons from different walks of life are also appointed as Ambassadors/High Commissioners of India

other than Indian Foreign Services (IFSs), if so, which are those nations and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the reaction of the IFS Cadre Officers thereto?

Nuclear pact with Japan

180. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Japan have signed a nuclear pact during the visit of Japanese Prime Minister to India recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the nuclear agreement, if signed, would be a major signal of India's position on the world stage about India's refusal to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, if so, the details thereof?

Detention of Sashastra Seema Bal personnel by Nepal

181. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has detained 13 Sashastra Seema Bal personnel recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up this issue with Nepal Government, if so, the details thereof?

Relationship between India and Nepal

182. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the relationship between Nepal and India has deteriorated during the

last few months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Nepal and India has taken an initiative to improve their relationship during the recent visit of the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal to the country, if so, the details thereof?

Extradition treaty with Singapore

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

(a) whether in a rare gesture Thailand has decided to extradite people which India wanted for trial in India for the crime committed in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India and Singapore have not signed any extradition treaty; and

(c) whether both the countries are considering to sign the extradition treaty in view of people of both the countries who committed crime taking shelter in the other country, if so, the details thereof?

Exchange of information between India and China on terror activities

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

(a) whether India and China has agreed to exchange information on terror activities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether both the countries have decided to resume the missed telecom links, if so, the details thereof?

Indians injured/killed in foreign countries

185. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians injured or

killed during various tragedies in foreign countries in each of the last three years and current year, details thereof, country-wise and State-wise, especially from Punjab;

(b) the number of Indians suffered in these tragedies who have been brought back by Government;

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to help the Indian citizens caught up in adverse conditions in foreign countries; and

(d) whether Government is planning to create a separate fund to help these victims, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Appreciation of India's humanitarian rescue operation in Yemen

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

(a) whether the Royal Navy of the UK has conveyed its appreciation of India's humanitarian rescue operations conducted in Yemen in April, 2015 named Operation Raahat; and

(b) whether UK has sought to obtain more details on the stellar rescue operations conducted by Indian forces in strife torn Yemen evacuating more than 5600 persons including 960 foreign nationals within a short span of 10 days, if so, the details thereof?

Effect of blockade on Indo-Nepal borders

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

(a) whether after about four and half

month's road blockade that crippled Nepal's economy, the Madhesi activists along the border tract have lifted the same, allowing entry of cargo trucks from Indian side;

(b) whether the blockade had led to strain in the bilateral ties between India and Nepal with the latter accusing India of imposing an unofficial blockade;

(c) whether with the lifting of the blockade, India hopes to revive its cordial relations with Nepal; and

(d) whether it would provide a congenial atmosphere for India to receive the Prime Minister of Nepal visiting India in end of February?

Visit of Syrian Deputy Prime Minister

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

(a) whether the Syrian Deputy Prime Minister had visited the country recently;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion that took place with him; and

(c) whether the matter about the 39 Indians who are suspected to be in IS captivity in Iraq was discussed with him and if so, his reaction thereto, and the details in this regard?

Indians arrested in Syria

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indians were arrested in Syria who had gone to that country allegedly to join and fight alongside the Islamic State (IS);

(b) if so, the details of these Indians; and

(c) whether they are still in Syria fails and Government has any plan to bring them back to the country, if so, the details thereof?

Sandalwood gifted to Pashupati Nath Temple

190. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sandalwood costing ₹1.91 crore was gifted to Pashupati Nath Temple, Kathmandu during Prime Minister's visit to Nepal;

(b) whether the sandalwood trees were taken from Tamil Nadu;

(c) how many trees were chopped and whether saplings have been planted in places of felled sandalwood trees; and

(d) whether export of sandalwood in any form is prohibited from India, if so, in what manner Government took this decision?

Illegal activities by foreign recruitment agencies

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

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to check possible illegal activities of registered overseas recruiting agencies in India;

(b) if so, how many complaints regarding illegal activities of registered recruiting agencies have been received during the last five years;

(c) whether some registered recruiting agencies have been banned for illegal/

fraudulent activities during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of recruiting agencies banned, State-wise?

Bilateral talks between India and France

192. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether bilateral talks were held between India and France during the recent visit of French President, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the mutual benefits expected for India and France due to the bilateral talks?

Indians returning as unemployed from Gulf countries

193. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gulf countries are severely affected by economic crisis causing lakhs of Indians working there become unemployed and returning back to India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such persons who have returned back to India so far, State-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government is planning for their rehabilitation; and

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

Request for Indo-US-Japan talks

194. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during last year's visit of Japanese Prime Minister, India and Japan have signed an agreement on the development and general overhauling of Indian Railways, if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) whether India has requested for India-US-Japan trilateral talks on various issues concerning the world and if so, the details in this regard?

Counters for Senior citizens in passport offices

195. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps that will fast-track the process of passport applicants, if so, details in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are no counters for senior citizens in passport offices causing lot of hardship in getting the applications processed by senior citizens; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to have special single-window counters for senior citizens in Delhi and other parts of the country?

Impact of Prime Minister's visit to Japan

196. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's visit to Japan is bearing any fruitful results for the socio-economic scientific development particularly in energy and infra-sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Japanese companies interested in investing and for providing economic and technological support to Indian companies;

(c) the priority sectors earmarked while strengthening the Indo-Japan relations; and

(d) the roles and responsibilities and stake-holders in developing smart cities in India?

Statement of former president of neighbouring country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a former President of a neighbouring country had stated in one of their news channels that their Army had been training terrorists for creating disturbances in our country;

(b) if so, in what manner Government of India reacted to this particular news-item;

(c) whether Government of India expressed its displeasure over the impact it has made over the effort that is being made for peace talks between both the countries; and

(d) what is the response of the concerned country in this regard?

Indian fishermen arrested in foreign waters

198. 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 2015;

(b) what steps have the Ministry taken to ensure that the poor fishermen do not go astray in the sea; and

(c) whether the Ministry 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 and would also save the efforts of the Indian Government of negotiating/pleading their cases with the foreign Governments?

Invitation from Syria for peace talks

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

(a) whether the Syrian Government has invited India for its peace talk, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken a decision to participate in such peace talk in Syria, if so, the details thereof?

Strategic sale of profit making PSUs

200. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going for strategic sale of various profit making Public Sector Undertakings PSUs soon;

(b) so, the details of the profit making PSUs listed for strategic sale; and

(c) the total amount of dividend paid to Government by each of these PSUs during the last three years?

SC student in IIT and IIM

201. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled caste students enrolled in various IITs and IIMs since last three years;

(b) whether Government has maintained any data on "opportunities availed by the scheduled castes students" after passing out from IIT and IIM; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, for each IIT and IIM for last three years?

SC/ST employees in loss making subsidiaries of HMT Ltd.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to close the operation of three loss making subsidiaries of HMT Ltd. and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of SC/ST employees engaged in these subsidiaries of HMT Ltd.; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate/providing re-employment to those SC/ST employees?

Poor performance of HMT tractors at Pinjore

203. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HMT tractors at Pinjore has been facing severe

funds crunch and it is manufacturing only about 1,200 tractors a year against the capacity of 8,500 dwindling the HMT market share to a mere 0.25 per cent of the total production of about 6,25,000 tractors a year in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for the poor performance of the HMT tractors; and

(c) the measures being taken to solve the problems and revive the company?

Closure of three unviable HMT units

204. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to close down the three unviable HMT units and if so, names of those three units;

(b) whether Government has also decided to stop manufacturing watches; and

(c) if so, the fate of the employees of the three unviable units of HMT and whether they would be offered an attractive Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) linked to 2007 pay scales together with a detailed report thereon?

Provision of air bags in car

205. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry in view of

the driver/passenger safety considers making it mandatory for provision of air bags in every car that is manufactured in the country;

(b) if so, whether the matter would be taken up with the Car Manufacturers Association in view of the driver/passenger safety measure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures to improve education facilities for women

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy/plan for the expansion of education particularly for women/girls in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of reforms and measures to be taken by the Government to improve the education of women/girls during the current year; and

(c) the details of funds allocated in this regard to various states including Madhya Pradesh?

Houses constructed under Housing for all Scheme

207. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under the 'Housing for all Scheme' State-wise;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to ease the process and cost

of acquiring of land under the scheme to ensure financial and operational viability of the scheme, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures undertaken by Government to ease the financial burden of municipal authorities to efficiently provide urban civic services under the scheme; and

(d) the process Government plans to undertake to identify illegal beneficiaries under the scheme?

Loan for houses to poor and lower middle class

208. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether loan for houses to poor and lower middle class has come down from 34 per cent in 2011-12 to 26 per cent in 2013-14;

(b) how can we achieve the goal of House for All by 2022 at this pace;

(c) the reasons for such a slide in providing loan upto ₹ 2 lakhs, ₹ 5 lakhs and ₹ 10 lakhs;

(d) the details of banks and financial institutions such as Housing Finance Corporation which have failed to provide loans as per the target; and

(e) the action taken against such institutions?

Model rent law

209. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked

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out any rent control law for the country or a model rent law for the guidance of the States;

(b) if so, the salient features of the initiative, particularly with regard to the balancing of the interests of the landlords and the tenants; and

(c) Government's views on the resolution of the disputes pertaining to old tenancies including those arising out of the 'pugree!' system that prevailed in our country?

Special Plan for houses to EWS

†210. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special plan for providing houses to people belonging to economically weaker sections and lowest income groups;

(b) if so, the details of norms related to income eligibility under this scheme;

(c) whether the standards of norms related to income under this scheme have been revised during the last and this current financial year and if so, the details thereof?

Total number of urban BPL households

211. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of urban BPL households in the country; and

(b) the details of urban BPL households, which are benefiting from various urban poverty alleviation programmes of Government; State-wise?

New initiatives and housing schemes

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

(a) whether Government has implemented any new initiatives and housing schemes to provide housing for all in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the same;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to provide houses for the urban poor living in major cities in India; and

(d) the total number of houses constructed and distributed to urban poor in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Funds to Puducherry under SJSRY and NULM

213. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no funds have been released under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) to Puducherry in 2013-14, 2014-15 and only ₹ 37 lakhs released in 2012-13;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing funds in the last two years and reasons for releasing just ₹ 37 lakhs for the preceding year;

(c) the amount released in 2015-16; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries during the above period from 2012-13 to till date?

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**Education Standard in Jawahar
Navodaya schools**

214. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of existing Jawahar Navodaya schools in the country at present;

(b) the State-wise number of Jawahar Navodaya schools proposed to be set up in the country during the current plan;

(c) the steps taken by Government to maintain the standard of education and performance of these schools in the country; and

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

**Reservation of seats for economically
weaker sections**

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

(a) the number of private schools that are required to reserve seats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) students and the number of such seats available, year-wise and State-wise since 2013;

(b) the number and proportion of seats in private schools reserved for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) that have been filled, year-wise and State-wise since 2013;

(c) the steps taken to increase awareness about the availability of vacant seats;

(d) whether complaints have been received against any private school of non-acceptance of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students, if so the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Submissions received from minority
institutions on New Education Policy**

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

(a) the number of submissions received on the New Education Policy (NEP) through public consultation;

(b) the number of in-person consultations held by Government on the NEP;

(c) the number of consultation submissions received from minority institutions, together with the details thereof and the expected publication date of the NEP; and

(d) the reasons why the policy has not yet been published?

**Comments received regarding
no-detention policy**

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

(a) the number and details of comments Government has received regarding the no-detention policy;

(b) the responses received from each State regarding the no-detention policy;

(c) the details of meetings/consultations held with education experts and stakeholders regarding this policy; and

(d) whether Government intends to amend the Right to Education Act to allow removal of this policy?

**Counselor and wellness teacher in
schools**

218. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to have a

counselor/health wellness teacher in every school of the country;

(b) if so, whether every school in the country has a counselor/health wellness teacher, if not, reasons therefor along with the number of schools not having a counselor;

(c) whether every school under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has a counselor/health wellness teacher, if not, the reasons therefor along with the number of such schools not having a counselor; and

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

Minority status of AMU and Jamia Milia Islamia

219. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to cancel the minority status of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Attorney General of India before the Supreme Court of India that these two institutions are not minority institutions; and

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

MoU with foreign Universities

220. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans for new initiatives in the field of education

for the qualitative development of education in the country and for creating high quality educational institutes on par with world standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the same;

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Government with foreign universities and institutes to provide high quality education on par with world standards; and

(d) the details of Government and private universities signing MoU with foreign Universities in the last two years?

SC/ST cell in private universities

221. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC/ST cells established in universities across India, and the total number of universities without any active SC/ST cell;

(b) whether there is any institutional arrangement for solving the grievances of SC/ST students in private universities; and

(c) whether Government intends to establish SC/ST cell in private universities also if so, the details thereof?

Modernization of Madarsas' education

222. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the role of present Government in modernization of Madarsas' education and the schemes therefor;

(b) the amount spent for the purpose

during the last three years and the current year so far, year- wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that impetus on those schemes has decreased and desired goal has not been achieved because of lack of interest of the department; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the steps being taken to prepare a time bound programme to achieve the purpose?

Release of scholarships of SC/ST students of Hyderabad University

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that fellowships and scholarships of SC/ST students of the University of Hyderabad are not released in time and the delay has been putting these students to undue hardship; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to redress the grievance of SC/ST scholars?

Literacy among females in country

224. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy of males and females in different States and Union Territories during the last three years;

(b) the average percentage of literacy at the national level for males and females during the said period; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to mitigate this gap and increase literacy among females in the country?

Study courses without approval of UGC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission (UGC) has called for caution in selection of the syllabus for open and distance education and it has accepted that several courses are being run without its approval;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that several institutions in the country are running online courses; and

(c) if so, what is their validity and the steps being taken to regulate them?

Guidelines for yoga education in schools

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

(a) whether Government had issued any guidelines for including yoga education in the schools of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the guidelines of Government are being followed in the schools and whether any system has been developed for its monitoring; if so, the details thereof?

High-tech facilities in schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to make schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan high-tech by introducing computer labs, e-class rooms,

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resource rooms, laboratories, pre-teaching and post teaching including e-learning based libraries in the schools if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the schools where these facilities would be provided and by when?

Caste discrimination in Central Universities

228. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that caste discrimination against the SC/ST students who are pursuing higher/research courses in Central Universities across the country has increased over the years;

(b) if so, number of instances of caste discrimination reported by the affected students to the appropriate body set up by University authorities during the last three years; and

(c) action taken by the Universities to mitigate the problems of the SC/ST students in such cases?

Reservation policy in AMU and Jamia Milia Islamia

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

(a) whether Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Milia Islamia Universities are minority institutions or Central Universities;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that reservation policy in the above universities is not being followed;

(c) if so, since when reservation to SC/ST/OBC has not been followed and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether minority institutions are mandated to provide reservation for SC/ST/OBCs, if so, the details thereof?

Expulsion of SC/ST/OBC students

230. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of students, particularly SC,ST, OBC and minority students expelled from central universities during last two years, university-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of procedures followed for expelling the SC,ST OBC and minority students in central universities;

(c) whether students' grievance committees have been consulted before expelling the students on mandatory basis as per the discretions of Hon'ble Hyderabad High Court, if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Harassment of Ph. D students on caste lines

231. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are increasing instances of harassment of Ph.D students in various ways, including sexual and on caste lines by research guides in the country as scholars in various universities are dependent on their guides for their scholarships and contingency grants;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported in the country for the last three years, State-wise and year-wise and the action taken on them; and

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce a more transparent and effective system in place for checking such practices; if so, the details thereof?

Fake education boards and universities

232. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that education boards and fake universities are being run in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of fake marksheets and fake degrees cases reported, if any, in each of the last three years and current year across the country, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether lists of these fake educational boards and universities are put on any website for the information of public, if so, details thereof; and

(d) the detail of steps taken by Government to solve this problem?

Suicide of Ph.D scholars in universities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Ph.D scholars have committed suicide in various universities in the last two months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons there for?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Puducherry

234. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) status of implementation of Sarva

Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the UT of Puducherry;

(b) funds allocated, released and utilized under SSA in Puducherry in the last three years and the current year, year-wise, district-wise; and

(c) physical targets set and achieved during the above period, year-wise and district-wise?

Professional training institutes in Uttarakhand

235. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Professional training institutes are functioning in the Uttarakhand, the details and names of Universities to which they are affiliated and the criteria for admission in these institutes in various courses;

(b) whether these institutes qualify the standards earmarked by the UGC and the persons managing them are competent/qualified to manage them to maintain the quality of education, if so, the details and when inspections were conducted; and

(c) if not, the reasons why affiliation of these institutes has not yet been withdrawn in the public interest?

Poaching of teachers by coaching institutes

236. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that coaching centres throughout India are poaching teachers and schools and taking experienced lot out of schools to their coaching centres;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to retain experienced teachers in Government/school and colleges; and

(c) whether Government is also aware that coaching centres are cheating students by promising admission in country's premier engineering and professional institutions and charging exorbitant fees, if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

Study centres in collaboration with muslim higher educational institutes

237. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up accredited study centres in collaboration with certain muslim institutions of higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which these study centres are likely to start functioning?

Special Focus Districts under SSA in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether bridging gender and social category gaps in elementary education is one of the goals of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), if so, details thereof;

(b) how far this gap has been narrowed so far;

(c) whether SSA has identified Special Focus Districts; if so, the districts identified in Maharashtra; and

(d) the steps taken so far to improve

the position of education for girls and children belonging to disadvantaged groups?

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Maharashtra

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

(a) objectives behind setting up of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) state-wise details of such vidyalayas functioning at present;

(c) how far objectives for which Navodaya Vidyalayas were set up, have been achieved; and

(d) whether there is a plan to open such vidyalayas in the country especially in Maharashtra, if so, details thereof with location, State-wise?

Death of scholar in Hyderabad Central University

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any enquiry into the tragic death of Dalit research scholar of Hyderabad Central University in January, 2016, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any communication had been received from the Minister in this regard which was forwarded to the Hyderabad Central University for action, if so, the details thereof?

Safety audit of school premises

241. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in view of recent increase in the

number of incidents of deaths of children in school premises, whether Government has issued instructions to all the stakeholders including State Governments to conduct safety audit of school premises to ensure that there are no safety hazards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether compliance would be ensured by Government by monitoring the situation; and

(c) whether any special task force would be constituted to conduct periodical inspection of the school premises, if so, the details thereof?

Personalisation of education

242. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is of the view that personalizing education, *i.e.*, not obsessively controlling what would be the syllabus and the method of instruction, could lead to an explosion of new and innovative courses geared towards serving various niches of learners; and

(b) if so, whether Government has contemplated any proposal to introduce such provision, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

High enrollment under art stream

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of art stream graduate students in Central Universities is the highest among other streams, if so, the details of students enrolled, stream-wise;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking steps to save their future by coordinating with other Ministries to create jobs to

accommodate them as they are the highest in number in unemployment category; and

(c) whether Government is conducting counselling before taking admission in art stream to know whether they are opting it for any reason or to just be graduate?

Sub-standard teachers in schools

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

(a) whether standard of primary education and corruption at different level are the major issues, if so, the details of each issue and the reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government has taken/ taking measures for identifying sub standard teachers in these schools; and

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

Separate toilets for boys and girls

245. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the schools in the country now have separate clean and functional toilets for boys and girls;

(b) the number of toilets constructed in schools in each of the last three years and the current year, details thereof, year wise, State-wise;

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government on the construction of these toilets, year wise; and

(d) whether private individuals/entities have contributed financially in the construction of these toilets, if so, the details thereof, entity-wise?

Expansion of potential of MSMEs into untapped sectors

246. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals currently employed in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and their division between the registered and unregistered sector;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures to increase the registration of MSMEs in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to make products of MSMEs compete with imports, particularly those from China, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken/ plans to undertake measures to expand the potential of MSMEs into untapped sectors, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Adequate budgetary allocation for MSMEs

247. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the budgetary allocation for MSMEs during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) whether this allocation was adequate in view of the contribution of this sector to employment, GDP and foreign exchange, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons why adequate allocation was not made?

Employment generation through Khadi and Village Industries Commission

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

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has made any new proposal to generate employment for thousands of persons during the current year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and time by when such employment generation is likely to take place along with the schemes initiated for this purpose; and

(c) the names of the States which are likely to benefit from the said proposal?

Setting up of small scale industries

†249. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up small scale industries in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of small scale industries set up till date together with the number of industries and places in Bihar where they are proposed to be set up out of the above?

Difficulties in setting up of small and medium enterprises

250. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many difficulties of red-tapism are still being

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faced in setting up small and medium enterprises by rural women; and

(b) if so, how the rural women can be helped to access reasonable and affordable credit?

Changes in Civil Services examination

251. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to introduce changes in the pattern, criteria, eligibility, syllabus, etc. of the Civil Services Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any modifications regarding optional papers in mains examinations are proposed, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to discontinue the optional papers in mains examinations, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Web portal for pensioners

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to launch a new web portal for pensioners or former employees of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be launched;

(c) whether accounting information details like components of DA, tax deducted at source, etc., would also be available online, on monthly basis; and

(d) whether complaint or query from pensioner can also be made online and whether response would also be provided online, if so, the details thereof?

Government servant getting retirement benefit from deputation office

253. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government servants on deputation have to be reverted back to the parent organization/office before retirement to facilitate fixation of pensionary benefits;

(b) whether this provision is being blatantly violated by officers to make undue monetary benefits, causing loss to the public exchequer;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has issued/ proposes to issue instructions to the Ministries/Departments, etc. to detect such cases of financial irregularities and submit a status report in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details of such instructions and feedback received from the Ministries, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Report of Transparency International on Corruption in India

254. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of Transparency International's Corporation Perception Index, 2015, nothing has changed on the front of corruption in India;

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

(c) the details of steps Government would take to mitigate corruption in the country?

Vacancies in CBI

255. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) told the

Supreme Court recently that it does not have sufficient human resource to probe alleged corruption cases;

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

(c) what is the sanctioned strength of personnel in CBI and the number of vacancies; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to fill the vacancies?

Complaints of irregularities and corruption

256. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several complaints relating to irregularities and corruption in all the Ministries/ departments of the Central Government have been reported in the media during last two years and current year, if so, the Government's response thereto;

(b) the details of complaints received against the working of officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above during the last two years and the current year;

(c) the details of action taken by Government against such guilty officers during the above period; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for making the bureaucracy more accountable and transparent?

Guidelines for post-retirement appointment

257. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any

guidelines for regulating post-retirement appointments of bureaucrats in Autonomous/Statutory/Constitutional bodies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the existing guidelines are capable of ensuring objectivity, transparency and fair play in such appointments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the remedial steps proposed?

Representation of OBC in Government services

258. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in group 'A' and below group 'A' categories in the Central Government;

(b) the view of Government as regards the adequacy or otherwise of the representation of OBCs in the services under the Central Government; and

(c) what is Government's plan of action with regard to fulfillment of the objective behind creation of reservation for the OBCs in Government jobs?

Steps for improving Kendriya bandar

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

(a) whether the Minister has recently lauded the contribution of Kendriya Bhandar in providing various household goods and products of day to day use at competitive price and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Kendriya Bhandar is also supplying stationery and other general

items to Government departments at most competitive price since 1981;

(c) whether Kendriya Bhandar is a Multi State Cooperative Society functioning under the aegis of the Ministry of Personnel since 1963; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to strengthen and reform the working of Kendriya Bhandar to improve the contributions of Kendriya Bhandar to the society?

Additional chance to Civil Service aspirants

260. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided not to give any additional chance to Civil Services aspirants who took the Civil Services Examination in the last three years (2012-14) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has issued a directive to Government to examine the above issue and give another chance in this year's test with changed pattern to civil services aspirants who had taken civil services examinations during 2011 to 2014; if so, the details thereof?

Scarcity of human resources in CBI and CVC

261. SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the country is likely to get Lok Pal;

(b) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) can also serve the needs of investigation under the Lok Pal with the severe Human Resource scarcity;

(c) whether the quality of investigation is under challenge for CBI and CVC with the absence of dedicated Service to serve the needs of CBI and CVC; and

(d) as per the latest estimate, how much scarcity of Human Resource at various levels has been identified in CBI and what are the initiatives to remedy the scarcity of Human Resource in CBI?

Skill development programmes in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

262. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any new skill development programmes in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far?

Job guarantee after skill training

263. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up new skill development centres across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to provide guaranteed jobs to youth passing out from these skill development centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how does Government plan to address the issue of unemployment among Youth?

MoU with AICTE for skill development mission

264. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has entered into an MoU with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to cooperate in Skill Developments Mission of Prime Minister, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is expected to come into force?

New Industrial Training Institutes

†265. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for opening new industrial training institutes in the States for providing industrial training to more and more youths and to develop their skills, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is a need for improvement in the quality of training being imparted in the Industrial Training Institutes running at present, if so, the details thereof?

National employability report for engineers

†266. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the engineering colleges of the country are providing only degrees to their students without imparting any education and training to them;

(b) whether Government has paid attention towards aspiring mind's national employability report according to which more than 80 per cent engineers in India are not fit for getting employment;

(c) whether special emphasis has been laid on upgrading education and training of youths in the said report; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in order to make the engineering students capable and trained?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Puducherry

267. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in Puducherry;

(b) the details of persons who have been enrolled and the details of persons who have completed their training; and

(c) how many, out of the total who completed their training, have been provided with employment or loans to stand on their own?

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**Establishment of ITIs under PPP
mode in Madhya Pradesh**

†268. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals under Public Private Partnership have been received from various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh for the establishment of ITI skill development centres and multi skill development centres;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals and the time since when these proposals are pending; and

(c) action taken so far in respect of these proposals and whether any time limit has been fixed for their completion if so, the details thereof?

**Beneficiary under Pradhan Mantri
Kaushal Vikas Yojana**

†269. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited till now under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), details thereof;

(b) whether number has been fixed for States to get benefit of this scheme; and

(c) if so, the number of beneficiaries of States along with number fixed for States?

**Short-term courses for skill
development**

270. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been trained for skill development in various fields since the inception of skill development programme in the country;

(b) whether Government has been providing help to existing private institutions and Government institutions to train the students in skill development, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has roped in the private institutions also and have any schemes of short-term courses in this area, if so, the details in this regard?

**Promotion of Dalit entrepreneurship
in country**

271. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any survey/study to assess the number of Dalit entrepreneurs in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) what steps Government has taken/ intends to take to promote Dalit entrepreneurship in the country; and

(c) what is the assistance being taken from Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICC1) to promote Dalit entrepreneurship in the country?

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Less choice for vocational education

272. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of private industrial employment and self employment are inferior and low paid in India in comparison to other countries, consequently, only five per cent of students, opt for vocational education; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to coordinate with private industries and ensure that training as per requirement is maintained?

Target of skill development training to SC/ST

273. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target of providing skill development training to Ninety four thousand persons belonging to SC/ST during the current financial year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has selected persons belonging to SC/ST category from the State of Uttar Pradesh also under the ambitious project, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked for this project during the current financial year?

Schemes for skill development of disabled persons

†274. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND

EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running several schemes for the entrepreneurship and skill development of the disabled persons in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the schemes being implemented require improvement and whether essential reforms are being carried out so that these schemes could achieve the set targets and if so, the details thereof?

Mapping of existing training infrastructure

275. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering for mapping the country's existing training infrastructure in a bid to bolster the impact of the Skill India Mission; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to include thousands of private training institutes that are thriving but do not reflect in the official data, if so, the details thereof?

Frame work for validating skill education

276. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would give skill development training top most priority to boost employability of Indian workforce, if so, the details of measures taken so far;

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(b) whether sub-group of NITI Aayog submitted a report on providing new legal frame-work for validating skill education in India; and

(c) whether all the skill providing institutions could be regulated under one umbrella to provide skill-oriented education and training, if so, the details thereof?

Plan to overcome the problems of begging

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

(a) whether Government is working on any comprehensive action plan to overcome the problem of begging in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is special focus on transparency and accountability in the implementation of the plan if so, the details thereof?

Fresh policy for jobs to differently abled persons

278. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out a fresh policy framework to help differently abled persons to get jobs;

(b) whether such a policy framework has been attempted by some State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how far this would help such handicapped persons to get relief in employment?

Rehabilitation of manual scavengers

279. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the rehabilitation of manual scavengers and their families including the details of skill training provided to them along with the number of beneficiaries covered and funds spent thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of prosecutions, if any, under the laws enacted for prohibition of manual scavenging in the country during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the further steps proposed to be taken by Government for eradication of manual scavenging, in coordination with the States, in the country?

Law on Rights of Persons with Disabilities

280. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to enact a new law/amend the existing law on Rights of Persons with Disabilities and if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(b) whether Government has fixed any time-frame for the implementation of the said law/amendments, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that persons with disabilities currently have to go to a number of offices for getting different

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papers and certificates meant for disabled people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to reduce the difficulties faced by the differently abled?

National Centres for the Elders in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently set up National Centres for the Elders in the country, if so, the details thereof, Centre-wise; and

(b) the number of such Centres Government proposes to set up in the State of the Maharashtra?

Data regarding employed disabled people

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

(a) whether it is a fact that no official figures are maintained either at the Central level or at the level of States regarding employed disabled people;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for not maintaining the data;

(c) whether Government will start maintaining the data at the Central level and also direct the States and Union Territories to follow it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

National level census of primitive tribes

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

(a) whether a national level census of primitive tribes has been carried out, if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

(b) whether denotified, quasi, denotified and Banjara tribes are on the verge of extinction?

Cases of atrocities against SCs

284. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any knowledge regarding the existence of 'two crematorium and two glass' system for Scheduled Castes in Tamil Nadu region, if so, the details of its reason and prevalence;

(b) the steps Government is taking to abolish castes based discriminations in Tamil Nadu and in other States; and

(c) the number of cases of atrocities against SCs registered in last one year in all States and the action taken on them, the details thereof, State-wise?

Space industry enclaves/parks in the country

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

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has conceived space industry enclaves/parks in the country, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) what are the facilities and systems that would be developed in the space parks; and

(c) whether domestic industry would be involved as joint venture or Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and what would be the estimated expenditure required for the parks in the next five years with the details thereof?

US launch orders to ISRO

286. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO bagged two more US launch orders through PSLV, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Antrix Corporation, ISRO's marketing arm, has signed a deal with commercial weather satellite operators abroad, if so, the details thereof?

Utilization of MPLADS fund

287. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the MPLADS funds utilized by each of the three former MPs from Outer Delhi;

(b) the funds released and un-spent in each case; and

(c) the mechanism for monitoring the use of MPLADS funds with a view to ensure its proper utilization?

Running of development projects

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to send money to States in massive chunks so that the development projects are run without any financial delay and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has invited proposals from State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Release of fund for urban renewal plan

289. SHRI A.K SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has released a sum of ₹ 120 crore to the States and Union Territories for the purpose of urban renewal plan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified 482 cities and each will received ₹ 25 lakh to pin point flaws and come up with solution, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of new Secretariat Complex

290. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning construction of a new Secretariat Complex to house the offices of key Ministries in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that this complex is expected to need over two crore square feet land area for development; and

(c) if so, the reasons necessitating the construction of a new Secretariat Complex and the estimated expenditure therefor?

Criteria for identifying cities under HRIDAY

291. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being adopted for identifying cities under Heritage city Development Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY);

(b) the reasons for not even a single city being identified from Puducherry; and

(c) the constraints that the Ministry have in selecting any one city from Puducherry?

Proposals for metro/mono rail from States

†292. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH
MAHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from various States for metro/mono rail projects;

(b) if so, names of the States from which such proposals have been received;

(c) whether approval has been granted to all the proposals; if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of such metro/mono rail projects including Madhya Pradesh, whether any time-frame has been fixed for the completion of such projects, if so, the details thereof?

Ranking of Municipal areas of million plus cities on waste disposal

293. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will come out with a ranking of 75 major municipal areas in cities with Million plus population and all state capitals by January focusing on solid waste management in these urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that solid waste management is being given 60 per cent weightage followed by 15 per cent each for availability and use of household individual toilets and public and community toilets besides 5 per cent each for city level sanitation plans and information; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these 75 urban areas account for over 50 per cent of country's total urban population?

Criteria for selection of Smart Cities

294. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the criticism that criteria for selection of Smart Cities is flawed since it is based on statutory towns instead of census towns;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider revising the formula, and increasing the per city allocation from the present ₹ 100 crore;

(c) whether Government would pay special attention to metros like Hyderabad by launching a Smart Metro plan on the lines of Smart Cities plan; and

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

Places where DDA allocated land

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

(a) the details of places where DDA has allocated land for schools, Baraatghar/ community centers during last three years; and

(b) the details of places where land has been allocated in Delhi in addition to above for hospitals and other public utilities?

Funds allocated for development of cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to develop all important and small cities of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the amount allocated for the development of cities and names of the cities of Bihar along with the amount allocated for developing them?

Cities under HRIDAY scheme from Uttar Pradesh

297. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Varanasi is the only city in the State of Uttar Pradesh which has been identified for implementing Heritage city Development Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons for not selecting

any other city from the State of Uttar Pradesh, considering its historical evolution and heritage; and

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to include more cities from the State of Uttar Pradesh under HRIDAY scheme?

NOC for Janpath Bhavan Market

†298. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Janpath Bhavan Market situated at Connaught Place, New Delhi has not received NOC for years from Fire Service Department due to some shortcomings, which have not been addressed by Central Public Works Department; and

(b) if so, whether experts have expressed a possibility of a major accident as various shops are running without getting NOC from fire service department and if so, the details thereof?

Smart city proposals from Kerala

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any Smart City proposals from the State Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far on the proposals; and

(c) the details of Smart City proposals received by the Ministry, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Priority for development of cities

‡300. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether priority has been fixed by the Ministry to develop the cities as smart cities;

(b) if so, the names of the cities for which priority has been fixed; and

(c) the total expenditure proposed for developing each city as smart city?

Waste water treatment facilities in major cities

301.SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any comprehensive strategy to equip major cities to build up solid waste management and waste water treatment facilities; and

(b) whether the waste management and waste water treatment components are embedded in the HRIDAY/SMART City and AMRUT programmes?

Violation of environmental norms by builders

302.SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that builders are violating norms and causing dust pollution in National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCR);

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) whether National Building

Construction Corporation (NBCC) is also violating environment norms by dumping material like cement, bricks and dust cement on roads in East Kidwai Nagar Project; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the NBCC?

Criteria for finalisation of cities

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

(a) whether the Ministry has finalised the cities for the first phase of the smart cities project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funding to be provided and initiatives to be undertaken; and

(c) the details of the criteria used for identifying the same from the initial shortlisted entries?

Criteria for evaluation of City Challenge Competition

304.SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for evaluating the plans submitted by each city in each round of the City Challenge Competition;

(b) whether pan-city smart solutions are going to be a part of the criteria;

(c) if so, whether these solutions need to pertain to any specific guidelines or more weightage would be given to solutions for high priority sectors; and

(d) if not, the reasons why pan-city solutions would not be a part of the criteria?

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Suicidal tendency in children

‡305. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suicidal tendency is growing among the children in the recent years;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any steps to curb this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these steps would be taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortfall of funds to buy rations under ICDS

306. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of shortfall of funds to buy rations and delay in payment of wages to anganwadi workers after the cut in the budget of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the measures that Government has taken/plans to take to ensure that the objectives of the ICDS are met despite budgetary constraints?

Child mortality in the country

307. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest number of child death in the world, if so, the details thereof and comparison of India's standing with BRICS and SAARC member nations and African countries;

(b) whether India has achieved/is on

track to achieve the fourth Millennium Development Goal (MDG-4) aimed at reducing under-five child mortality by two-third, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and corrective action taken by Government; and

(c) whether Government has identified high-risk districts, if so, the details thereof and intervention, if any, taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Instances of violence among children

‡308. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the instances of violence among children have been continuously increasing since last, 15 to 16 years;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any steps in order to curb it; and

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

Scheme for helpless children

‡309. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illiterate, helpless children and children deprived of their rights are compelled to lead life like a slave;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to formulate any scheme for such children; and

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

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Schemes for rejected and neglected children

†310. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rejected and neglected children coming from villages to cities have to live in slums or on footpath and eat non-nutritious food;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to formulate any scheme for such children; and

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

Segregation of children on caste lines in Aanganwadi Centres

311. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children are segregated in some Aanganwadi Centres on the caste lines;

(b) if so, the States from where such cases have been reported; and

(c) the details of preventive measures that have been taken in this regard?

Malnutrition in SC/ST children

312. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of addressing malnutrition of SC/ST children in the country;

(b) the details of funds that have been distributed to different States for the purpose during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has worked out any action plan to speed up this process of addressing malnutrition and if so, the details thereof?

Plan to control stunted growth of children in Delhi

313. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 43 per cent kids in Delhi have stunted growth as per a survey, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government was involved in the above survey; and

(c) whether Government has developed or envisage an action plan to control this health-hazard among children in Delhi region and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in number of underweight and stunted children

314. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen a recent UNICEF Survey report which states that almost all States across India have performed poorly in reducing the number of underweight and stunted children during last years;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to give impetus to its National Nutrition Mission in order to address malnutrition in the country especially in poor performing States?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Simplification of child adoption procedure

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is huge difference between the number of children available with the adoption agencies in comparison to the list of parents wanting to adopt child and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any initiatives to simplify the existing child adoption procedure to help the childless couples, if so, the details thereof?

Consideration of compulsory sex determination

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering compulsory sex determination; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation scheme for Vrindavan based widows

317. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2160 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 2012 and state:

(a) the updated status of the action taken by the Central Government, in consultation

with State Government of Uttar Pradesh, in launching special welfare and rehabilitation scheme for Vrindavan based widows in view of the Supreme Court's observations to provide all basic amenities to these widows;

(b) the details of welfare measures taken/initiated, so far; and

(c) whether State Government of Uttar Pradesh has provided land to build shelter home for them, if so, further action taken in building the home at the earliest?

Steps for reducing SC population suffering from malnutrition

318. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Scheduled Caste population particularly children and mothers in India suffers from high degree of malnutrition, if so, the details thereof, State-wise for last three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to tackle this situation?

Results of the rapid survey on children

319. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children that are stunted, weak and underweight according to the new survey and the change in these percentage when compared to the data of previous years;

(b) the policy interventions being made

by Government that would promote practices that improve child feeding habits, pediatric care and composition of local diets; and

(c) the achievements and impact specific to the National Nutrition Mission with respect to lowering malnutrition in the country?

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