

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, December 27, 2018/Pausha 6, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

#### Sanctions against Pakistan

\*151. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what punitive economic, military sanctions have been imposed during the last three years in view of Pakistan's unabated terrorist activities against India; and

(b) what type of sanctions have been imposed by USA against Pakistan for its terror activities during the above period?

#### Trafficking of women and children

†\*152. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has

been an increase in the incidents of trafficking of women and children during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether plans are being devised by Government for prevention of such incidents; and

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

#### Post Matric Scholarships for SC, ST and OBC students

\*153. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Post Matric Scholarship scheme for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class students;

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(b) the details of students who applied for the scholarship but despite being eligible could not get the same during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is conducting any inquiry into alleged multi-crore scam in Post Matric Scholarships for such students;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of corrective measures taken to check frauds in the scholarship scheme, if any?

**Assistance of seriously disabled people**

\*154. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 contains provisions for Government assistance to the seriously disabled people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of norms for determining the seriousness of disability till now, such benefits are not being extended to the needy; and

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

**Release of funds under Smart Cities Mission**

\*155. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the 25th report of the Standing Committee on

Urban Development, only 2 per cent of the funds have been released under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), since 2015;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this is the lowest utilisation percentage among all the schemes being run currently by the Ministry;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether SCM is on track to achieve the targets set for 2019 to 2021?

**Submission of Annual returns of CPSEs**

\*156. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Services Enterprises (CPSEs) which have not submitted their annual returns for a period of three years or more;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued by Government for enforcing the compliance of Section 164(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 by CPSEs;

(c) whether an exemption from Section 164(2) to CPSEs encourages directors to become lackadaisical in fulfilling their compliance requirements; and

(d) the status of the report of the committee constituted for suggesting changes or modifications in the Department of Public Enterprises guidelines relating to Board of Directors of CPSEs and Corporate Governance?

**Visit of former Prime Minister of Norway to Jammu and Kashmir**

†\*157. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the recent visit of former Prime Minister of Norway, Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik to Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir;

(b) the organisation or person who invited him to India;

(c) whether he also had a dialogue with the separatists of Kashmir valley; and

(d) whether Government has in principle agreed to a third party intervention for the purpose of resolving Kashmir problem?

**Development and regulation of Artificial Intelligence**

\*158. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress of NITI Ayog in working on Artificial Intelligence;

(b) the details of the work done for the development and regulation of Artificial Intelligence; and

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce a legislation on Artificial Intelligence and if so, the details thereof?

**Death of Children due to malnutrition**

†\*159. Ch. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deaths of children below the age group of five years due to malnutrition during last three years in the country;

(b) whether it is fact that three girl children of Mandawali area of Delhi have died due to hunger in the month of July last?

(c) the details of funds spent on prevention of malnutrition during last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the extent to which a decline has been recorded in the level of malnutrition during that period?

**Digital classrooms**

\*160. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued a circular instructing all the States and UTs to frame guidelines for teaching and regulating the weight of school bags ;

(b) if so, what is the maximum weight fixed for school bags, class-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to reduce this burden by introducing digital classrooms?

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### **Review of Mid Day Meal Scheme**

\*161. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to review the Mid Day Meal Scheme being implemented in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Joint Review Mission has been established to review the present status of implementation of the scheme and the challenges being faced in its proper implementation and if so, the details thereof?

### **G-20 summit meeting**

\*162. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had recently attended the G-20 summit meeting;

(b) if so, when the G-20 declaration was made and what were the themes on which it was focused;

(c) whether the leaders have called for improving the world trading system and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India has offered to host G-20 summit in 2022; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Complaints on MD, Kendriya Bhandar**

\*163. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Section 108 (1) (iii) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 provides that books of account and other books and papers of every multi-State co-operative society shall be open for inspection during business hours by the members of the society;

(b) whether Government and CVO, Kendriya Bhandar has received complaints that the Managing Director, Kendriya Bhandar is not allowing the members to exercise their said powers; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government and CVO, Kendriya Bhandar in the matter?

### **Suspension of helpline for reporting child sexual assault**

\*164. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the toll free number for reporting child sexual assault cases has been suspended temporarily;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the helpline was started as a part of e-box initiative of Government to enable filing of complaints of sexual offences against children; and

(d) if so, the number of cases in which the helpline number was able to extend help?

**Progress of Smart Cities Mission**

\*165. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made under the Smart Cities Mission and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated, utilised under the Mission, State-wise;

(c) the details of best practices adopted by the cities selected under this Mission, if any;

(d) whether any mechanism has been set up by Government for effective monitoring of the progress of the Mission and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any targets or milestones have been set for the cities selected under this Mission?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 21st December, 2018*  
*Agrahayana 30, 1940 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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