

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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)

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#### Nuclear Power Plant in Kovvada

1601. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh to set up Nuclear Power Plant there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has held any consultation with the people living in that area before identifying and finalizing the site;

(d) if so, the details thereof;  
and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Infrastructure projects in North Eastern Region

1602. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH:  
DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure projects started by Government in various States of North Eastern Region during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised and the present status of these projects, State-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the implementation

of these projects and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any delay in the completion of these projects and if so, the reasons therefor and the details of those delays; and

(e) the details of projects initiated in association with the Japanese Government following Act East Forum started in 2017?

**Plan for development of women  
in NER**

†1603. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any particular plan for the development of women in North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Vacant posts under Ministry**

1604. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether posts in various categories meant for the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant in various departments and undertakings under the Ministry; and

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

**Bilateral discussion with French  
President**

1605. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA  
SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had a bilateral discussion with French President on the sidelines of G-20 summit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether common front against terror financing and cooperation in maritime security, etc., were discussed; and

(d) if so, the details of the response of the French Government in this regard?

**Construction of Deepwater Port in  
Myanmar by China**

1606. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that China is constructing Kyaukpyu Deepwater Port in Myanmar apart from proposing for Kra Canal in Thailand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken note of its serious concern to India's coastal security and to rights of the country over the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea?

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**Indian citizens in jails abroad**

1607. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian missions abroad have the details and the number of Indian citizens in jails during 2014-15 to 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government thereon?

**MoU on Kartarpur Corridor**

1608. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Government of Pakistan for construction of Kartarpur corridor on Indo-Pak border of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Extradition of Nirav Modi**

1609. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of United Kingdom has confirmed that jewellery designer Nirav Modi is in that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to formally move for his extradition;

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

(e) the steps taken, so far, to bring him back?

**Fishermen picked up by Pakistan**

1610. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 28 fishermen were picked up by Pakistani marines from Gujarat bordering Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue with the Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereon?

**Indians living illegally in Gulf countries**

1611. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that more than 70,000 Indians are living illegally in Gulf countries;

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

(c) whether the Ministry is also aware that UAE has issued a directive to illegal migrants to leave its country and given three months time and has also given one month amnesty period which expired in November this year; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Ministry is going to help these hapless people for their return and providing them employment, etc.?

**Global passport index**

1612. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian passport ranks a

dismal 67 out of 94 in the global passport index below Ghana, Mongolia, Botswana, Lesotho, Kazakhstan and others;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of countries where Indian citizens could visit visa free or on visa on arrival basis;

(d) the details of countries that enjoy visa free/visa on arrival facilities in India;

(e) whether such an arrangement is on a reciprocal basis; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to increase the acceptability of the Indian passport abroad?

#### **Proposals pending for Passport Seva Kendras in Punjab**

1613. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras functioning in Punjab at the moment;

(b) the main purpose of such Kendras; and

(c) the requests pending to open more such Kendras in that State in the near future?

#### **Eligibility of OCI Card**

1614. SHRI SURESH GOPI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had announced on 28.09.2014 at Madison Square Garden, New York, that holders of Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Card would be eligible for lifelong visa and this was implemented and turned into a reality short afterwards;

(b) whether the OCI Card Number would be considered as an equivalent to the Aadhaar Card Number; and

(c) if so, whether the OCI Cards could be used for availing Governmental and non-Governmental services in India, like Aadhaar Card?

#### **Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Kerala**

1615. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the proposal to establish the Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Kerala;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) whether any favourable decision has been received from the Saudi Arabian Embassy in this regard?

#### **Indo-Pacific Cooperation**

1616. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making efforts to boost Indo-Pacific Cooperation, finalising a pact on encrypted defence technologies, tourism, decision to make changes in the H1 B visa programme and development of military platforms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Partnership between India and China**

1617. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that relationship between Asia's two giants India and China has seen so many ups and downs during the past seven decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to evolve close development partnerships between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Extradition of Hafiz Saeed**

1618. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken against Hafiz Saeed for the prime role played by him in Mumbai terror attack on 26th November; 2008;

(b) whether Government has officially asked the Government of Pakistan for his extradition and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of that Government of Pakistan thereto?

#### **Release of Indian fishermen in custody of Sri Lanka**

1619. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian fishermen along with their boats who were reportedly abducted by Sri Lankan Army/petrol boats during the last three years;

(b) the number out of them who have been released with their belongings, so far; and

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Sri Lanka at an appropriate level for expediting release of remaining fishermen and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Data related to Indian workers duped abroad**

1620. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any data compilation mechanism of Indians who were duped by employers of agents promising jobs abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the other steps the Ministry is taking to tackle this problem in the Gulf countries and Malaysia; and

(c) whether Government is coordinating with NGOs or law firms working to help these migrants?

#### **Phase-II of FAME scheme**

1621. KUMARI SELJA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to achieve the objectives under Phase-I of FAME scheme;

(b) if so, the funds sanctioned and allocated to the scheme, till date;

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce Phase-II of the FAME scheme;

(d) if so, the timeline and the features thereof; and

(e) the details of subsidies provided under the FAME scheme till date?

**Procurement of goods and services by CPSEs**

1622. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total procurement of goods and services by each Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the value of goods and services procured under the Public Procurement Policy, 2012 during that period in each CPSE;

(c) the status of procurement under this policy from MSEs owned by OBCs/SCs/STs and non-SCs/STs during that period by each CPSE; and

(d) the reasons for non-compliance, if any, of the policy?

**Indian electrical equipment industry mission plan**

1623. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:  
DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the export to which the Indian Electrical Equipment Industry Mission Plan has been successful in upgrading technology, enhancing competitiveness, and generating employment during 2014 to 2018;

(b) the kind of investment the Ministry has received with respect to the plan; and

(c) in which manner the implementation of the plan during that period benefited in global trade?

**Closure of private and public industries**

1624. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private and public industries closed and the number of industries incurring losses, during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;

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

(c) the number of people whose employment has got directly or indirectly affected due to closure of such industries?

**Absence of rational pricing**

1625. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in the country are suffering from absence of rational pricing;

(b) if so, the details of the pricing policies of CPSEs; and

(c) the details of action taken in this regard?

### **Land issues in urban villages**

1626. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villages in Delhi are declared urban areas under Section 507(a) of DMC Act, 1957;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no clarity regarding the ownership of Gram Sabha land owned by State Government before urbanisation;

(c) if so, the relevant Act under which Gram Sabha land was vested with DDA after urbanisation; and

(d) the relevant Act under which ownership and rights over Gram Sabha land were changed from villagers to DDA?

### **Private and foreign projects under Smart Cities Mission**

1627. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any contracts with foreign entities and private companies for completing projects under the Smart Cities Mission; and

(b) if so, the details of contracts signed along with amount sanctioned and names of foreign entities and private companies, city-wise?

### **Sale of land acquired for Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station**

†1628. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three hectares

of land belonging to the Ministry of Defence located in Delhi University campus was acquired in 2001 for about ₹ 42 crore for constructing Delhi Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station but about two-third of that land was sold to some private builder later for about ₹ 218 crore;

(b) if so, the rules under which such land acquired for public purpose was sold to private parties; and

(c) whether the permission from the Ministry of Defence was taken before giving the land to private parties?

### **Features of current urbanisation policy**

1629. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the growth witnessed in the cities of the country is not in accordance with any master plan, particularly in the metropolitan areas since independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the current urbanisation policy being followed across the country;

(c) whether Government proposes to review the urbanisation policy; and

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

### **Processing of solid waste**

1630. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 100 per cent of solid waste

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generated is being processed by the States and if so, the manner in which the solid waste is being treated in each State;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether practice of open unregulated combustion at waste collection sites is still prevalent and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 have been effective in improving the treatment of solid wastes and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Real-estate companies/builders**

1631. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any details of real-estate companies/builders who have missed their possession deadlines more than once and have not even responded to the buyers;

(b) if so, the details of such defaulters; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of action taken or proposed to be taken against them, so, far?

#### **Projects under UIDSSMTs**

†1632. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects being implemented as on date under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMTs), State-wise;

(b) since when these projects are being implemented status thereof, State-wise and project-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated, approved, released and spent, project-wise;

(d) whether costs thereon has exceeded the expectations; and

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

#### **Relocation of slums located near railway tracks**

†1633. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to relocate slums located adjacent to the railway tracks; and

(b) if so, by when?

#### **Status of smart cities**

1634. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smart cities proposed by Government during the last four years;

(b) the status of their implementation as on date, project-wise;

(c) whether any action is being taken to improve its implementation to achieve the targets; and

(d) if not, the reasons for slow progress of its implementation?

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**Amendments to the housing scheme under PMAY**

1635. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines of housing scheme for urban areas under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) have been amended and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rationale behind the amendments is to increase the coverage of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Criteria to declare a city under Smart Cities Mission**

1636. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by Government to declare a city under the Smart Cities Mission;

(b) the number of smart cities under the Mission;

(c) the name of city in Kerala which has been included in the project; and

(d) the status of that project?

**Scheme for drinking water and laying sewer in Gujarat**

†1637. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has formulated any scheme

for drinking water and laying of sewer for any district in Gujarat and allocated amount for it during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of work completed in those districts after utilising the said amount as of now, district-wise?

**Technical fault in Delhi Metro**

1638. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of technical fault and disturbance in Delhi Metro lines, especially Blue Line, are increasing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what measures are taken to run the metro trains smoothly in view of inconvenience caused to public and commuters; and

(d) whether preventive maintenance has been undertaken on these lines to minimise the number of snags?

**Smart Cities developed by July, 2018**

1639. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smart cities developed completely by Government till July, 2018; and

(b) the number of projects, in per cent and figures, which are complete or near to completion in those smart cities?

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**Construction of toilets**

1640. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) and Public Toilets (PTs) in urban areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and public awareness under Swachh Bharat Mission, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess the demand for public toilets;

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

(e) the details of public toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission?

**Registration of SPVs under Companies Act**

1641. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) to carry forward the development in smart cities proposed to be developed by Government has to be registered under the Companies Act; and

(b) if so, the nature of such SPVs and whether it would be headed by a Government official or some private enterprise and the details thereof?

**Transformation of cities into smart cities**

†1642. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to transform 20 cities into smart cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) out of these cities, the progress of work so far in those cities in Bihar which are proposed to be made smart cities; and

(d) the details of schemes formulated for the cities which were to be transformed into smart cities and by when these would be completed?

**Under construction metro projects**

1643. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of metro projects in the country which are under construction, State-wise and the timeline of completion of these projects;

(b) the estimated expenditure of metro projects, State-wise, whether delay would involve cost escalation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Letters of Intent have been called for various new metro projects and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Providing houses to houseless people**

1644. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houseless people in the country, at present;

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(b) the number of such people since 2014, year wise;

(c) the number of such people who were provided houses under different schemes since 2014;

(d) out of the sanctioned houses, how many of them are in a livable condition at present; and

(e) the manner in which Government is planning to provide housing facilities to tribal population of our country?

#### **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation**

1645. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that over 377 million urban people live in 7,935 towns and cities and generate 62 million tonnes of municipal solid waste per annum;

(b) the quantum of solid waste managed under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(c) the number of cities covered by now with respect to its target; and

(d) what monitoring devices are being maintained to evaluate the outcome of the project?

#### **In-situ rehabilitation projects under PMAY(U)**

1646. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that private developers have been given contracts under

PMAY and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of slum areas where in-situ projects have been approved and implemented, State-wise;

(c) the number of people already rehabilitated under each such project during the last two years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the details of funds approved, released and utilised for in-situ rehabilitation of existing slum dwellers using land as a resource through private participation?

#### **Metro rail projects in Andhra Pradesh**

1647. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:  
SHRI KANAKAMEDALA  
RAVINDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal regarding the Metro rail projects in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government has played any pro-active role in completion of these projects and supported the efforts of State Government in completing the projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Information under RTI Act, 2005**

1648. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of cases in which Central Information Commission has directed the Prime Minister's Office to divulge information under RTI Act, 2005 during 2018, month-wise;

(b) the details of the cases in which PMO has divulged information under RTI Act, 2005 after direction from CIC during 2018 till date; and

(c) the details of the cases in which PMO has not divulged information inspite of orders of CIC during 2018 till date along with the reasons therefor, case-wise?

**Cases of ragging in medical colleges**

†1649. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of ragging of first year MBBS students studying in Motilal Nehru Medical College, Allahabad has come to the light this year;

(b) the details of cases of ragging in private and Government institutions across the country during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the concerned educational institutions are found to have been negligent in taking action

after receiving complaints of ragging; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken against such institutions?

**Change in timing of schools in winters**

1650. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government for changing the timing of schools in winters especially in cold areas like NCT of Delhi for the primary classes as the early morning timings pose a potential health hazard for students of these classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Predatory publishers of substandard research journals**

1651. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 300 predatory publishers bring out journals which they claim to be of International standard and publish papers for a charge ranging from \$ 30 - \$ 1,800 per piece;

(b) whether UGC has decided to set up a Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics to approve a new official list of academic publications;

(c) whether UGC has also decided to constitute a committee under Shri Padmanabhan Balram to review existing guidelines on the use of such

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journals in Ph.D. approvals and recommend a new system to promote quality in research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy**

1652. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of 34 Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy attached to Central and State Universities and established under 11th Five Year Plan has been extended only up to 31st March, 2019;

(b) if so, in what manner these Centres would survive thereafter and continue to receive funds for their continuance;

(c) the strategy adopted by Government for their continuance; and

(d) in view of inclusive development, whether Government would consider these Centres for their permanent status?

**Appointment of academic staff in Universities**

1653. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has recently issued directive to all the Central Universities, State Universities and deemed universities receiving grant-in-aid from Government or UGC to stop appointment of academic staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor at a time when institutions of higher learning are screaming for academic staff; and

(c) in what manner the implementation of reservation policy could be linked to stopping recruitment of academic staff?

**Fall in number of children not going to school**

†1654. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of children including differently abled who are not going to schools has fallen during the last four years;

(b) whether Government proposes to start any special drive to send such children of poor and minority community including differently abled children to schools;

(c) whether it is also a fact that, keeping in view the seriousness of the subject, a monitoring mechanism is being set up for its immediate redressal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Vacancies in Central Universities**

1655. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to fill up the vacancies in Central Universities in the country including the Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any delay in filling up of teaching jobs in CUTN and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of Central Universities and Institutions of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu?

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**Entitlement to scholarships from UGC**

1656. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:  
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) the number of students entitled to scholarships from UGC;

(b) the number out of those who linked their Aadhaar numbers by March 31, 2018;

(c) the number of those who have been listed as ghosts, duplicates and yet to link their Aadhaar numbers out of the remaining and the number of students whose names have been struck off due to this; and

(d) the number of times per year the scholarships were credited into the accounts of students whose Aadhaar numbers were linked and of those not linked but whose names have not been struck off either?

**Evaluation of educational institutions**

1657. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the educational institutions are evaluated in the country;

(b) the benefits extended to educational institutions by UGC;

(c) whether the evaluation criteria are not up to the mark in relation to international standard of evaluation of such institutions; and

(d) whether any remedial measure have been taken to enhance the standard of educational institutions in the country?

**Effect of Mid Day Meal Scheme**

1658. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students benefited through Mid Day Meal Scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether student's health has improved by this scheme; and

(c) the details of new provisions introduced to improve the student's health during that period?

**Mainstreaming of madarsa education through bridge course**

1659. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has organised any bridge course for bringing madarsa students and school drop-outs into mainstream education system and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of students trained under this course during the last year; and

(c) whether the Ministry has also started a training programme to link madarsa teachers with the mainstream education system and if so, the details thereof?

### **Minority status to educational institutions**

1660. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of educational institutions granted minority status during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of applications pending in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of financial allocations made for such institution during the said period?

### **Health issues of students**

1661. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study reveals that one out of ten kids in private schools is obese and has high blood pressure;
- (b) whether underweight and high cholesterol are major issues in Government school students;
- (c) whether Harvard School of Public Health has made a survey on economic losses and health expenditure on students upto class XII; and
- (d) the details of plans or proposals of Government to save the health of students?

### **Norms for deemed to be universities**

1662. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering

to redraw norms for deemed to be universities;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when the norms are likely to be put in place;
- (c) the total number of such universities in the country and the number of applications pending for grant of deemed to be university status;
- (d) whether Government has consulted/ proposes to consult all the stakeholders for making entry norms more stringent; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Children with learning disabilities**

1663. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children with learning disabilities enrolled in primary, secondary and senior secondary schools;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to increase awareness and sensitivity with regard to the matter of learning disabilities in children; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to provide counselling to teachers and parents of such children?

### **Admission of children with disabilities**

1664. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued directions that there would be a minimum of five per cent admission of children with disabilities in all educational bodies from this academic session;

(b) whether ensuring the rights of specially challenged people is one of the top most priorities for Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Reimbursement of expenditure on disabled students**

1665. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the number of schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas and those administered by Central Government agencies which have reimbursed the expenditure incurred on disabled students during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has issued any orders in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has any scheme to provide skill-oriented courses to disabled school kids for employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof?

**Vocational training along with school education**

1666. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to introduce compulsory vocational training up to matriculation/higher secondary level in schools to earn employment in case the students is not bright enough in studies to pursue higher education;

(b) whether any expert group had been constituted in the recent past to examine this aspect and make recommendations, keeping in view the state of unemployment in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Migrant Childrens' Right to Education**

1667. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring report has identified decrease in literacy level in rural India due to seasonal migration and if so, the measures taken to address the issue; and

(b) the status of implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009 which makes it mandatory for local authorities to admit migrant children?

**Innovation Fund for Secondary Education**

1668. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocations made for Innovation Fund for Secondary Education;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the States of West Bengal and Rajasthan; and

(c) in what manner the innovation fund would help in science education and the flexibility in curriculum introduced to promote creativity through local innovative content in the nation?



**Qualifying criteria for NET and JRF**

1669. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the qualifying criteria for NET and JRF has been changed during the last four years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is an increase in the number of applicants for NET during the last four years and if so, the details thereof, since, 2014, subject-wise;

(c) the number of students who qualified NET and JRF separately, during that period, subject-wise; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to increase the numbers of JRF, as the number of students coming to research has increased?

**Release of funds for Pre and Post-Matric Scholarships**

†1670. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the remaining amount of ₹ 3,390.76 lakh for the Pre-Matric and ₹ 15,575.56 lakh for Post-Matric Scholarships for the year 2018-19 is yet to be released by Government; and

(b) if so, by when the said amount would be released?

**Status of Ishan Vikash and Ishan Uday scholarship schemes**

1671. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ishan Vikash and Ishan Uday scholarship schemes for students of North Eastern Region would be extended to other States like Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and the number of students benefited under the said schemes, till date; and

(c) the target of beneficiaries under the said schemes during the current year?

**Honorarium to cooks in KGBV**

†1672. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for difference in honorarium paid to the chief cooks and assistant cooks for classes 6th to 8th and classes 9th to 12th working in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan ;

(b) by when this anomaly would be removed; and

(c) by when the arrears on account of difference in honorariums would be paid?

**Library facilities in higher education institutions**

1673. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual budget outlay and expenditure for library facilities in the Higher Education Institutes (HEIs), during the Twelfth Five Year Plan and the budget for the current year, university-wise;

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(b) whether librarians are not being appointed on permanent basis and only five year term is offered on contract; and

(c) whether libraries are considered as peripheral services in the universities?

#### **Low quality academic journals**

1674. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that a large number of low quality journals are flooding the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of low quality journals being detected and the action taken against the publishers during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to curb the malpractice of predatory publishing?

#### **Promotion of education in rural areas**

1675. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for promotion of education in rural areas that are currently being implemented by the Ministry;

(b) the status of their implementation in States and Union Territories; and

(c) whether some States are lagging behind in their implementation and if so, the reasons therefor and the measures being taken to improve their implementation?

#### **Test Practice Centres**

1676. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has inaugurated network of more than 3,400 Test Practice Centres (TPCs) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose for which these centres have been inaugurated;

(c) whether any such centre has been inaugurated in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Exemption to IIMs from reservation**

1677. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exemption has been granted to IIMs in general and IIM Ahmedabad in particular from reservations in faculty positions and reservations in admission to Fellow Programme/Doctoral Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Two year Ph.D. courses in IIMs**

1678. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian

Institutes of Management (IIMs) have made a proposal to the Ministry to accord approval for running two year Ph.D. courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) if no approval has been accorded, the reasons therefor?

#### **Engineering colleges in Kerala under TEQIP-III**

1679. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering to include Government and Government aided engineering colleges in Kerala under the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP)-phase III; and

(b) if so, the status thereof?

#### **Reimbursement of expenditure to children with disability**

1680. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued directions to all the schools in the country that expenditure incurred on books, uniforms and transport of children with disabilities would be reimbursed;

(b) whether there are about 12 million people with disability and only one per cent go to school;

(c) whether the girl child with disability would be given ₹ 200 per month; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **CBSE proposal for exemption to differently abled students**

1681. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE has proposed to provide specific exemptions to differently abled students in the board examinations in accordance with their needs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBSE is considering to shift to the online mode of examination for such students;

(c) whether CBSE has prepared a comprehensive policy for addressing challenges faced by such students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Teachers compelled to do non-teaching works**

1682. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya are being compelled to do non-teaching works due to which teaching is hampered and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of data entry operators engaged in various such Vidyalayas for doing non-teaching works region-wise and if not engaged, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has issued any circular for teachers to download certain mobile applications on their personal phones for updating data, etc. and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether KVS is contemplating teachers for use of smart phones/tablets and if so, the details thereof?

**Concession to Indian students for higher education**

†1683. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which are providing concessions to the Indian students for higher education;

(b) the details of concessions given by each such country;

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the number of students who got concessions during each of last three years?

**Foreign visits of academicians**

†1684. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of professors, scientists, research scholars and educationists who visited foreign countries under the educational exchange programmes during the last three years;

(b) whether most of the such persons belong to metropolitan cities;

(c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government so that more persons particularly from other cities and regions also visit foreign countries under such exchange programmes?

**Grants to schools**

1685. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is providing separate grants directly to the schools for libraries, laboratories and also for sports facilities every year covering all the eleven lakh schools across the country; and

(b) if so, the grants provided to schools in Maharashtra during the last three years along with their names?

**Teachers' training schools/colleges**

1686. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any commission to look over the deteriorating level of teachers education in the country; and

(b) the details of new teachers' training schools and colleges established by Government during the last three years across the country?

**Free education to poor children**

†1687. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to provide free education upto class 12 to poor children;

(b) if so, whether Government has, so far, deliberated on it; and

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

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### **Bicycles to students**

1688. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide bicycles to school students of classes IX to XII; and

(b) if so, the number of bicycles given to students in different States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

### **Literacy rate among differently abled children**

†1689. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of differently abled children who are not going to school, State-wise;

(b) the number of children out of them who are studying at primary, secondary and higher secondary level and also taking higher education; and

(c) the details of schemes being run by Government to increase the literacy rate among such children?

### **Filling up of teaching posts in University of Hyderabad**

1690. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Universities, particularly the University of Hyderabad, have filled up Group-A teaching posts and consequential vacancies without proper notification;

(b) whether the University of Hyderabad had issued a notification in 2007 to fill up Assistant Professors' posts and if so, the details thereof since 2007 up till now;

(c) whether all the Central Universities have implemented OBC reservation since 2007 except that university; and

(d) whether the Ministry would examine irregularities in the appointment of teaching posts in that university and undo the injustice caused to OBC candidates and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Establishment of IITs**

†1691. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IITs established before 2014 in the country; and

(b) the number of IITs established during the tenure of the present Government, State-wise and location-wise ?

### **Vacancy in Central Universities**

1692. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:  
DR. L.

HANUMANTHAIAH:  
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) the details of the sanctioned and actual strength of teaching faculty in all Central Universities in the country;

(b) whether vacancies regarding teaching faculty positions in such universities are lying unfilled since long;

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- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and  
 (d) by when those positions would be filled up ?

**Evolving a uniform syllabus, examination and assessment**

†1693. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the marks being awarded by boards of various States are increasing, resulting in problems being faced by institutes conducting various entrance examinations for universities and colleges;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to tackle this problem;  
 (c) whether Government has introduced any mechanism for better assessment of students or instructed the State Boards for evolving a uniform method of syllabus, examination and assessment and if so, the details thereof; and  
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Promotion in Delhi University**

†1694. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
 CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
 SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the teachers working in Delhi University are not being

promoted for a long time due to which their morale is low;

- (b) the number of teachers who are eligible for but not getting promotion;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several demands of *ad hoc* teachers of the university are not being considered for a long time due to which they are not getting other facilities including maternity leave; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Restructuring of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

†1695. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country and the number of teaching posts vacant in these schools;  
 (b) by when the vacancies would be filled up; and  
 (c) whether Government has any proposal for restructuring of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

**Eligibility for direct recruitment of doctoral degree holders from foreign universities**

1696. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that doctoral degree holders from the top 500 foreign universities are now eligible for direct recruitment as an assistant professor in Indian Universities;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that according to new recruitment norms, the top 500 ranking of the university would be referred from four famous world university ranking system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Reduction in seats for M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Central Universities**

1697. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of seats for M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses in Central Universities have been reduced, at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the issues being faced by research students?

**Four-year integrated teacher education programme**

1698. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to upgrade teacher education system and to enhance the teaching profession, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has announced a four-year integrated teacher education programme;

(b) by when the enrolment for this programme would begin; and

(c) what would be the eligibility criteria for the candidates seeking admission to this programme?

**Syllabus in minority educational institutions**

1699. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minority educational institutions run by Muslim, Sikh and Christian communities follow the syllabus prescribed by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government supervises the education imparted in such institutions?

**Proper information under RTI Act**

1700. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that various Government Departments and Ministries are not providing proper information under RTI Act, 2005 thus defeating the principle of transparency in administration/Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported during 2018; and

(c) the details of fresh measures Government would take to strengthen the RTI Act and to bring more transparency in Government?

#### **Leakage of SSC tier-2 paper**

1701. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students who were affected due to leakage of SSC tier-2 paper 2017; and
- (b) the details of CBI enquiry held for the leak and the action taken against responsible officials?

#### **Present status of investigation of missing student from JNU**

1702. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to close the investigation in missing student from JNU, Mr. Najeeb Ahmad;
- (b) if so, the reason for closing this case and the details of status report filed by CBI in this case;
- (c) whether CBI had taken statements from students who were eyewitness to the assault on Najeeb and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether CBI had interrogated all the nine accused in this case and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government would constitute a Special Investigation Team to find the whereabouts of Najeeb?

#### **Lateral entry into Government services**

1703. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed for lateral entry into Government services bureaucracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for appointment of specialists, mainly those from private sector; and

(c) the number of applications received and number of persons appointed, so far, from the proposed recruitment?

#### **Corruption Study Report**

1704. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen the Corruption Study Report recently released by the Centre for Media Studies;

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh stood as the fourth most corrupt State in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 75 per cent of people feel that corruption has gone up in that State; and

(d) if so, how Government proposes to change this trend?

#### **Impact of biometric attendance in Government offices**

1705. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on impact of biometric attendance in Government offices in the country;

(b) whether the productivity of Government has increased after introduction of biometric attendance;



(c) if so, whether there are loopholes in biometric attendance also and it snaps physical presence of subordinates to higher officials; and

(d) if so, the details of remedial measures proposed to be taken to fill the gap between higher officers and subordinates?

**Minimum and maximum pension to employees**

1706. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum and maximum pension payable to Central Government Employees;

(b) what is the amount of pension payable to Public Sector employees, specially in Banking Industries; and

(c) the details of pension payable by different States to their employees, State-wise?

**Attendance of employees**

1707. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Government offices where attendance of employees are being recorded through Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System including those offices where attendance is proposed to be recorded through this system;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the legal standing of taking attendance through this system in view of recent judgment of Supreme Court on Aadhaar related matters wherein except for subsidy matters, mandatory sharing of Aadhaar numbers has been struck down; and

(c) if so, by when Government

proposes to issue instructions to discontinue this system and put a new system fully compliant with the legal standing?

**Action plan for making India a new nation**

†1708. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is working on any action plan to re-establish India as a new nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of initiatives taken by the Planning Commission in this regard and whether the outcome of those initiatives, so far, has been as per the expectations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Conviction rate of crimes against SCs/STs**

1709. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Conviction rate has decreased and the number of pending cases has increased considerably under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) whether the crimes against students belonging to SC and ST categories have increased in universities and other educational institutes during the last three years and if so, the details of steps taken by Government for stringent enforcement of the above Act and for decreasing the rate of such crimes?

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**Working condition of manual scavengers**

1710. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the death of sanitation workers is a grim reminder of the hostile conditions that confront manual scavenging across the country;

(b) if so, whether manual scavenging has been prohibited by law;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of action taken against the authorities to take the manual scavenging work from sanitation workers;

(d) whether the socio-economic and caste census of 2011 had identified 1,80,657 households of manual scavengers across the country;

(e) if so, whether the working conditions of these sanitation workers have remained virtually unchanged over the years; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Rehabilitation of manual scavengers**

1711. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons engaged in manual scavenging and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether measures have been taken by Government during the last four years to eradicate the practice and rehabilitate manual scavengers;

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

(d) the number of people who have been assisted during that period under the Self

Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMs), State-wise?

**Education loans provided by NBCFDC**

1712. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NBCFDC is providing loans to students of Backward Classes for pursuing training or courses at graduate and higher levels and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for the scheme, the distribution of the funds between domestic and foreign loans and the rate of interest charged for these loans;

(c) the number of students who have benefited from the scheme and their distribution, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has any plans to expand the scheme and/or provide higher loans to students and if so, the details thereof?

**Restoration of SC/ST Act**

1713. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has deposed in the Supreme Court that high rate of acquittals, seen under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (SC/ST Act), is not because of cases being false or malafide but attributable to the shortcomings of police and prosecution to render justice to the oppressed classes;

(b) whether restoration of Act barring anticipatory bail to the accused after widespread protests over the Supreme

Court has empowered the system to render justice to such section of the society; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Vocational training for disabled persons**

1714. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from Rajasthan Government regarding vocational training for disabled persons under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any financial allocations for the said purpose; and

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

**Activities for manual scavengers under NSKFDC**

1715. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN:  
DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA  
RAMASWAMY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that over 20,500 people have been identified to be involved in manual scavenging in the country;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has planned various activities in this regard through the National Safai

Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of autistic children**

1716. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken for the education and mental development of children affected with autism;

(b) whether there are any special institutions run by Government specifically for children affected with autism;

(c) whether there are care institutions/ assisted living centers for such children and the provisions for sustenance allowance to their legal guardians; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Old age and shelter homes in metropolitan cities**

†1717. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate number of old age homes are available in proportion to the need in all four metropolitan cities and other major cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate numbers of shelter homes are available for homeless people in proportion to the need in all four metropolitan cities and other major cities of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Establishment of National  
Commission for Men**

1718. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal stressing the need for establishment of a National Commission for Men on the lines of the National Commission for Women to look into the sufferings of men from their wives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Share of Central and State  
Governments under Post  
Matric Scholarship**

†1719. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs allocates budget on the basis of a formula of 75 per cent share of Centre and 25 per cent share of State out of total amount spent by States in place of committed liability under the Post Matric Scholarship; and

(b) if so, the reasons why this system is not being adopted by the Ministry for students belonging to Scheduled Caste?

**Funds under Pravinya Unnayan  
Scheme**

†1720. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for allocation

of funds under Pravinya Unnayan Scheme from Government of Madhya Pradesh is pending; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the same would be allocated?

**Survey of persons with disability**

1721. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted door to door survey of persons with disability in Maharashtra, Delhi and the rest of the country which is mandatory under the recently enacted law by Parliament; and

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

**Free medical services to senior  
citizens**

1722. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to provide better, inexpensive or free medical services to senior citizens of the country, especially to those who are not covered in any self insurance policies and belong to a weaker economic status, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Guidelines for maintenance of old age homes**

1723. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms/guidelines laid down for construction/maintenance of old age homes in the country;
- (b) the number of old age homes opened in the country including Maharashtra and Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (c) the details and the number of people residing in each of these homes in above States;
- (d) the amount of funds released to the implementing agencies for setting up these homes during the said period;
- (e) whether any new proposals for opening such homes are pending with Government; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Funds for Post Matric Scholarships to Madhya Pradesh**

†1724. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received a proposal from Madhya Pradesh to provide funds for Post Matric Scholarship during 2017-18;
- (b) if so, by when the amount would be allocated to the State; and

- (c) if no allocations would be made, the reasons therefor?

**Single window for information of projects for disabled**

1725. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is not enough awareness among the persons with disability about the skill development projects available to them;
- (b) whether persons with disability have to run from pillar to post for information and awareness of these projects; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to start a single window for availability of information of these projects?

**Investment from countries visited by Prime Minister**

1726. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of official foreign tours of Dr. Manmohan Singh 2009 to 2014 and Shri Narendra Modi since 2014, till date;
- (b) the purpose and total expenditure on each journey together with the names and designation of the persons, official and non official who accompanied both the Prime Ministers during their foreign tours; and
- (c) the details of investment received from the countries visited by the current Prime Minister?

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### **Progress of Accessible India campaign**

1727. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of making 50 per cent of Government buildings of the National Capital and State Capitals all domestic airports, 50 per cent railway stations and 25 per cent public transport fully accessible under the Accessible India campaign has been achieved;

(b) whether the target of ensuring that 50 per cent of public documents issued by the Central and State Governments meet accessibility standards has been achieved; and

(c) if so, the details of achievements made in respect of part (a) and (b) and if not, the progress thereof till date, city-wise in respect of part (a)?

### **Social justice and empowerment after independence**

†1728. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether even now all the citizens of this country are not able to get social justice and their rights;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is making any plan on priority basis for people deprived of social justice and their rights?

### **Funds for future missions of ISRO**

1729. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO has unveiled its roadmap to target fifty missions during the next three years;

(b) whether it has set a target of twenty two missions for the year 2019;

(c) whether Government has enhanced its budget to meet its space activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and in what manner Government proposes to generate funds required for these missions?

### **Progress in the fields of astro-biology and bio-astronautics**

1730. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has made any progress in the fields of astro-biology and bio-astronautics and if so, the details thereof?

### **Tapping of small cities for innovation**

1731. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO is considering to tap small cities for innovations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more space research activities would be splashed in a big way across small cities to tap their talent and include them in the space footprint; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Opportunity in Indian space market**

1732. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian space market offers big opportunity to industry as it is estimated to grow to US \$ 1.6 billion by 2023;

(b) whether it is also a fact that domestic industry needs to increase the production of critical electronic items needed in space and other programmes, as 75 per cent of it is now imported; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Third launch pad for Gaganyaan programme**

1733. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO is setting up a third launch pad to undertake Gaganyaan manned space flight programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ISRO is searching for a location on the western sea coast near Gujarat to set up another launch pad for small satellite launch vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Launching of domestic GPS**

1734. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on excessive reliance on foreign controlled Global Positioning Systems (GPS);

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

(c) whether Government is considering to launch a domestic GPS; and

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

### **Installation of Doppler Weather Radars in Himalayas**

1735. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has installed Doppler Weather Radars in Himalayas and other areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the radars are capable of monitoring snow, rain, avalanches and other severe weather events?

### **National Commission for nomadic tribal groups**

1736. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Commission for the neglected and nomadic tribal groups across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government also proposes to constitute corporations at the national level to fund welfare schemes; and

(c) if so, the details of welfare proposals prepared by Government in this regard?

**Vacancies in Tribal Research Institutes**

1737. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the existing Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs);

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to fill the vacancies; and

(c) whether Government is planning to conduct a review of the operational conditions of existing TRIs across the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Rehabilitation of tribals**

1738. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal population in the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote their livelihood and proper rehabilitation; and

(c) whether Government would bring those tribal work force in proper employment for which they are capable of performing?

**Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship**

1739. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated during the last three years to implement the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship;

(b) the number and details of Scheduled Tribe candidates awarded the scholarship

annually for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D and M.Phil plus Ph.D during the last three years, State-wise, particularly from Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(c) the details of actual expenditure incurred under the scheme and the achievements of the scheme during that period; and

(d) whether any measures have been taken by Government for effective implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**Rehabilitation of displaced tribal community**

1740. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, out of an estimated 85 lakh persons displaced due to development projects and natural calamities, only 21 lakh have been rehabilitated as in December, 2016; and

(b) what is the present status of rehabilitation of tribal community members who have been displaced by various development projects including the details of such persons who have received compensation?

**Demand for inclusion in Scheduled Tribe list**

1741. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States including Karnataka have requested for inclusion of a number of castes in the Scheduled Tribe list;



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

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested for inclusion of Siddi community of Belgaum and Dharwad region of the State also in the said list;

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

(e) by when the proposal would be cleared and that community included in the list?

#### **Protection of small tribes**

†1742. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribes whose population is less than two thousand and the States they belong to;

(b) the measures being taken for the protection of these tribes; and

(c) whether Government proposes to constitute a commission/committee for their protection?

#### **Development of tribes**

1743. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to measure and monitor the developmental state of Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) whether there is any scheme of categorisation of the tribes based on their developmental stage and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the schemes launched by Government for upliftment of primitive tribes in the country;

(d) the funds released and utilised for the development of scheduled tribes during the last two years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken for upliftment of 175 most vulnerable tribes living with pre-agriculture age technologies?

#### **Complaints of sexual harassment in AIR**

1744. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio (AIR) Casual Announcers and Compere Union had raised the issue of widespread sexual harassment charges against their male superiors in different AIR stations and if so, whether the Prasar Bharti has submitted a report to the National Commission for Women on action taken against the complaints;

(b) whether the women's union has termed the said action taken report of Prasar Bharti as an eyewash and insult to casual women employees who are victims of sexual harassment; and

(c) whether many such complainants have since been terminated from service although they have worked for two decades with AIR?

#### **Implementation of sexual harassment Act in private sectors**

1745. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would introduce provisions in the sexual

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harassment Act to allow victims to respond if not satisfied with the process of enquiry and this report of the Internal Complaints Committee;

(b) details of safeguards provided to women who have filed complaints;

(c) whether the Ministry has followed up on the private companies which have not implemented the Sexual Harassment of Women Act;

(d) if so, whether failure to implement the said Act is reflected in their disclosure and if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Complaints of sexual harassment by women police personnel**

1746. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains a State-wise record of complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace by women police personnel, including the number of complaints received, disposed of, and the action taken against the implicated officials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Nodal agency to check complaints of sexual harassment**

1747. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sexual harassment complaints received, updated and disposed, in the She-box, an online poartal for filing

complaints since 2017, Central, State or private employee-wise;

(b) the steps taken to fast-track responses from the Internal Complaints Committees;

(c) whether there is a mechanism or a nodal agency to check the implementation and monitoring of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013; and

(d) if so, the number of such institutes, functions and responsibilities and cases handled, State-wise and sector-wise?

**Sexual violence against disabled girls**

1748. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National convention against sexual violence on girls and women with disabilities has revealed that they are sexually exploited due to their dependence on perpetrators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to protect the disabled girls and women from sexual exploitation in the country?

**Beneficiaries in Anganwadi centres**

1749. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are around 14 lakh Anganwadi centres across the country and 10 crore beneficiaries;

(b) whether this includes children under the age of six and pregnant women and lactating mothers;

(c) whether one crore fake beneficiaries registered in various Anganwadi have been identified and eliminated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Complaints against quality of food at Anganwadis**

1750. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention is drawn to the reports that several Anganwadis are compromising with the quality of food being served to children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any system to check the quality of food being served in Anganwadis; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaints on the quality of food in Anganwadis?

#### **Grievances of women abandoned by NRI husbands**

1751. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring a policy to address the grievances of women abandoned by their NRI husbands after misappropriating the dowry and other valuables as per the Supreme Court suggestions and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the remedial measures available to the women abandoned by their NRI husbands and the steps taken by Government to create awareness regarding this issue?

#### **Hostels for working women**

†1752. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for working women, location-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received proposals from some State Governments to make more hostels for working women;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard, State-wise;

(d) whether Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Non-Government Organisations to set up such hostels; and

(e) if so, the details of funds released during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Cases received in NCPCR**

†1753. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases received in the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of action taken thereon, case-wise; and

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(c) the number of persons found guilty by the Commission and the details of action taken against them?

#### **Destitute women in Tamil Nadu**

1754. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special projects and schemes for development of destitute women, widows, orphaned children in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated and disbursed during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken any effective steps to support the socio-economic development of destitute women, widows, orphaned children in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Proposals for welfare of women and children**

1755. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is funding various proposals under Nirbhaya Fund, which are aimed at ensuring an augmenting welfare, safety and security of the women and children across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is yet to decide on such proposals received from States including the State of Tamil Nadu, which are also aimed at welfare, safety and security of the women and children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safety and social development of women**

1756. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of schemes implemented by the Ministry for safety and social development of women, the budgetary allocations made for the schemes and the total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years?

#### **Welfare schemes for women and children**

1757. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the major initiatives taken by Government to control the crimes against women and children;

(b) the measures taken by Government for women's security and safety;

(c) the measures initiated by Government regarding distressed women and children to bring them into the main stream; and

(d) the other schemes run by Government for women and child development in Karnataka along with funds allocated and spent by the Ministry in that State during the last three years?

#### **Components of POSHAN Abhiyan**

1758. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large component of POSHAN Abhiyan involves gradual scaling up of interventions supported by ongoing World Bank assisted Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and system

strengthening and nutrition improvement projects in all the districts during a three year period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, with a focus on improving the coverage and quality of ICDS nutrition services to pregnant and lactating women and children under three years of age, the project would include investments in improving the skills and capacities of ICDS staff and community nutrition workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**UN report on use of children and armed conflict in States**

1759. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent annual report of the UN Secretary General on children and armed conflict especially about the

recruitment and use of children by naxalites in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir; and

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

**Proposals of Madhya Pradesh**

†1760. DR. SATYANARAYAN  
JATIYA:  
SHRI AJAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

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

(a) the latest status of proposals of new child development project, Anganwadi centre, establishment of new training centre and uniform for Anganwadi children, forwarded by Madhya Pradesh Government; and

(b) the reasons for their pendency, if any, and by when these are likely to be approved?

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