

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, July 27, 2017/Shravana 5, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

#### **Cancellation of visit of Indian journalists to Tibet**

\*121. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China has cancelled a trip of Indian journalists to Tibet;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that China organises a sponsored visit for selected Indian Journalists to Tibet every year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Anomalies due to change of designations**

\*122. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred question 2664

given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16 December, 2014 and state:

- (a) whether Recruitment Rules (RRs) were ready in March, 1997 and again in February, 2009 and November, 2009 but gazette notifications were withheld;
- (b) whether the designations of other officers like NE/SE, who get regular promotions, were changed without promotion;
- (c) whether change of designation has caused anomalies; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Dropout rate in Government vis-a-vis private schools**

\*123. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that dropout rate of students is higher in Government than in private schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, urban and rural area-wise and the reasons therefor?

**Cities selected under Housing for All in Himachal Pradesh**

\*124. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities/towns in Himachal Pradesh which have been selected for development of dwelling units under "Housing for All" scheme;

(b) the eligibility criterion laid down by Government to provide houses under the scheme; and

(c) whether any new features have been included in the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**Strengthening of digital transmitters in border areas**

\*125. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to strengthen digital transmitters for broadcast in border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action is being taken for cracking down on broadcast of unauthorised channels especially in border areas; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make contents of AIR broadcasts interesting, entertaining and useful to the listeners?

**FM stations in Goa**

\*126. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present range of FM stations in Goa;

(b) the efforts Government proposes to make to improve the range;

(c) the details of agencies which run FM stations in that State; and

(d) the details of key provisions of agreements/MoUs existing with those agencies?

**Shift in emphasis to non-traditional art forms**

\*127. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spurt in TV channels and FM broadcasting has resulted in shift in emphasis from classical music and dance forms to non-traditional art forms; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps under consideration for arresting this trend?

**Use of compost made from city-waste**

\*128. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 80 per cent of the total 1.7 lakh tonnes of waste generated daily is currently dumped without processing;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to push for greater use of compost made from city waste for farming;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that only two lakh tonnes of compost is sold annually and existing plants with combined 15 lakh tonnes of installed capacity are underutilized; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

#### **Initiating talks with Pakistan**

\*129. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of Government on Pakistan taking up the Kashmir issue at International Court of Justice;

(b) whether Government would stick on to its stand that Kashmir problem can be solved only through direct talk between India and Pakistan;

(c) whether Government would initiate any talks with Pakistan to resolve the stalemate on the comprehensive peace talks stopped abruptly due to terrorist attacks; and

(d) whether Government is prepared to change the stand that there is no discussion till the terrorist attacks are stopped?

#### **Merger of institutions for classical languages**

\*130. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to merge six institutions for classical languages with the central universities situated in the respective States; and

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

#### **New rules under RTI Act**

\*131. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has come out with new Rules under the RTI Act as per which all pending proceedings would come to an end if the applicant dies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Rules also provide that the Central Information Commission would not accept any complaint unless copy of RTI applications is provided;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of comments received from citizens on the draft rules and the number of those comments which are against the Rules?

#### **Faculty strength in IIT, Tirupati**

\*132. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sanctioned faculty strength of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Tirupati, is forty five and there are thirty four vacancies;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in filling the vacancies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the eleven in-position faculty many of them are in temporary capacity and on contract basis;

- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and  
 (e) what should be the faculty strength in that IIT, as per the norms?

#### **Malnutrition among children**

†\*133. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 62 per cent of children in Delhi have been found to be suffering from anaemia under the National Family Health Survey;

(b) if so, the details of status of malnutrition among children in the age group of zero to five years in the country and the details of hurdles coming in the way of reach of the schemes being implemented therefor;

(c) whether considering the situation of malnutrition among children, the Ministry would make more serious efforts to ensure the reach of the schemes to the affected, in order to put an end to malnutrition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Change in performance monitoring mechanism for employees**

\*134. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated

an exercise to examine service records of Government servants including Group 'A' services, to identify non-performers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has changed its performance monitoring mechanism and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of Government employees who were granted compulsory retirement on account of poor performance during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details of favourable work environment being provided to those who are performing well, sincerely and with integrity?

#### **Pupil-teacher ratio under RTE**

\*135. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schools which maintain the pupil-teacher ratio and physical infrastructure as mandated under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE);

(b) whether Government has set any target to achieve the above goals, as mandated in the Act; and

(c) if so, the details of progress made in this regard?

NEW DELHI;  
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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