

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, April 28, 2016/Vaisakha 8, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

UN help for women and child development schemes

*46. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any financial help from United Nations or UNESCO for women and child development schemes in the country;

(b) the details of funds released for different women and child development schemes during last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any monitoring system for executing these schemes and if so the details thereof?

Reluctance in sharing of information under RTI

*47. SHRI SALIM ANSARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Government Ministries/ Departments are reluctant and unwilling to share even basic data under the Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details of the study conducted and the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether Ministries/Departments are refusing the Central Information Commission (CIC) to divulge even basic data on a number of RTI applicants; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to

strengthen the procedure so as to minimize the trend of rejecting or evading information to RTI applicants?

More Kendriya Vidyalayas and JNVs in Odisha

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

(a) whether the existing number of the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) is adequate to meet the growing demand of such schools in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish more KVs and JNVs particularly in the tribal, far-flung and left wing extremist affected areas of Odisha, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of KVs and JNVs approved and set up during the last three years and the current year?

Indo-Pak peace talks

†*49. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the contradiction appearing in the attitude of Government of Pakistan and Pakistani Investigation Team sent to investigate the Pathankot airbase terrorist attack following the probe teams return to Pakistan;

(b) whether Pakistan is creating hindrance in Indo-Pakistan peace talks which has impacted peace talks; and

(c) the details of steps taken by India and Pakistan to restore the trust during

last three years and whether their impact has been satisfactory?

Fund for scholarship to SC, ST and OBC students

†*50. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has allocated, released and spent fund on scholarship to SC, ST and OBC students under various welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the details of the amount allocated, released and spent on scholarship during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries of each scheme, State-wise and year-wise?

Opening of new ITIs

*51. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) functioning and the number of students trained in these Institutes during the last one and a half year;

(b) whether Government is also in touch with some private education providers under the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for exploring the possibility of opening ITIs and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to open new ITIs for giving training to more students so that they become self-reliant?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Compulsory retirement of non-performing officials

*52. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on the proposal of compulsory retirement for non-performing and inefficient Government officials, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of metrics for such an assessment?

Complaints of discrimination at NIT institutes

†*53. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding discrimination against the students coming from other States in NITs situated in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received in the last three years and the manner in which these complaints were redressed;

(c) whether any demand for change in the location of any such institutes has been raised, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision being taken by Government on such demand?

Global targets for reducing malnutrition

*54. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country

is on track to meet only two of the eight global targets for reducing malnutrition by 2030 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the latest data shows that 39 per cent of children under the age of five in India are short as compared to their age and if so, the details thereof?

District Disability Rehabilitation Centres

*55. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres functioning in the country at present, State-wise along with locations thereof;

(b) whether each district in the country has a Disability Rehabilitation Centre, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to set up one such centre in each district of the country; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent on District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC) during the last three years, State-wise?

Upgradation of IMD

*56. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is technologically way behind and hence, is unable to predict even the severe and sudden change in the weather conditions;

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(b) whether it is because of the poor technical condition of the IMD that the torrential rains and the devastating floods that followed creating havoc with the lives and the properties of people in Tamil Nadu recently, could not be predicted; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry would consider bringing in the latest equipments for the upgradation of IMD and its efficient functioning?

Constitution of Metropolitan Planning Committees in cities

*57. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken for implementation of the 74th Constitution Amendment envisaging a greater role for urban local bodies;

(b) whether Karnataka has met all the requirements to implement the said Amendment, if not, the deficiencies thereof;

(c) which cities in India have constituted Metropolitan Planning Committees (MPCs) as envisaged under Article 243 ZE of the Constitution; and

(d) whether planning has been devolved to the MPCs wherever they have been constituted?

Entry of police in NIT, Srinagar

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

(a) whether Government is aware that students of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar holding national flags and chanting pro India slogans, have

been lathicharged and beaten up brutally in NIT campus and several cases against them have been registered, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NIT administration had permitted the police to enter NIT campus;

(c) if so, the details of the authority who permitted police entry along with the date thereof; and

(d) the basis on which police entry in NIT campus was permitted?

Sanctioned and actual strength of Government employees

*59. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned and actual strength of employees as on 1st January, 2016 in the Central Government, grade-wise;

(b) the number of recruitments made to fill up the vacant posts during last three years, grade-wise; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to bridge the gap between the sanctioned and the actual strength of employees?

Help for Indians injured in Brussels

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

(a) the details of Brussels terrorist attack that took place recently;

(b) how many Indians were injured and how many killed, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jet Airways crew were also injured, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all the injured were given medical treatment and safely shifted to India; and

(e) whether any timely assistance was provided by Indian Embassy at Brussels, if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
The 22nd April, 2016

Vaisakha 2, 1938 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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