

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Leakage at Kakrapar Nuclear Power Station

481. SHRI D. RAJA:
DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been nuclear reactor leakage at the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station very recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has classified the said leakage as Level-1 or the lowest in a seven rung classification scheme used internationally to rate the severity of nuclear mishaps, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted into the incident and if so, the details thereof?

MoU with France on Jaitapur Nuclear Reactor

482. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for six Jaitapur Nuclear Reactors, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Memorandum of Understanding also envisages adequate safety measures for all the nuclear reactors at above place, if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of third stage of
Nuclear Power Programme**

483. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of the third stage of Indian Nuclear Power Programme and the list of Nuclear Power Projects initiated during the last five years;

(b) the amount spent so far and their installed capacity and actual generation;

(c) whether Government has provided adequate infrastructural, technological and logistic facilities at Madras Atomic Power Plant (MAPP), BHAVINI at Kalpakkam and at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plants Unit I and II, Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details of the financial, technological and logistic support extended by the Government in the last three years?

**Target for generation of nuclear
power**

484. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put forth a target of 63 GW of nuclear power by 2032;

(b) the expected share of nuclear power in the country by the end of Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) whether Government plans to increase the annual budgetary allocation for nuclear energy in the coming years, if so, the details thereof?

**Commissioning of Unit-2 of
Kudankulam Nuclear
Power Plant**

485. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would make Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Unit-2 (KKNPP-2) operational within the current financial year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the tentative date by which KKNPP-2 would be commissioned; and

(c) the reasons for non-commissioning within this financial year itself?

Rainfall prediction at micro level

486. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any analysis related to rainfall prediction and actual rainfall at micro level like, district, villages etc. if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has efficient technology for cloud seeding to improve rains in drought prone areas and whether Government has used that technology in last one year, if so, the details thereof?

**Transferring of Haj to Ministry of
Minority Affairs**

487. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government proposes to transfer the subject of Haj to Ministry of Minority Affairs, if so, the details in this regard?

Extradition of accused in IPL cricket scam

488. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approached Government of United Kingdom for extradition of Lalit Modi, key accused in IPL cricket scam to India;

(b) if so, the details and results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Extradition of accused in Augusta Westland Helicopter scam

489. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approached Government of United Kingdom for extradition of British National Christian Michel, key accused in Augusta Westland Helicopter scam to India;

(b) if so, details and results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Approaches towards ISIS

490. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approach of Government towards ISIS;

(b) what is its assessment of the origin of ISIS and its armed attacks on Syria and neighbouring countries;

(c) whether it approves unilateral armed attack by USA and its allies as also Russia against ISIS; and

(d) why does not India campaign that such intervention in other countries can be made only on the basis of UN decision and forces under UN auspices?

China vetoed India's effort against terrorism acts

†491. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objections that India has raised against China who has vetoed against India's efforts to ban the Head of Jaish-e-Mohammed, who is the conspirator of the Pathankot conspiracy, by the United Nations;

(b) whether India has taken any steps to bring about changes in its foreign policy with China in view of the step taken by China; and

(c) the steps taken to make up for the loss occurred from veto against India's efforts to ban the Head of the Jaish-e-Mohammed by the United Nations after the Mumbai and Pathankot attacks?

Team from Pakistan to probe Pathankot attack

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a team from Pakistan had arrived in India last month to probe Pathankot airbase attack, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the team that arrived in

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India for the said probe is a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) formed for the purpose of the said investigation by the Pakistan, if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation for sick MSMEs

493. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) details of the revival and rehabilitation package launched for the sick MSMEs;

(b) how many MSMEs have approached the Committees set up at zonal or district level to avail of the benefits of the scheme, State-wise details;

(c) steps taken by the Ministry to bring down the high interest rates; and

(d) details of the Udyog Aadhar Memorandum and the number of entrepreneurs which have registered for this Scheme?

Modification in rules for lateral entry in IFS

494. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to modify its recruitment procedures to introduce lateral entries in the Indian Foreign Services (IFS);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the introduction of such a policy and the eligibility criteria envisaged by Government for including such recruits who have not passed any examination conducted by the UPSC; and

(c) if not, the measures being taken by Government to fill up the posts that are

lying vacant in the Indian Foreign Services?

Demand for increase in Haj quota for States

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

(a) whether some States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and other States have demanded to increase Haj quota for their States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps the Ministry is taking to accommodate the demands of these States so that more pilgrims could be sent for Haj pilgrimage?

Policy for cordial relations with neighbouring countries

496. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy initiatives taken by Government in last three years to have cordial relations with our neighbours; and

(b) how much money has been spent on it in the last three years, year-wise details thereof?

Duping of Indian workers by Gulf employers

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

(a) whether UAE Government was concerned at the increasing incidence of employers giving Indian workers the short shrift and agents duping them, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Gulf work contract could be signed in five Indian languages now to end the menace, if so, the details thereof?

Transport project between Mizoram and Myanmar

498. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons to implement Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project between Mizoram and Sittwe, Myanmar;

(b) what are the chances of completing the project with revised estimate of ₹ 2904 crore;

(c) how much of the 90 kms highway in South Mizoram and 140 kms in Myanmar have been completed;

(d) what is the expected date of completion of the project; and

(e) whether Government is hopeful of completing the project on time, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pakistan's High Commissioner meeting separatist leaders of Kashmir

499. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India's objection, Pakistan High Commissioner in New Delhi met separatist leaders on Pakistan Day, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has been taking plea that it looks at the separatists leaders as genuine representatives of Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government has lodged its complaint with Pakistan for continuously hosting separatists leaders?

Indians in Syrian jails

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of Indians are in Syrian jails;

(b) if so, the details of such persons and the State to which they belong; and

(c) what efforts have been made to rescue those persons and by when they are likely to be deported to our country?

Indian Missions reply to communications from MPs

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

(a) whether Government has issued any direction to our Missions located abroad to take appropriate and prompt action and subsequently reply within a stipulated time-period to the e-mail communications of Members of Parliament and former Members of Parliament sent through their official mail ID; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government contemplates to issue such direction, the details thereof?

Recalled vehicles by automobile manufacturers

502. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to State:

(a) the number and details of vehicle recalled by automobile manufacturers for safety defects in the country during the last three years and in the current year, respectively;

(b) whether it is a fact that a study undertaken by NATRIP shows that 65 per cent of the victims of road accidents are in light four wheelers, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has developed a mandatory recall policy for vehicles which do not meet safety standards; and

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

Indian kidnapped in Nigeria

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that a Telugu speaking horticulture expert working in Auhja district of Nigeria was kidnapped and ransom demands were made to the family;

(b) if so, what steps were taken to rescue him from the kidnappers; and

(c) whether Government would put in place a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to enable the Indian missions to come to the aid of the Indian victims since the threat of such kidnappings for ransom has been on the rise in the Nigerian region?

Growing relationship between China and Pakistan

504. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mutually growing relationship between China and Pakistan over the past few years is increasing the concerns of India, if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether India has informed Pakistan and China about its concerns; and

(c) if so, the reaction of these Governments?

Performance ratings to CPSUs

505. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) annually get performance ratings;

(b) if so, the details of performance ratings got in the last three years and the current year by each Maharatna, Navratna and Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs); and

(c) the details of MoUs signed by each of the above CPSE during the last three years and the current year?

International safety standards for new vehicles

506. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for vehicle especially car manufacturers for complying with best international standards for safety of driver and passengers for new vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of state-of-the-art automotive design and testing centres existing in the country for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to

formulate new norms for crash test, emissions and other safety equipment to ensure safer vehicles manufacturing in the country?

Excise duty concession to persons with disability

507. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a lack of general awareness regarding the Ministry's scheme of 'Excise Duty Concession to Persons with Disability' on purchase of cars;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of beneficiaries of this scheme is coming down every year because of the lack of awareness among masses; and

(c) if so, the number of beneficiaries for the last three years year-wise and the steps taken by Government to promote general awareness about the scheme?

Setting up heavy industry in Kerala

508. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up any heavy industry in the State of Kerala; and

(b) whether any request from the State Government is pending with Government?

Number of closed heavy industries in West Bengal

509. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heavy industries closed during 2011 to 2014 with special reference to West Bengal, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of heavy industries re-opened during 2011-14 with special reference to West Bengal, year and State-wise?

Implementation of street vendors Act

510. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Street Vendors Act, 2014 since its implementation from 1st May, 2014;

(b) the categories of vendors coming under the purview of the above Act; and

(c) how the protection being given to the livelihood of urban street vendors and whether any special insurance is extended to such vendors?

Construction of houses for poorer section

511. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether there is acute housing shortage in the country;

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

(c) the action taken to construct more houses, especially for poorer sections of the society?

Action plan for poverty alleviation

†512. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any action plan to provide houses to the poor and all other citizens in the country who do not have houses, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that the benefits of schemes do not reach genuine persons as there are huge shortcomings in the identification process of the poor in the country; and

(c) whether Government would chalk out any concrete action plan for poverty alleviation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of people living in slums

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

(a) whether Government is taking any concrete steps to rehabilitate the people living in slums in cities and towns; and

(b) if so, the details including the funds allocated and time frame, if any?

Urban area under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana

514. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to bring all the statutory urban areas under the ambit of "Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

Antyodaya Yojana/National Urban Livelihood Mission", if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been covered under the scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme would reduce unemployment in the country?

State-wise homeless households

515. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless households in the country, State-wise as on 1st April, 2016;

(b) the number of houses that were completed/provided under the Central Government housing schemes for the poor during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the number of houses that are estimated to be completed under Government housing schemes for homeless poor sections in the next five years; and

(d) the list of those schemes/programmes being contemplated by Government for poverty alleviation in the country?

Poisonous food under Mid-Day Meal scheme

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

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

(a) the details of the various types of

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complaints regarding Mid-Day Meal and deaths of children caused by eating poisonous food during the last five years;

(b) the number of persons against whom action has been taken for resorting to carelessness and corruption in this scheme, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to streamline this scheme in the last five years?

Digital textbooks for reducing burden of bags

†517. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:
SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that burden of books and bags is increasing on small school-going children;

(b) whether mental and physical development of children is getting affected due to this increasing burden; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to provide textbooks digitally on tablet for reducing the burden of bags, and if so, the details thereof?

Higher Education Financing Agency

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to establish Higher Education Financing Agency and turning 10 public and private institutions into world class educational institutions could be a game changer, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that ten institutions each from both public and

private sectors would be selected in the next few months, if so, the details thereof?

Removal of contents from NCERT books

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

(a) whether it is a fact that contents about a large number of national leaders/freedom fighters/revolutionaries have been either removed or snipped/curtailed from NCERT text books;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Modernization of Madarsa education

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

(a) the total allocation made for modernization of Madarsa education during 2015-16;

(b) the details of work done and results achieved in different States in this regard;

(c) the allocations which remained unspent/unutilized; and

(d) how the remaining amount would be utilized?

Ex-servicemen for physical training in schools

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

(a) whether Government is considering

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to utilize the services of ex-servicemen for providing physical training to students in school, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented all over the country?

Shortage of space in schools of Maharashtra

522. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of rooms and play grounds in the schools of Maharashtra and rest of the country;

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

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

Complaints of ragging in educational Institutions

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

(a) whether Government has received complaints from the guardians of students about the incidents of ragging in educational institutions situated at various places in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received State-wise and area-wise;

(c) the details of the action taken on the complaints received during the last year and the current year;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to formulate any strict law to prevent incidents of ragging in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when it is targeted to be implemented?

Mission Statement for schools

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

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

(a) whether Government/CBSE issued direction to all affiliated schools to prepare mission statement, goals to be achieved and to be posted on website;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind it;

(c) whether CBSE issued guidelines in this regard to the schools, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the time limit by which it should be ready and whether it would be extended in view of summer vacation?

World class universities

525. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government is considering a proposal to set up 20 world class universities in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Good quality toilets for girls in schools

526. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proposal of Government

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to provide good quality toilets in the schools for girls;

(b) what is the price fixed by Government for each unit of good quality toilet for girls; and

(c) how does Government propose to meet the expenditure incurred in this regard?

Lengthy Board question papers

527. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students of 12th Board examination invariably face one or two very lengthy and tough question papers and this leads to fatal attempts on life due to fear of failure;

(b) what is the procedure to be adopted by the question paper setter to be followed to assess the length of the question paper; and

(c) whether the question papers of the board examination are attempted and tested for their genuine duration before they are finalized for the examination?

Linking promotion of teachers to performance of students

528. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to link the promotion of teachers to the performance of their students in an attempt to bolster the newly launched School Chalo Abhiyan 2016 aimed at improving enrollment and reducing drop-out rate;

(b) if so, whether the performance of students is a cumulative outcome of many factors including capacity for absorption

of what is taught, socio-economic ambience at home rather than mere classroom teaching; and

(c) whether despite being labelled as a noble profession, teaching is essentially a wage earning exercise like other vocational trades?

Recognition of all Deemed to be Universities

529. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any new approach to recognize all Deemed to be Universities;

(b) if so, whether the Universities which are established before 1972 are also covered under this such as Gandhi Gram Rural University, Gandhigram, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if not, whether the UGC has informed these Government of India funded Deemed Universities that this condition is not applicable to them?

Mid-Day Meal scheme in Puducherry

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

(a) details of funds allocated and utilized in Puducherry under Mid-Day Meal scheme in the last five years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to provide two eggs in a week to students;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States are providing breakfast also to students; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider the same for school children of Puducherry, if not, the reasons therefor?

Committee for popularising Sanskrit language

531. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any Committee to popularise Sanskrit language; and

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

Increase in intake of NIT colleges

532. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the seats of National Institute of Technology (NIT) colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof along with the actual demands of each State?

Non-Payment of UGC scholarships

533. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many students got UGC scholarships each year from 2010 to 2016 year-wise;

(b) how many JRF scholarships were disbursed by UGC during 2015 to 2016 year-wise;

(c) how many UGC JRF scholars are

there as compared to scholarships disbursed;

(d) whether it is a fact that as many as 20,000 students have not been paid scholarships for 8 months, if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Implementation of Mid-Day Meal scheme

534. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Mid-Day Meal scheme is not being implemented properly in the States in spite of funds released by the Centre, if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has released funds for the present financial year to the States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, the funds utilised and compliance received;

(c) whether there are funds still not utilised by the States, the details thereof; and

(d) whether CAG has pointed out the improper utilisation of the scheme by the States, if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Teaching posts vacant in IITs

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

(a) how many teaching posts are vacant in IITs and since what time;

(b) how much amount has been spent

on faculty development in IITs during the last five years; and

(c) what has been done to use Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and Flipped classroom for meeting faculty shortage in IITs?

Migration of IIT students

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

(a) how many B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D holders from IITs have migrated to other countries during the last five years;

(b) what has been the economic and other loss due to their migrating out; and

(c) how much have they contributed/donated to our IITs so far?

Impact of fee hike in IITs on poor students

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to hike the fee of undergraduate courses in the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, whether a study has been conducted to assess its impact on the poor students and those from the backward areas;

(c) whether experts from the academic field have expressed apprehensions that the decision to hike fee in IITs would definitely have an adverse impact on the talented students coming from poor families; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Result of fact finding team for NIT, Srinagar

†538. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISAD: SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) the facts that have emerged from the investigation by a three-member team set up by the Ministry after the clashes between two groups of students in the National Institute of Technology, Srinagar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the students of the Institute are being instigated to indulge in anti-India activities which showed its outcome after the result of T20 match; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the officers of the Institute and the Ministry so far?

New Central Schools in Kerala

539. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open new Central Schools in various States including Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Private universities in the country

540. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private universities/

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deemed universities in the country, State-wise, and their ranking on the basis of performance;

(b) number and names of the first 25 private universities recognized on the basis of merit awarded by UGC and location of each of such university;

(c) what procedure has been adopted by Government/UGC to determine the merits of private universities; and

(d) what is Government's policy towards universities and how many proposals are pending with UGC for the establishment of private universities?

Education to children engaged in labour activities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of children do not attend schools due to their engagement in family labour;

(b) if so, the number of children in the country who are not attending schools due to the said reason, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering any plan to bring such children to schools by allowing them to continue part time in family labour or by compensating their families; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

JEE ranking without marks of class XIIth

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has decided that Class XII marks will not be considered when it comes to the Joint Entrance Examination rankings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the announcement is expected to bring relief to students looking to grab a seat in a good engineering college; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the JEE 2016 would be conducted as it was done in 2015, if so, the details thereof?

Pilot project to enlist ex-servicemen as teachers

543. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to run pilot project to enlist retired teachers/ex-servicemen as teachers, to meet the shortage of teachers in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government also proposes to provide internship for teachers on teaching aid and skills, if so, the details thereof?

Literacy in villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

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

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

(a) whether Government set a target of achieving 100 per cent literacy in villages adopted under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana by March, 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the level of literacy in each State;

(c) the amount spent under the scheme in each State; and

(d) by what period, total literacy is expected in the country?

Educational development of economically backward classes

545. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

(a) details of the schemes formulated by Government for the educational development of the economically backward classes of the country;

(b) the amount of funds allocated under such schemes; and

(c) the criteria adopted for the proper utilisation of the funds allotted for such schemes?

Allegiance towards country from Urdu writers

†546. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language has recently issued a letter asking Urdu writers to show their allegiance towards the country, if so, the reason for issuing such guidelines only for Urdu writers;

(b) whether to criticise the policies of Government is against the national interest; and

(c) whether the Ministry consulted all the stakeholders before implementing this decision, if not, the reasons therefor?

Sanskrit courses in IITs

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

(a) whether Government has issued advisory to all IITs to start Sanskrit courses recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons and rationale for such advisory to IITs by the Ministry?

IITs and IIMs for North-Eastern States

548. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to establish more IITs and IIMs or equivalent educational institutions in the North-Eastern States of country, if so, the details thereof and by which year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the number of IITs presently functioning in these States?

Concession from fee hike in IITs

549. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the IIT fee hike from the present ₹ 90,000 to ₹ 3.0 lakh from the next academic session;

(b) whether the students belonging to families whose annual income is less than ₹ 1 lakh would be able to get full fee waiver, along with those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the differently abled;

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(c) whether the students belonging to families with an annual income of less than ₹ 5.0 lakh would be entitled to a waiver of two thirds of the tuition fee irrespective of their category; and

(d) whether the students already enrolled would continue to pay their fee as per the old slabs?

Rescheduling of interview dates in Delhi University

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

(a) whether it is a fact that University of Delhi had scheduled MBA (International Business) admission interviews for students around Holi festival, if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it was a deliberate attempt on the part of the University to put students particularly those coming from outside Delhi were put to hardship and inconvenience; and

(c) whether University of Delhi had rescheduled the interview dates keeping in view the fact that a large number of students might not be able to appear for the interviews?

Students enrolled in courses of Central Universities

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

(a) the total number of SC, ST, OBC and other students enrolled in various Central Universities across the country in Undergraduate, post-graduate and Ph.D

courses in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, category-wise and university-wise; and

(b) the total number of SC, ST, OBCs and other students enrolled in various IITs, IIMs and AIIMS across the country, in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, category-wise?

Graduates from SC/ST community

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

(a) the number of persons who have passed middle school, secondary school, senior secondary school, diploma holders and graduates in the country, category-wise, Rural and Urban, SC, ST and OBCs for each State;

(b) whether it is a fact that very less number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are graduates, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government and progress made, in the last two years to increase the number of graduates from SC/ST community?

Hoisting of tricolour in all Central Universities

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

(a) whether hoisting of the tricolour in all Central Universities of the country has been made mandatory, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any surveillance agency is also proposed to be constituted under the universities for ensuring that the tricolour is regularly and compulsorily hoisted by all the Central Universities, if so, the details thereof?

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Roll back of fee hike in IITs

554. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether Government has increased the fee of IITs from ₹ 90 thousand per annum to ₹ 2 lakh per annum, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for such a steep rise in fees of IITs;

(c) the details of relaxations in fees to various categories, category-wise; and

(d) whether in a welfare State like India, such hike of fee would lead to commercialization of education, if so, the steps Government would take to roll back the fee hike in IITs?

Mahila Samakhya Programme

555. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to discontinue the highly successful Mahila Samakhya Programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to bring back the said programme again under the Ministry, if so, the details thereof?

Enquiry against non-existent schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of

schools in different parts of the country run only on papers;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to enquire into the matter and take action against this; and

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

Crisis at NIT, Srinagar

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

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-India slogans were raised in the Campus of National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Srinagar recently and tension prevailed at the campus with outstation students thereafter; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to resolve the crisis of the NIT Campus along with the measures taken by Government for security and safety of the students of the NIT, Srinagar, particularly non-Kashmiri students?

e-pathshala initiative

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide books in e-format for higher education under its prestigious e-pathshala initiative, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the study material would be provided free, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which books in e-format would be available to students?

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Complaints regarding non-refund of fees

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

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has received complaints from students/parents regarding non-refund of fees by universities and colleges which are collecting full fee from the admitted students and retaining their original school leaving certificates ;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year;

(c) whether UGC has taken any action against such universities/higher educational institutions/colleges, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by Government/UGC in this regard?

Shifting of NIT, Srinagar

†560. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to shift NIT, Srinagar outside Srinagar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the incidents of discrimination against non-Kashmiri students would be handled?

Increasing coir products in Maharashtra

561. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian coir

products such as rugs, carpets, fibres, coir pith and mats are in big demand abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof with figures of export of these products during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to substantially increase the production of these coir products in Maharashtra and other coastal States?

Expansion of employment exchange for industries

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

(a) the number of employees and employers registered on Employment Exchange for Industries and the number successfully matched as per requirements;

(b) whether Government plans to expand the scope of the exchange to the services industry, if so, details thereof and timeline for the same, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government plans on charging for the services provided for the website, if so, details thereof and its implications on the usage of the same; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken measures to ensure that skilled manpower is provided to prospective employers through the employment exchange?

Direct market intervention strategies for MSMEs

563. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is of the view

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that to strengthen the livelihood linkages of MSMEs, direct market interventions strategies should be increasingly adopted;

(b) if so, what efforts have been made by Government in this regard to tighten these linkages; and

(c) what are the present mechanism available in India for MSMEs to handle insolvencies and bankruptcies, with an appropriately structured social security base?

Promotion of rural industries in Madhya Pradesh

†564. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken to promote rural industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details of amount allocated, disbursed and spent during the last three years for this purpose, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of various steps being taken to promote rural industries in Madhya Pradesh?

National Small Industries Corporation in West Bengal

565. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken by National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) in West Bengal during last three years and the current year, district-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by the NSIC in West Bengal during last three years and the current year, district-wise; and

(c) the details of people who have become entrepreneur or beneficiaries in West Bengal with the help of NSIC during this period?

Staff crunch in CIC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission (CIC) is facing acute staff crunch, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the staff of CIC are being appointed through deputation of personnel from other Ministries/Departments/Organisation only;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken to fill up these vacancies?

Disclosure of information under RTI

567. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten years after the enactment of RTI Act, Government is still shying away from proactively disclosing basic information about Government Ministries and departments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has not been implementing this in true spirit and the CIC data reveals that during 2014-15 out of 2030 registered public authorities, 806 did not update RTI manuals, disclosure webpage address for the last one year, and about 358 out of 2030 public authorities have

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not uploaded RTI manuals and mandatory disclosure at all; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Reservation in promotion

568. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation quota on promotion is maintained and followed in all categories of posts in the Central Government;

(b) whether Government has complied with the Supreme Court judgment order dated 15th June, 2014 in CA No. 6046-6047 of 2004 regarding SO Departmental examination 1996; and

(c) if so, whether all the ST/SC officials have fully benefited and the details of consequential reliefs extended to the beneficiaries, including the action taken/being taken so far, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of performance of public servants

569. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that review of performance of public servants occurs only after attaining age of 50 years or completion of 30 years of service;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a delay in reviewing performance and whether Ministry is intending to undertake a half-yearly or even a yearly appraisal of public servants; and

(c) the cadre-wise details of disciplinary cases separately showing cases pending for over five and ten years along with submissions received from the Ministries/Departments regarding the same during last two years and action taken against the same?

Installation of largest telescope in Ladakh

570. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ladakh is going to be the site for world's largest telescope project;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the role of the Ministry in installing this telescope; and

(c) what are the benefits that would accrue to the Ladakh region and the country as a whole by installation of this telescope?

Melting of Himalayan glaciers

571. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himalayan glaciers are melting rapidly, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the impact of rapid melting of glaciers on the local area and the country;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome of the study along with the steps taken by Government to prevent further melting of Himalayan glaciers?

Work packages for Climate Change Studies

572. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists working at Institute "CSIR-NGRI" had submitted two Work Packages in Project "Vulnerability Assessment and development of adaptation strategies for Climate Change impact with special reference to Coast and Island Ecosystems of India (VACCIN)";

(b) if so, whether an amount of ₹ 92.8 lakhs was granted to above Institute for period 2015-16 to implement said work packages;

(c) if so, whether above work packages are related to climatic reconstruction studies using coral reef records and estimates Sea-Level Rise with Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and Subsidence studies that lead to Global Climate Changes; and

(d) if so, whether the funds were utilized and if not, the reasons therefor?

Achievement of skill development targets

573. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved its skill development targets in the last three years, particularly under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and action Government plans to undertake to remedy the same;

(b) the number of students who completed skill development training and have received both certificates and monetary

rewards under the different skill development schemes introduced by Government; and

(c) whether Government plans to implement skill development training through universities, if so details thereof and the number of universities that have agreed, State-wise?

Skill universities for job hopefuls

574. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to enhance skill levels of millions of people who join the queue of job hopefuls every year, if so, the details of the plan prepared therefor;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up skill universities to develop large number of qualified instructors, reform and reorient existing industrial training institutes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified therefor; and

(d) whether Government also proposes to integrate skill enhancement and entrepreneurship in the syllabi at the school level, if so, the details thereof?

Vocationally trained people

575. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of vocationally trained people in India is only 5.3 per cent; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to increase this percentage?

Synergy between skills and careers

576. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Union Government's top leadership met corporate heads and big business CEOs to lay the strategy on how to build the perfect synergy between skills and careers, if so, what is the outcome?

National Board for Skill Development Certification

577. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up the National Board for Skill Development Certification on the lines of a similar board for education to set standards, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the proposed National Board will decide the curriculum, the mode of examination and certification at different levels of training to bring about uniformity across the Board, if so, the details thereof?

Aajeevika Skills for girls in Puducherry

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

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single girl was given training under Aajeevika Skills in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 in Puducherry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the percentage of skilled girls in Puducherry out of the total population and how the Ministry is trying to provide them employment opportunities; and

(d) the details of physical and financial targets set and achieved in three years preceding 2013-14?

Funds for skill development scheme in Bihar

†579. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has talked about providing employment to the unemployed under the skill development scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amount allocated to Bihar under the skill development scheme in the budget of 2016-17 and the places where its centres have been opened in Bihar and the number of youths likely to get employment through these centres, the details thereof?

Skill development courses in polytechnics and engineering colleges

580. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) efforts being made by the Ministry to incorporate skill development courses in polytechnics and engineering colleges; and

(b) whether any consultations have been held with the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

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Kaushal Vikas Training Camps

581. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kaushal Vikas Training Camps organised under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in the country till date;

(b) the number of candidates enrolled under the scheme and number of candidates who have been/are being given skill training, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to create job avenues in the country for this skilled workforce?

Up skilling through Sector Skill Councils

582. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Skill Development Corporation Board considered up-skilling of programmes under the Skill India Campaign by approving more Sector Skill Councils, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether the present Sector Skill Councils deliberated on formulating a curriculum framework that is able to absorb the dynamic and up-skilling challenges of

the emerging forth industrial revolution, if so, the details thereof?

NGOs associated with skill development

583. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any non-Governmental organizations (NGOs) are associated with various skill development programmes under the Ministry;

(b) if so, names of such NGOs and courses offered by each NGOs State-wise; and

(c) how many beneficiaries have got benefited from such skill trainings so far; State-wise?

Education for tribals and forest dwellers

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide education for the upliftment of a large section of uneducated persons particularly tribals/forest dwellers of the country under the skill development scheme;

(b) if so, details of the work carried out the syllabus-wise, programme-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of number of people got benefited under this scheme in each year during last three years; and

(d) details of the expenditure incurred under this programme State-wise and year-wise?

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**Implementation of welfare schemes
for elderly persons**

585. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of senior citizens in the country is going to increase from 10.50 crore to around 15 crore by 2021;

(b) whether several welfare schemes meant for elderly have become non-operational and defunct over the years due to lack of concern and lethargy towards this section of the population; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen and ensure proper implementation of welfare schemes meant for elderly population?

**Demand for eradication of manual
scavenging**

586. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Association of Safai Karmachari has met Hon'ble Prime Minister and demanded eradication of manual scavenging, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether they have staged a dharna at Jantar Mantar demanding eradication of manual scavenging, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for alleviation of their problems?

**Closure of Government run hostels
for SC and OBC**

587. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Government run hostels are there in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to close down hostels being run for SC and OBC students in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise?

Facilities for differently-abled

588. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various facilities at prisons, jails and court premises such as toilets, jail, vans, and the court and prison premises are differently-abled friendly;

(b) the number of police stations, prisons and courts in the country where facilities for the differently-abled are provided, the details, State-wise; and

(c) whether there are gaps in the current prison and judicial System for accused persons who are differently-abled and if so, the details thereof?

Employment to beggars

†589. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to provide employment to the

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beggars and for their rehabilitation, the details thereof, State-wise?

Atrocities cases against Dalits

†590. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of atrocity against Dalits that have been registered in the country and the action taken on them, the State-wise data thereof;

(b) the number of cases registered under the new law; and

(c) the number of cases of atrocity against Dalits that have surfaced in the educational institutions?

National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

591. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) is presently functioning under Government;

(b) till which date its validity is there; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to extend the period of NCSK?

De-addiction centres opened under CSS in Maharashtra

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

(a) the number of de-addiction centres

opened under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government is planning to open more de-addiction centres in Maharashtra and if so, the funds allocated for this project, the details thereof?

De-addiction centres in border districts

593. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many existing de-addiction centres in India are there exclusively for children & women funded by the Ministry;

(b) the nature of drug problem in the border districts of India-Pakistan and India-Myanmar; and

(c) whether there are any drug treatment centres available for the drug affected population in those districts, funded by Ministry and if not, the reasons therefor?

Census of widows and destitute women

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

(a) whether Government has done any survey and research in the recent times to have a census of widows, destitute women and aged women population in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government is implementing any special schemes for the benefit of widows, destitute women and aged women in the country;

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise in various States/UTs for the various such schemes; and

(d) whether Government has created any exclusive Financial Corporation to benefit the widows, destitute women and aged women, if so, details thereof?

Assistance to de-addiction centres

†595. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of de-addiction centres being run in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi;

(b) whether the Ministry provides regular financial assistance to these de-addiction centres;

(c) if so, the amount released to these centres during the financial year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, centre-wise; and

(d) whether the financial assistance along with arrears would be provided in future to those de-addiction centres which could not be provided financial assistance in the above financial year and if not, the reasons therefor?

Preparation of space policy

596. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a space policy has been prepared, if so, the details thereof and timeline for the same, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether India has put forth its

agenda in the discussion to create international norms and rules for space activities, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in outer space would be allowed, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) whether a tri-service aerospace command is expected to be developed and introduced to increase coordination among military and civilian departments, if so, the details thereof and timeline for the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy for space tourism

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

(a) whether there is a policy for space tourism in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether the Ministry is planning to promote space tourism in India and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Preparation of Space Act

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with a Space Act soon;

(b) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) had submitted papers to Government in this regard way back in 2015;

(c) whether now-a-days space related activities are done as per business rules and therefore, it has become necessary to

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have a law since Government is responsible for any object put up in space and for what happens to it in orbit or because of it; and

(d) if so, the views of Government in this regard?

Launching of satellite by ISRO

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

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) would launch 22 satellites on one rocket, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as many as 18 satellites are being launched for foreign agencies, including those from the US, Canada, Germany and Indonesia; and

(c) whether two of the nano-satellites have been developed by the Pune Engineering College and Sathyambhama University, if so, the details thereof?

Land allotment in Delhi for hotels

600.SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hotels which have been allotted land in Delhi by Government or Government agencies;

(b) when was the land allotted in each case;

(c) the terms & conditions and the rate at which land was allotted to each such hotel;

(d) the area allotted and the area actually occupied in each case; and

(e) the cases in which relaxations were made?

Shortage of drinking water

601.SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether major towns/cities and metropolitan cities face shortage of drinking water particularly during summer season every year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has assessed the likely shortage of drinking water in the urban towns/cities and metropolitan cities in the ensuing summer season and if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/proposed to be taken therefor; and

(c) the other remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to supply adequate drinking water to cities and towns?

Roadmap for development of satellite cities

602. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap for the development of satellite cities in Maharashtra and rest of the country to ease overcrowding in metropolitan cities; and

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

Disaster Risk Management under Smart City Mission

603. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on improving the disaster risk management of the urban infrastructure in the Smart City Mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the mission is integrated with Digital India to provide cyber security and resilience in the smart cities and if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in Smart City Programme

604. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Economic Forum (WEF) has reported that there is a need for reforms at various levels to successfully implement the Smart City Programme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the suggestions made by WEF and for implementation; and

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

Resource mobilization for Smart Cities

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently finalized selection of smart cities in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the criteria for selection of smart cities;

(c) by what time these proposed projects would be completed in the smart cities, the details thereof, city-wise; and

(d) the funding pattern of smart cities, shares of Central, State Governments and other agencies and how the resource would be mobilized?

Repair and maintenance work in DDA flats of Dwarka

606. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flats where the instances of falling of grit wash off walls, roofs of staircases, roof of windows, and cracks in edges of terraces have taken place in Delhi Development Authority (DDA) flats of Dwarka, particularly Project-7, Sector-12;

(b) whether Government is aware that a portion of roof of staircase fell down recently;

(c) time-frame for replacement of pipes of rain water and bathrooms installed at the backside of the flats which are almost damaged; and

(d) by when Government proposes to make repair/maintenance work for the abovesaid work?

Criteria for inclusion of cities under UIG and UIDSSMT

607. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for inclusion of cities/towns for assistance under the Urban Infrastructure and Government (UIG) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), sub-components of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(b) whether Government proposes to relax the said criteria to include more cities under the JNNURM and extend the financial assistance to more cities/towns and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether cities of historical, religious

and tourist importance have been included under the sub-components of JNNURM and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Projects for discharge of sewerage in Goa

608. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which any project or projects connected with discharge of sewerage is being implemented in the State of Goa with the financial assistance of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance given so far;

(c) the towns in Goa where the projects are being implemented;

(d) the targets achieved, so far, with respect to each of the towns;

(e) the agency or agencies through which the sewerage projects are being implemented; and

(f) when the project was given to the agency?

Steps to make Varanasi the cleanest city

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Varanasi has been ranked among the least clean cities in India, according to survey conducted by the Quality Council of India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to make Varanasi the cleanest city in India due to its oldest culture and heritage status in the world?

Temporary membership in Siri Fort Sports Complex

610. SHRISALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is allowing thousand of temporary membership for swimming and other sports facilities in Siri Fort Sports Complex in South Delhi;

(b) if so, the total number of temporary members enrolled every year for different sports facilities;

(c) whether with their drive of the enrolling temporary membership, the regular members face lot of hardship in parking their cars; and

(d) if so, what steps DDA proposes to take to ensure that temporary membership is restricted and their cars are parked outside the complex?

Gym under Swarnjayanti Sadan Deluxe

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Gym was inaugurated for the health club at the basement of Swarnjayanti Sadan Deluxe by the Urban Development Minister during the Winter Session of Parliament but all the equipments of the Gym were taken away the same day in the evening; and

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

Money required for smart cities

612. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) how much money is required to create 20 Smart Cities announced so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per Deloitte, 150 billion dollars is required to create 100 Smart Cities;

(c) from where Government is planning to pool the resources for Smart Cities; and

(d) by when the Ministry is going to announce second phase of smart cities and criteria adopted in identifying the same?

Provisions for smart cities

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

(a) the details of provisions made for the 20 smart cities announced in the first phase of the smart city project;

(b) the amount earmarked for Delhi under smart city project and the details of the steps being taken for the same; and

(c) the details of the arrangements made with regard to the requirements of environment, electricity, water and the other facilities for the smart city?

Status of construction of Jasola court premises

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

(a) the places in Delhi where construction work of district level court premises is going on and where it has been completed till date;

(b) the details of the court premises that are under construction and the court premises proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the current status of the construction

of Jasola court premises?

Sewerage system in urban areas

†615. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for development of sewerage system in the urban areas of the country;

(b) the details of the number of cities in the country having sewerage system and sewage treatment plants and the number of cities where the above system is proposed to be developed in the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal for installing sewerage system and sewage treatment plants in Amethi and Sultanpur districts of Uttar Pradesh, is pending; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken on the proposal?

Implementation of land pooling policy in Delhi

616. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land pooling policy for Delhi was notified in 2013 and regulations for the implementation of policy were finalised in 2015;

(b) whether the policy has not been implemented till date, if so, the reasons for the delay in implementation;

(c) whether the delay is on the part of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) or the Delhi Government in declaring urban villages; and

(d) whether Government would expedite the matter in coordination with

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Delhi Government so that the goal of providing affordable housing through this policy is realised in real time and also in the light of goal of Government for "Housing for All by 2022"?

Water supply under AMRUT Mission

617.DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is giving top priority for availability of water and water supply in urban areas under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) Mission, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that under AMRUT programme, Government has targeted ensuring supply of 135 litres of water per capita per day; and

(c) if so, the ways and means through which Government will achieve this particularly in water stressed areas?

Land allocation at concessional rates

†618. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those institutions/public utility services whom Government allocate land at concessional rates;

(b) the details of rules and regulations for such allocations; and

(c) whether rules and regulations for such allocations are being followed properly by these institutions?

Erroneous conversion charges for leasehold to freehold

619.SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that formula, fixed by Delhi Development Authority, for calculation of conversion charges of plots for residential use from leasehold to freehold, in case of individual floors, indicated in Brochure is erroneous, as a result of which applicants have to pay excess amount running into lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, what action Government has taken to correct the erroneous formula and how much time it will take to rectify the formula; and

(c) whether any reference from a Member of Parliament on the subject is pending for disposal in the Ministry?

Funds crunch for Vijayawada metro project

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vijayawada metro project has been hit by funds crunch; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking to speed up the work?

Illegal construction business

†621. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the business

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of illegal construction is flourishing in various parts of the country;

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

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

Change of DDA flat for paraplegic

622. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether VC, DDA received a letter No. F.NO. 5900/UDM/2015-DDA III dated 18.1.2016 from the Director (Delhi Division), Ministry of Urban Development to take immediate necessary action to resolve the issue concerning change of flat of a paraplegic;

(b) the action taken by VC, DDA to resolve the issue, the details thereof; and

(c) whether VC, DDA has informed the Ministry in the matter and if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Ministry in the matter to resolve the issue?

Policy for changing free-hold DDA flats

623. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of DDA circulars/policies etc. under which the flats are changed and whether copies thereof would be laid on the Table of the House;

(b) whether there is no policy for change of flat after it has been converted from lease hold to free-hold, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to frame policy for changing free-hold flats?

Impact of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao on sex ratio

624. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in some States/UTs of the country has declined below national average, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has urged State/UTs for effective implementation of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign in their respective States, if so, the details thereof and response of the States/UTs thereto along with the funds allocated and released to the States/UTs for implementation of the campaign since inception; and

(c) the extent to which the said campaign has been successful in helping to achieve the balanced sex ratio in various States/UTs?

Average Statistics in Rapid Survey on children

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

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the Rapid Survey on Children only provides summary statistics of averages for most indicators;

(b) if so, whether Government is willing to consider reporting of household level data so that social scientists can effectively make use of the data;

(c) if so, the details of future structure of reporting of this data; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

WHO standard for measuring malnutrition

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry uses the WHO standard to measure malnutrition among children;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry plans to change the measurement considering that research shows that WHO standard is not applicable to Indian children due to different genetic makeup; and

(c) if not, the details of method that is used to measure malnutrition among children in India?

Children suffering from malnutrition

627. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that vast majority of small children in the country are still suffering from malnutrition;

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

(c) the amount allocated, spent and achievements made during each of the last three years; and

(d) the further steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Law to regulate income of child actor

628. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no special or general law to regulate the income earned by a child actor from his contracts;

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

(c) whether the Ministry would consider to bring a law in India on the lines of California Child Actor Bills; and

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

Steps taken to eliminate child marriages

629. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today child marriages are prevalent in socially backward communities in the country;

(b) if so, whether any central data-base is maintained in the Ministry of such reported child marriage, if so, the corresponding data of the last three years of reported child marriages in the country; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to eliminate child marriages in the country?

Construction of working women's hostels

630. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for construction of working women's hostels in the country, State-wise during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) how far the construction has progressed so far; and

(c) the steps taken to accelerate construction work to ensure timely completion of these projects?

Working of National Mission for Empowerment of Women

631. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme known as National Mission for Empowerment of Women in 2010;

(b) if so, how the scheme has worked so far;

(c) whether State Level institutions consisting of the State Mission Authority and State Resource Centre for women exist in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, their location and performance so far; and

(e) whether this Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been transferred to the respective States?

Inspection of juvenile homes in States

632. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry had conducted inspections of some juvenile homes in some of the States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what shortcomings have been noticed by Government in this regard and how many homes have been found not running as mandated in the Juvenile Justice Act; and

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

Accidents with mentally challenged women

†633. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mentally challenged women are turning victims of accidents and misbehaviour on the roads in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to put a check on it, State-wise?

New legislation to deal with child in rape cases

634. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court (SC) has asked Government to bring in a new legislation to deal with child, particularly below ten years, who are victims of rape;

(b) whether it is also a fact that SC has also asked Government to separately define 'child'; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has taken so far in this regard?

Rehabilitation and counselling to children

635. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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number of children in conflict with law is growing and many juveniles have been apprehended for committing heinous crimes;

(b) if so, how many juveniles are there in juvenile homes in the country;

(c) what has been done by the Ministry to rehabilitate the juveniles and provide them educational facilities and counselling; and

(d) what has been done to improve the condition of juvenile homes in the country together with the details thereof?

Child sexual abuse in shelter homes for juveniles

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

(a) whether it is a fact that children institutions meant to serve as shelter home for juveniles in distress have become synonymous with child sexual abuse;

(b) if so, the details of incidents that had taken place in the above homes; and

(c) whether Government has devised some effective action plan to control the above abuse and, if so, the details thereof?

Highest Infant Mortality Rate in India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Infant Mortality Rate in India is the highest when compared with other developing countries in the world;

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

(c) the action plan of Government to address this grave issue?

Demand for additional Anganwadi Centres

638. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demands from the States/UTs for setting up of additional Anganwadi Centres, State-wise;

(b) how many more Anganwadi Centres are required in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Ministry to open additional AWCs; and

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

Welfare of children born to mentally retarded rape victims

639. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4524 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 2013 and to state:

(a) whether Central Government is having any specific data for cases of mentally retarded women who are victimized due to rape and deliver child, if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the updated status of the action taken/efforts made by the Central Government, in consultations with the State Governments, for the care, welfare and education of children born to such victims, especially in view of their vulnerability in getting due acceptance and support from victims family and the society at large?

Court trial for child victims of sexual abuse

640. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that an RTI reply filed in April, 2015 reveals that the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence

Act, 2012 (POCSO) cases are being tried alongside TADA cases in district courts;

(b) if so, whether Government believes that this prevents child victims of sexual abuse from availing of a child friendly atmosphere in courts, a requirement under the POCSO Act; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure that POCSO cases are tried in a child friendly atmosphere?

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