### **RAJYA SABHA**

#### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Thursday, July 28, 2016/Srayana 6, 1938 (Saka)

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; 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

# Legislation regarding character rolls of Government employees

- \*121. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any law governing the writing of character rolls of central government employees;
- (b) if so, what is the name of the legislation;
- (c) what are the essential features of the legislation;
- (d) whether State Governments have enacted on the subject and/or whether the Central Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments in this regard; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Smart cities in Punjab

- \*122. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) how much money has been spent on making smart cities in Punjab; and
- (b) by when all the cities in Punjab are likely to be declared as smart cities?

### Extension in tenure of deputation of officials abroad

- †\*123. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of officers who are, presently, on deputation in foreign countries;
- (b) the number of such officers who stayed beyond the stipulated period in foreign countries in the last three years; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the main reasons for extending the tenure of deputations?

during the last three years, if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

#### AMRUT scheme in Rajasthan

- †\*124. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has launched the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme:
- (b) the districts of Rajasthan where this scheme has been launched;
- (c) whether the State Government has submitted a proposal to include Sardar Shaher, Makarana, Barmer, Banswara and Karauli cities of Rajasthan under AMRUT scheme: and
- (d) if so, by when Government would consider the proposal and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Closure of Government Schools

- \*125. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recently more than one lakh Government schools are reported to have been shut down despite a good number of children, in the country, if so, details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) what are the reasons for the closure of schools during the last three years and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that student enrolment increased to 25 per cent in private schools as against nine per cent decline in enrolment in Government schools

## Security system in smart city project

- \*126. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the ambitious project of a hundred smart cities is going to change the urban landscape and lifestyle in the country;
- (b) whether a well thought security system has to be an integral part of smart city projects;
- (c) whether securing the cities remain an equally important and big challenge in view of new threats of terrorism, organized crimes and cyber attacks; and
- (d) if so, what fool-proof measures Government is contemplating to secure smart cities under one command centre in the country?

## Enhancement of nutritional values of food in Anganwadi Centres

- \*127. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has made provisions for enhancing nutritional values of food in Anganwadi centres, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) what measures are being taken to develop the systems and mechanisms for implementation, including budgetary support and hiring of more Anganwadi workers?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Instructions for dealing with letters from MPs

- \*128. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has amended Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) and as per CSMOP-2015 it is now not necessary to reply letters received from Member of Public within thirty days;
- (b) if so, the reasons for deleting 'Member of Public' from Para 66 of old CSMOP while issuing CSMOP-2015;
- (c) what is the policy/instructions of Government to deal with the letters received from Members of Public; and
- (d) the total number of communications received by the Minister from the Members of Public during 2016 and how many of them are pending action?

## Regulatory mechanism for broadcasting sector

- \*129. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of unlicensed Television channels are running in the country due to loopholes in the country's broadcast regulatory framework;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the existence of such unlicensed TV channels;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps against those TV channels and their operators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to strengthen the regulatory mechanism in the broadcasting sector?

#### Delhi NCR under severe seismic zone

- \*130. SHRI B.K HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) come under the category of severe seismic zone and the buildings are generally not earthquake proof; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the preventive measures taken/being taken by Government in this regard particularly for homes/buildings which are not earthquake proof?

### Paper leakage in School of Open Learning under Delhi University

- †\*131. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the examination for English paper of BA Programme, First year of the School of Open Learning under Delhi University had to be cancelled because its paper had leaked, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of students whose time and efforts were wasted due to leakage and cancellation of the said examination; and
- (c) whether those involved in leaking of paper have been identified and action taken?

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#### Allocation under ICDS for Odisha

\*132. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to years to state:

- (a) the details of allocation made under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) during the last three years to Odisha;
- (b) whether any benefit analysis has been carried out recently to know the implementation status of various schemes under the ICDS in Odisha;
- (c) the quantum of allocation for Jagatsinghpur District for the last three years under ICDS; and
- (d) the details and status of schemes initiated under ICDS in Jagatsinghpur District during the last three years?

### Draft rules for implementation of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act

\*133. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made public the draft rules for implementation of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act recently which seeks to provide an escape clause in the jittery sector;
- (b) whether the draft rules provide that a builder by paying ten per cent of the estimated cost of the plot or building could avoid going to jail; and

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

## Amount allotted for training of teachers

†\*134. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allotted for teachers' training during the last three years;
- (b) whether the amount allotted for this purpose has not been fully utilised; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

## Assistance for construction of hostel building for SC, ST and OBC

†\*135. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rajasthan Government has demanded Central Assistance share amount for construction of hostel building for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Rajasthan Government has also demanded Central Assistance/share amount for renovation of old hostels for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when both the proposals would be approved?

New Delhi; The 22nd July, 2016 Ashadha 31, 1938 (Saka) SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF, Secretary-General.

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