

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 30, 2015/Sravana 8, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; Environment, Forests and Climate Change; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Overseas Indian Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; 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

Danger of radioactive material in Kerala

1121. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed about the danger of radioactive materials deposited as residuals in IRE campus and adjacent areas in Chavara, Kollam in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what measures were taken to solve the issue, the details thereof?

Low investment in production of nuclear energy

1122. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investment

being made on production of nuclear energy is low compared to other countries;

(b) if so, the details for the last two years and this year, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase allocation/investment on production of nuclear energy?

Acute shortage of uranium

1123. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps which Government is considering to overcome the acute shortage of uranium deposit in the country;

(b) whether it is high time to vigorously make efforts to explore new uranium deposits in the country; and

(c) the steps which are being taken to face the situation?

Agreement for supply of uranium

1124. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of countries with whom agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Government for supply of uranium to India; and

(b) for how long the countries have agreed to supply uranium under these Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings (MoU)?

Utilization of full capacity of Kudankulam Plant

1125. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been over six months since the commissioning of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plants;

(b) whether plant is operating in its full capacity;

(c) if so, what is the output of the plant as of now, if not, the reasons for underutilization of capacity of the plant; and

(d) if so, what are the measures taken by Government to address the worries of the citizens regarding the safety issues of the plant?

Setting up of civil nuclear reactors with Canada

1126. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans of

jointly producing and setting up civil nuclear reactor with Canadian partners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation, the number of civil reactors identified for this purpose and the time-frame of implementation?

Utilization of nuclear substance for power generation

†1127. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of utilization of the nuclear substances in power production and other sectors as well as the action plan and target for supply and use of atomic energy source in the next three years; and

(b) the names and quantum of sources of indigenous atomic energy including thorium along with the status of technology being developed to harness them?

Application to check air quality

1128. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Tropical Metereology (IITM) has launched an application to enhance awareness among the public on the hazards of air pollution and also to enable the citizens to check air quality in real terms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the cities in which this facility is presently available; and

(c) whether it is proposed to extend this facility to other parts of the country in the near future, if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Weather modification techniques

1129. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any research or directed any study to assess the risks and benefits of weather modification techniques like cloud seeding to induce artificial rainfall in areas facing a deficit of rain;

(b) if so, the details thereof and findings regarding the risks of such technology that induces changes in regular climate patterns; and

(c) if not, whether it is lawful and permissible, or even advisable for State Governments to make use of such technology to induce artificial rainfall, in the absence of any study, or rules and guidelines formulated by the Central Government?

Warming of Indian Ocean

1130. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the study published recently, the Indian Ocean has been warming consistently for over a century and at a faster rate than any other region of tropical oceans;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether ocean warming has resulted in the weakening of the south-west monsoon and is proving to be detrimental to marine bio-diversity of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Cancer disease due to toxic air

1131. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that toxic air is fast increasing in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that toxic air contributes in a big way to cancer disease in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with an action plan to control this abuse?

Cities facing danger of global warming

1132. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various cities in the country find place in the list of areas that face the danger of global warming, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether other coastal cities are also included in the list, if so, the names thereof; and

(c) the steps/measures taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Report on use of ground water by builders and others

1133. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Green Tribunal have sought report from the State Government on use of ground

water by builders and others and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Green Tribunal has also sought report on the extraction of ground water illegally by builders and other and if so, the details thereof?

Amendment to Environment Impact Assessment Notification

1134. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes amendment to the Environment Impact Assessment Notification 2006 to clear green hurdles for speeding up construction of many public utility projects in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some green activists have expressed their concern regarding massive stress on urban resources and environmental damages on implementation of the said amendments;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government has sought suggestions from various quarters in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Illegal trade of wildlife related products

1135. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seizures relating to illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife related products that took place in the years from 2010 to 2015;

(b) the details of number of individuals arrested or prosecuted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 in the year from 2010 to 2015; and

(c) whether Government has initiated any new plans or policies to curb the illegal trade in wildlife species?

Monitoring of air quality in Delhi

1136. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has requested the US authorities to monitor air quality in Delhi, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is proposed to bring more polluted cities in India under the above fold, if so, the details thereof?

Release of CAMPA Funds

1137. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any requests from any State Governments for release of funds under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to increase forest cover in their respective States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the quantum of funds earmarked for each State and the amount of funds released so far for the present financial year?

Loss of green areas in metros

1138. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss of forest area, State-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what has been the loss of green areas in major metros in the country;

(c) whether builders and real estate agencies are pressurising Government to part with agricultural land, waste land, mountain land, coastal land and forest land; and

(d) if so, the strategy chalked by Government to protect such land?

Funds for Asiatic Lion Conservation Project

1139. SHRI MANUSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Ministry on request of the State Government of Gujarat to allocate sufficient funds for Asiatic Lion Conservation Project;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated/proposed to be allocated for the project including in 2015-16 Budget;

(c) if no decision taken, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the efforts of the Ministry to protect and preserve Asiatic lions?

Help for reducing carbon emission

1140. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering a target to reduce carbon emissions as part of climate action plan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to seek external financial help from private and foreign companies to meet said target, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the financial plan of the Ministry to meet the cost of implementing sustainability focussed measures in order to reduce carbon foot print?

Environmental damage by mining

†1141. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of forest area in the closed mines of the Coal India Ltd. and the private companies,

(b) the details of the damage caused to environment due to mining and the plan to overcome it; and

(c) the number of the companies against which action has been taken for damaging environment by mining?

Latest audit report on CAMPA

1142. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States are diverting funds for planting trees to meet other expenditure, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, till 2014;

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(b) the latest audit report on Compensatory Afforestation Funds Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) regarding the earmarked funds for compensatory afforestation, management and development of forests; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that funds under the CAMPA is not diverted in the future and strictly used for the end goal of planting tree?

Noise pollution in metro cities

1143. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is still no major changes in the noise levels in metro cities and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the guidelines issued by Government to check noise pollution; and

(c) the mechanism put in place by Government to monitor noise pollution in metro cities including Mumbai effectively?

Pollution level in various rivers

1144. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution level in various rivers of the country including those in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra and Delhi has increased in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, river-wise and the steps taken by Government to control pollution in those rivers along with the agencies involved therein;

(c) the amount allocated and expenditure incurred on cleaning of rivers during 2014-15 as compared to the last three years and the current year, river-wise; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any plan to promote eco-friendly industries to control pollution in rivers and environment?

Introduction of Climate Change Fund

1145. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's contribution/participation in the UNFCCC's Green Climate Fund introduced to tackle climate change;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a Climate Change Fund within India as well, for implementing climate change strategies; and

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

Impact of climate change on flora and fauna

1146. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to deploy the Zoological Survey of India to study the effect of climate change on flora and fauna in forests and heritage sites, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the list of places, State-wise, where the survey will be taking place;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to organize a committee of members who will analyse and implement the results of the survey, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the plan of Ministry to further protect the interest of flora and fauna?

Declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zone in Gujarat

1147. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 proposals for declaring Eco-Sensitive Zone around Sanctuaries and National Parks submitted by State Government of Gujarat are pending with the Ministry; and

(b) if so, by when approval to these proposals is likely to be accorded by Government?

Amendment in Forest Rights Act

†1148. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to amend the Forest Rights Act in the name of development projects;

(b) if so, whether the consequences thereof have been studied;

(c) the number of the public and private sectors projects pending for environment clearance; and

(d) the scheme launched for development in the tribal areas after

enforcement of the Forest Rights Act and the consequences thereof?

NGT notice to Himachal Pradesh Government

†1149. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Green Tribunal has issued a show cause notice to the Himachal Pradesh Government for non-compliance of pollution control and environmental conservation norms in Rohtang;

(b) if so, the action taken by State Government of Himachal Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) the details of action taken against errant/involved officers in this regard?

Funds allocated to Forest Research Institute

1150. SHRI RAJ BABBAR:
SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund allocated and released to the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun by Government during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that year after year, the fund allocation to the Institute is being pruned resulting in research work coming to a grinding halt, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to save this Institute from becoming a history?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Leopard and tiger safari in
Uttarakhand**

†1151. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Ministry from the Uttarakhand Government for developing leopard and tiger safari sanctuary in the State;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will accept the said proposal received from the State Government in its original form;

(c) if not, the points on which the Ministry disagrees with the State and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when the proposal is likely to be accepted?

Forest area in Goa

1152. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the types of forest areas in the State of Goa;

(b) the areas in square meters occupied by each type of forest;

(c) the laws and regulations applicable to each type of forest; and

(d) the total forest cover of the State, year-wise from the year 2009 to 2014, the details thereof?

**Use of wildlife for cultural and
religious practices**

1153. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to make a distinction between the 'use of wildlife for cultural and religious practices' and 'hunting', if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a list, sanctioning cultural activities that warrant wildlife use, has been prepared, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a list of animals who can be killed or captured for cultural and religious reasons has been prepared, if so, the details thereof?

**Projects falling under tiger
reserve**

1154. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Board for Wildlife has cleared any projects in the last six months, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any of the projects fall under the tiger reserves in the country or are close to 10 kilometre area of a wildlife sanctuary, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) out of cleared projects, how many projects were commercial or private projects and how many were public projects?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Reduction in allocation of funds

1155. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budgetary allocation to the Ministry has been reduced to ₹ 1,446.60 crore which is ₹ 594.4 crore less than that of 2014-15;

(b) whether there has been a constant reduction in the allocation over the last three years at a time when the Ministry engaged in checking important environmental issues which affects soil fertility, quantity and quality of water, air, forest and wildlife, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has asked Government to revise the allocation, and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of global warming

1156. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is concerned seriously to get away from the impact of global warming; and

(b) the steps that are taken to have Human Friendly Environment and if so, the details thereof?

Road and rail link between China and Nepal

1157. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has put forward a proposal for building road and rail links

between China, Nepal and India as part of an economic corridor;

(b) whether this issue was discussed during Prime Minister's China visit in May, 2015;

(c) if so, whether India has approved the plan; and

(d) what are the strategic implications of the above plan?

Prime Minister's visit to Bangladesh

1158. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently visited Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details of the talks held along with the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)/bilateral agreements signed between India and Bangladesh during the said visit;

(c) whether several disputes between India and Bangladesh including border issues, encroachment of Indian territories came up for discussion during the said visit, if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress that has been made in this regard; and

(d) whether India has signed India-Bangladesh land boundary agreement to legitimise transfer of land illegally occupied by the Bangladesh during the said visit, if so, the details thereof?

Issues discussed during Prime Minister's visit to Iran

1159. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the issues discussed and concrete action proposed during the visit of Indian Prime Minister to Iran;

(b) whether proposal to make investments in the field of energy, trade and investment for mutual benefit was discussed and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether development of Chabahar port in Iran was discussed and the proposal made for fast-tracking its investment, the details thereof?

Ties with Iran

1160. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India has begun to reset its ties with Iran, notwithstanding the uncertainty surrounding the negotiations between the Persian Gulf nation and the P5+1;

(b) whether it is also true that India is now keen to push for connectivity with Iran, which would pave the way for its entry into Afghanistan and the Central Asian region, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that Government has also ignored cautionary voices from the United States not to rush into doing business with Iran till it firms up the nuclear deal with it, if so, the details thereof?

Shifting of Haj Headquarters from Mumbai to Delhi

1161. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question

No.1720 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2014 and state:

(a) whether any fresh suggestions or requests have been received by Government for shifting the Headquarters of Haj Committee of India from Mumbai to Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action being taken in the matter?

Change in Indo-China relations

†1162. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of positive change came about in Indo-China relations after China visit by the Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs of India;

(b) whether India has been able to change China's attitude towards Pakistan; and

(c) if so, in what manner and if not, the reasons therefor?

Indians migrated to US on H1B visa

1163. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of Indian professionals migrated to US on H1B visas during the last two years, and this year, if so, the details during the period, year-wise;

(b) whether the US has committed to increase such visas for Indian professionals, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Indo-Pakistan meeting in SCO, Ufa, Russia

†1164. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the issues on which consensus was arrived at between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan in their meeting in Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) summit held in Ufa city of Russia and by when the outcome thereof is likely to come up; and

(b) the details thereof?

Presence of India at World War Parade

1165. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has confirmed its presence in Beijing on September, 2015 in World War II military parade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Pakistan's citizens in Indian jails

1166. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Pakistan claims India has 120 of its citizens as prisoners and lodged its protest, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also true that India has conveyed to Pakistan that India is going to release all the Pakistani fishermen to mark the holy Ramzan month, if so, the details thereof?

Showcasing of Yoga by ICCR

1167. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) plan to showcase India's cultural diversity and secular sweep of the ancient Indian discipline across the globe;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of the cultural religious organisations identified/engaged for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by the ICCR to create awareness of Yoga across the world about its lasting benefits, mental as well as physical?

Establishment of Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar economic corridor

1168. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that China and India are adding fresh momentum to the establishment of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar economic corridor which is expected to develop gradually before more ambitious goals are achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Chinese officials acknowledge that unlike in the past, India is now showing enthusiasm over the project, which would link Kolkata with Kunming, if so, the details thereof?

Indians undergoing trials/sentences in foreign countries

1169. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) how many Indians are undergoing trials/sentences in foreign countries for committing crimes/violating the law of the land;

(b) how many of them are from the State of Odisha;

(c) what efforts Government of India is making for their repatriation; and

(d) what is the current status of the efforts made by Government in this regard?

Effects of Russia-Ukraine crisis

1170. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the developments that arise in wake of the present Russia-Ukraine crisis and its impact on Indo-Russian relationship, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the decision taken by Government would affect our diplomatic and economic relations with Russia;

(c) whether the diplomatic steps and measures in support of Russia taken by the Union Government to a concrete solution would affect its relationship with UK and USA in future; and

(d) if so, the diplomatic measures taken by the Union to ease out such apprehensions?

Under-valuation of land under PSUs

1171. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed norms of valuation of all kinds of lands viz., freehold, leased, donated in the PSUs annual accounts;

(b) whether it is a fact that PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industries, do not reflect the contemporary value of their land in their Books and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such a practice of artificial under-valuation of land in the Books has denied these PSUs the opportunity to access to bank finance on the basis of their net worth, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps that are being taken to reflect true value of lands in PSUs annual accounts?

Revival package of Hindustan Fluorocarbons Ltd.

1172. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Fluorocarbons Ltd., Hyderabad, Telangana, has not been approved for revival package; and

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

Reserves and surplus of profit making PSEs

1173. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total reserves and surplus of profit making Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(b) the amount of investment made by the above PSEs during the same period?

New towns and cities under 'Housing for All' scheme

1174. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Housing for All would cover all urban areas consisting of 404 statutory towns with initial focus on 500 Class I cities;

(b) whether it is also true that the programme would be implemented in three phases, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the task at hand was to build an estimated two crore houses, if so, the details thereof?

Basic Service for Urban Poor Scheme

1175. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:

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

(a) the details of Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) Scheme;

(b) the details of development works sanctioned, completed and ongoing under the scheme, State/UT-wise including Haryana and Jharkhand;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized under BSUP during the current year, work-wise, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has made any impact study of the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Houses for lower strata of society

1176. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been pumped in the housing sector during last two years;

(b) what is the share of Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) in this investment;

(c) whether a large number of houses are being built to cater the needs of upper strata of the society; and

(d) if not, how many houses were built for middle class, lower middle class and poor people during last two years?

Multiple property ownership

1177. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI:

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

(a) whether the multiple property ownership in Government housing scheme for other than living purpose has contributed to the housing shortage specially in Metro cities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to address the issue?

Utilisation Certificates from Jharkhand

1178. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the slum-dwellers and urban poor are leading a miserable life in Jharkhand and funds allotted by Government have been diverted by the State Government;

(b) what checks are being exercised by the Ministry with regard to the correctness of Utilisation Certificates furnished with regard to grants; and

(c) what sort of Management Information System (MIS) is being maintained by the Ministry with regard to grants being provided by the Ministry?

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

1179. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the launch of the Housing for All by 2022 programme for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers and promotion of affordable housing for the urban poor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the target is to provide nearly 20 million houses over seven years; and

(c) whether it is also true that Central grant of an average ₹ 1 lakh would be available for a house under the slum rehabilitation programme?

FDI in real estate

†1180. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the norms for FDI in real estate sector have been changed by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether changed FDI norms will be able to meet the shortage of funds in the above sector, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to bail out the real estate sector from problems related to economic recession and land acquisition, details thereof?

Basic amenities in slums

†1181. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) names of schemes under which basic amenities including housing, medical, education, drinking water, toilet have been developed in slums by Government, the details thereof during last one year;

(b) the number of families provided with housing units and how many houses are under construction; and

(c) the details of assistance provided to States from the Centre to ensure proper arrangement of medical facilities, education, drinking water, toilets apart from housing units in slums?

Land for landless scheme in Kerala

1182. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a scheme of land for landless and house for houseless, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposals from States are pending with Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government on the request of the State of Kerala for providing home for homeless?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Implementation of Street Vendors Act

1183. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 is in force in all States and Union Territories, *i.e.* the notification dated 1st May, 2015 is applicable to all States and UTs;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to implement the Act in various States and Union Territories, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to implement the Act in UTs without legislatures and to ensure implementation of the Act in other States and UTs with legislature, if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive Mission for 'Housing for All' Scheme

1184. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch a comprehensive mission for assisting the States and UTs to achieve the target of "Housing for All by 2022", if so, the details thereof; and

(b) to what extent it would help in achieving the target set for?

Schemes for urban poverty

1185. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) will Government outline various steps undertaken to alleviate urban poverty since May, 2014;

(b) in what way these schemes are different from the programmes taken up in the past decade;

(c) has Government carried out a survey to find out whether these schemes are tailor-made for the needs of locals, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, will such a survey be taken up to factor in the views/experiences of the beneficiaries in order to fine tune the programmes?

Skill development of urban poor in Jharkhand

1186. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to address the issue of the need to impart skill development among the urban poor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a proposal to have public-private partnership in imparting such training and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made so far under the scheme "Employment through skill training and placement", State-wise, including Jharkhand?

Skill training for urban poor

†1187. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the training programme for skill development of the urban poor in the

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country had been announced to be launched with the collaboration of the National Skill Development Corporation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether training programmes under the said programme have been launched in the States, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of the urban poor who have been imparted skill training so far under the said programme, State-wise?

Potential of food processing industry in MSME

1188. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what is potentiality of homemade, small scale industries in the field of food processing, daily services and daily needs, as India is highly populated country with less land;

(b) the measures taken by the Ministry to propagate above needs through the Ministry and also to avoid big industries in this field; and

(c) the details of big hindrances to the homemade, small scale industries and measures to come out of it?

Payment of Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) dues

1189. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi institutions are not being paid the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) dues in time, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the khadi artisans working in these MDA assisted institutions are getting wages lower than the minimum daily wages;

(c) whether these khadi artisans are considered as skilled workers, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider making MDA conditional in respect of minimum daily wages and if not, the reasons therefor?

Problems being faced by MSME Sector

1190. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MSME Sector is reeling under problems and needs to be revitalized, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the present state of affairs; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to overcome the problems?

Credit facility to unregistered entrepreneurs

1191. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the findings of the latest socio-economic and caste census which reports that 2.73 per cent of 4 million households with self-employed entrepreneurs have a registered enterprise;

(b) whether the Ministry has undertaken any initiatives in the last year,

to bolster credit availability to unregistered self-employed entrepreneurs, the details thereof; and

(c) the targets of the Ministry, if any, to raise the number and percentage of registered enterprises amongst self-employed entrepreneurs in rural India?

Impact of NPA guidelines on MSMEs

1192. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines which seeks to qualify any business loan restructuring to be classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) will have an adverse impact on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to protect MSMEs; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to increase the credit limit given to the sector?

Capital infusion in MSME Sector

1193. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MSME sector in the country is severely undercapitalized and is in need of capital infusion and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken steps to provide an easy access to finance by MSMEs and if so, the details thereof?

Special scheme to brand and sell Khadi abroad

1194. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts that the Ministry is making to brand Khadi all over the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that some countries such as Germany are using Khadi as a brand and selling their products;

(c) if so, the details thereon and steps taken by the Ministry to stop such things; and

(d) whether KVIC has taken up any special scheme after new Government came to power to brand and sell Khadi all over the world?

Establishment of new units of small scale industries in Maharashtra

†1195. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the new units of small scale industries established especially in the backward and tribal areas of different States including the State of Maharashtra during the last three years, as on date;

(b) the details of the items being produced in these units; and

(c) the production capacity and the actual production of each of these units and the names of the places located in different States including the State of Maharashtra, where small scale industries are proposed to be set in the current year?

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Seizing of passports of Indians abroad

1196. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most employers in the Gulf countries seize the passports of Indians engaged by them;

(b) whether any such instances have been brought to the notice of the Indian embassies in the Gulf region, if so, how many of such victims are from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, what steps are taken to help these victims;

(c) whether Government proposes to take up the issue at the diplomatic level with the countries concerned to end the menace; and

(d) whether Government considers offering counseling to Gulf bound youth, particularly seekers of low paid jobs before immigration clearance is given?

Duping of people in the name of jobs abroad

1197. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen reports that many people from Hyderabad, some of them middle aged women, are duped in the name of job offers in the Gulf and that they often end up doing menial jobs and household jobs for long hours;

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to check these rackets; and

(c) whether Government conducts a survey through our missions in the Gulf on the number of such victims and help them to return home?

Victimisation of Indian doctors in UK

1198. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Indian doctors in UK have alleged victimization and racism;

(b) whether Indian doctors working in UK have also urged the Indian Government to take up their issue with the UK Government; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Indians languishing in foreign jails

1199. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian nationals have been languishing in foreign jails during last three years;

(b) how many of them have been taken into custody for violation of national frontiers of other countries;

(c) have Government taken steps to get them freed and how many were set free; and

(d) what are other main charges against those still in custody?

Changes in immigration policies and labour laws

†1200. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the changes and the strictness brought in the

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immigration policies and the labour laws in various countries in the recent days have caused wider critical conditions for the Indian workers abroad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any special efforts are being taken to salvage the Indian workers from the critical situations in foreign countries, and if so, the details thereof?

Benefit of reservation to OBCs

†1201. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the benefit of reservation provided to various castes belonging to OBC; and

(b) the details thereof?

Recruitment of handicapped persons

1202. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts for handicapped persons-both physical and visual, lying vacant in various Ministries, PSUs, PSU Banks, Government entities, as on date, and how many out of them are of Group 'A' or equivalent;

(b) how many out of them are lying vacant since last five years or more along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to launch a special recruitment drive to fill up such vacant posts for handicapped persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of whistleblowers and witnesses

1203. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any mechanism, rules or guidelines to ensure the protection of whistleblowers and witnesses in sensitive cases involving allegations of corruption against Government officials;

(b) whether Government is aware of any such measures being taken by State Governments to protect whistleblowers and witnesses to ensure fair trial in judicial proceedings; and

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

Increase in RTI activists

1204. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indians are prolific users of the Right to Information Act and public authorities are unable to keep them satisfied;

(b) whether it is also true that Indian citizens have filed close to fifty lakh RTIs in a year *i.e.* during 2013-14, but the number of rejections and appeals indicate that public authorities are often failing to give the information that people are asking; and

(c) whether it is also true that a country-wide study on the functioning of the Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions had revealed that the number of RTIs has increased exponentially, and if so, the details thereof?

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**Norms for reply to letters from
Members of Parliament**

†1205. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been prescribed for sending acknowledgement and final reply to the letters received from the Members of Parliament, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that it takes a lot of time to give replies to the letters of the Member of Parliament and sometime some Ministries/departments/public establishments take more than 5-6 months' time to give replies to their letters and if so, the reasons for delay?

Files pending in SICs

1206. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of appeals filed in various State Information Commissions (SICs) in the country are pending for hearing and majority of these SICs have not displayed their annual reports on their websites for the financial year 2013-14; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are being taken to improve the functioning of the SICs?

Reduction in number of CSSs

1207. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:
SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD:
SHRI PANKAJ BORA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to reduce the number of Centrally Sponsored

Schemes (CSSs) from the current 72 to about 30, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a cut in the number of CSS would be the first major decision of a panel under the newly constituted National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog; and

(c) whether many States expressed concern about the reduction in Union Government's support towards Centrally Sponsored Schemes, which were locally relevant and too politically sensitive to be scaled down and if so, the details thereof?

**Doorstep arrangement to prepare
Aadhaar card**

1208. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made Aadhaar card mandatory for all purposes;

(b) if so, whether Government had made any doorstep arrangements to prepare and issue Aadhaar card to elderly and sick people, unable to visit Aadhaar card centres without help; and

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

Special Category Status of States

1209. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done away with Special Category Status of the States, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has received proposal from any State Government seeking the continuation of the Special Category Status to the States; and

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(c) if so, the details of such States and the response of Government thereto?

Allocation during Twelfth Five Year Plan period

1210. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission since abolished, used to recommend Plan-grants for the States;

(b) if so, what was the quantum of allocation made by Planning Commission in the Twelfth Five Year Plan period;

(c) the present status of allocations for Twelfth Five Year Plan period;

(d) which organization is now looking after allocations for States in place of Planning Commission, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has contemplated action for abolition of Five Year Plan, details thereof?

Revisiting Rangarajan Panel for definition of poverty

1211. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether new poverty figures thrown up by the recently released data of socio-economic and caste census would come handy for the Government to revisit the Rangarajan Panel findings and definition of poverty;

(b) whether, according to the Socio-economic Census 2011, 31.26 per cent rural Indians were assessed to be poor while Rangarajan panel pegged the figure at 30.9; and

(c) whether the methodology to assess the depth of poverty by the Socio-economic Survey 2011 format was based on landed assets and income whereas the Rangarajan panel took into account Government data on consumption expenditure towards food, transport, health and education?

Development of North Eastern Region

1212. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what blue print has been made by the Prime Minister to develop the Eastern and North East States of the country;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has been directed to work on it, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

SC/ST Employees' Welfare Association

1213. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various posts in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SCs/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/ provided by the Government/PSUs for the SC/STs Welfare Association viz. Office Accommodation, etc.; and

(e) the ways and means in which PSUs/ Government involves SC/ST Welfare Association in the Administrative activities/ developmental activities/Management of the PSUs?

Incubation Centres in Maharashtra

1214. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up 500 Incubation Centres in the country for the professionals to make them skilled professionals, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) number of such Incubation Centres likely to be set up in Maharashtra with details thereof?

New training programmes for occupational services

1215. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has initiated new training programme for the youth for occupational services, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the scope and Government's action towards employment of the youth?

Skill development of women in Jodhpur

†1216. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to organize training camps for skill development of women across the country;

(b) if so, the number of districts selected in the country under this scheme and the

norms for such selection; and

(c) whether the Jodhpur district of Rajasthan has also been included under this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Review of work done by NGO's in UP and Assam

†1217. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the NGOs in Uttar Pradesh and Assam under different schemes of the Ministry, if so, the details of the last three years;

(b) the NGOs that were provided the said financial assistance and the details of the works done by them; and

(c) whether Government has got the above work reviewed, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

New National Skill Policy

1218. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government has introduced a new National Skill Policy by replacing the existing 2009 Policy;

(b) if so, how the new one is different from the existing one;

(c) how the new policy bridge the skill gap between demand and supply; and

(d) what emphasis has been given in providing quality skill manpower which is required by industry?

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Affiliation of Industrial Training Institutes

1219. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Government regarding affiliation of Industrial Training Institutes and Centres (ITIs and ITCs) in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) whether the Directorate of Training and Employment of States have recommended these ITIs/ITCs for Central affiliation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to provide affiliation to such institutes/centres?

Four year degree in skill training

1220. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is envisaging a four year degree course in skill training, if so, the details thereon;

(b) whether it is part of a larger blueprint of establishing skill university in the country; and

(c) if so, status of the proposed university and by when it is likely to be established?

Irrelevant training infrastructure for industry

1221. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL

DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing training infrastructure in the country is irrelevant to the industry needs, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken to set up industry-oriented training facilities in the country?

ITI at Ganjam district of Odisha

1222. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open Industrial Training Institute at Ganjam district of Odisha;

(b) if so, then by when does the Ministry proposes to make it functional and what would be the numerical capacity of the Institute;

(c) will it be managed by the Central Government or by the State Government; and

(d) the training courses that the Ministry proposes to introduce at the said institute?

Proposal for hostels in Rajasthan

†1223. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent proposal to the Government regarding the construction of hostels for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes;

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(b) if so, by when its approval will be accorded; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan for the construction of girls hostel under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana and if so, the details thereof?

Sub-categorization of OBC

1224. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes has suggested sub-categorization of OBC; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereon and the further steps taken by Government in the matter?

Status of Most Backward Classes

1225. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to consider and accord the status of Most Backward Classes (MBCs) because many castes are deprived among Other Backward Classes so as to ensure justice and to protect the legitimate demands of MBCs for their overall development and socio-economic improvement; and

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

Post-matric scholarship scheme in Karnataka

1226. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to various States under the post matric scholarship (PMS) scheme for the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) community during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any representation from Karnataka regarding inadequate allocation of Central assistance under the aforesaid scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is likely to enhance the Central assistance to Karnataka under the PMS scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for new de-addiction centres

†1227. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States from whom the proposals for opening of new de-addiction centres were received in the last three financial year 2012-13 to 2014-15 including the name and list of the proposed centres;

(b) the names of the proposals which were accepted or rejected including the details of the reasons for their acceptance or rejection, whether grant has been provided to the States for fiscal year 2014-15;

(c) if so, the names of de-addiction centres in those States to whom grant has not been provided so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the amount of grant will be made available to the said de-addiction centres?

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Childrens indulged in begging

1228. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:
SHRI NAZIR AHMED
LAWAY:

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

(a) whether Government has ascertained the number of children below fifteen years of age who are indulged in begging in the country, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the increase in this number per annum; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check it?

Inclusion of caste in OBC category

†1229. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has sent a proposal to include Kashyap-Nishad and other 17 OBC castes under Scheduled Caste category, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the accepting the above proposal the Central Government has decided to include the 17 castes under Scheduled Caste category in principal, if so, the details thereof?

Drug addiction in the country

1230. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) whether drug addiction has reached

an alarming proportion leading to serious social order problems in metro cities of India;

(b) if so, the number of persons identified as drug addicts during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken/ being taken initiative to establish de-addiction centres through NGOs, trusts, PPP mode etc., to rehabilitate in Karnataka and Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the number of de-addiction centres likely to be establish in the country during the current year, State/UT-wise?

New roadmap for space programme

1231. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that a new road map is being written out for the country's space programme and it would address short term urgencies as well as vision for the long run;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that a firm action plan is taking shape in the next two to three months for completing the tasks already assigned to ISRO in the next two or three years; and

(d) whether it is also true that Government is considering to come out with a comprehensive space law, if so, the details thereof?

ISRO and NASA working on NISAR mission

1232. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO and NASA are jointly working on the NASA-ISRO Synthetic

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Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission to co-develop and launch a dual frequency synthetic aperture radar satellite;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the mission;

(c) the present status of the mission and the time by which the NISAR satellite is likely to be launched; and

(d) the total cost of the project and the expenditure sharing pattern between the two agencies?

Capability to launch Geosynchronous Satellite

1233. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is capable of launching geosynchronous satellites in earth's orbits, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the efforts being made by Government for capacity enhancement of launching INSAT type heavy communication satellites in geosynchronous orbits?

SC/STs employed in PSUs

1234. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various posts in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SC/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/

provided by the Government/PSUs for the SC/STs Welfare Association viz., Office Accommodation, etc.; and

(e) the way and means in which PSUs/ Government involves SC/ST Welfare Association in the Administrative activities/developmental activities/Management of the PSUs?

Reusable satellite launch vehicle

1235. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the ISRO would flight test an indigenously developed reusable satellite launch vehicle for the first time;

(b) whether it is also true that this is aimed at cutting down the costs of satellite launches to one-tenth the present rates; and

(c) whether it is also true that at present the various stages in satellite launch vehicle fall off in succession during launch and cannot be reused making such launches expensive, if so, the details thereof?

Delay in GSLV launches and cryogenic engines

1236. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that long delay in realizing the indigenous GSLV launcher and its cryogenic engine had somewhat upset other project schedules;

(b) whether it is also true that another priority area was that of adding new facilities and improving the existing ones so that projects are completed in realistic time-frames;

(c) whether it is also true that the ISRO had started building the next generation launchers with double and triple the current GSLV capacity for putting satellites in space such as the GSLV and those powered by the futuristic semi cryogenic engine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects pending for resolution

1237. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects worth ₹ 18.47 lakh crores of 371 projects are pending for resolution before the Projects Monitoring Group;

(b) if so, the details of pending project, project-wise and the reason for such pendency; and

(c) the efforts being made to clear the projects as early as possible?

Expeditionous implementation and completion of projects

1238. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a three member dedicated group of eminent persons to recommend ways to kick start stalled projects vital to creating jobs and accelerating growth across farms and factories, if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of major projects which are facing delays for more than five years along with their original schedule of completion and the project cost;

(c) whether shortage of funds is major reason for these delays and if so, details thereof, project-wise; and

(d) details of bottlenecks identified and action taken to clear them to make way for expeditious implementation and completion of projects?

Dropping of Indira Gandhi 20 Point Programme

1239. DR.E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to drop the Indira Gandhi 20 Point Programme - a programme of Centre-State co-operative federalism in removing and measuring poverty eradication by scientific mechanism; and

(b) if so, what are the studies that proved the necessity for such drastic step of dropping the constitutional obligation of the three-tier Governance?

Allocation of funds under Amrut scheme

1240. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation allocation of funds will be as per urban population and the number of cities and town in each State;

(b) whether it is also true that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in urban areas, the allocation will be based on the number of urban poor and slum dwellers; and

(c) whether it is also true that new flagship programmes have mechanisms against delay, if so, the details thereof?

Pre-paid cards for Mass Transit System

1241. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has issued permission to operators of Mass Transit System (MTS) like Mumbai Metro, Delhi Metro, Indian Railways and local road transport services to issue prepaid cards which can be used in MTS, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when MTS like Delhi Metro, Mumbai Metro are going to start issuing pre-paid cards, with details?

Waste treatment plants in country

1242. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of garbage and waste treatment plants functioning in the country, city and State-wise;

(b) whether all the garbage and waste treatment plants are functioning properly, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken/ being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government proposes to install new garbage and waste treatment plants and if so, the details thereof, city and State-wise; and

(d) the time by which these plants are likely to be installed?

DDA team for rehabilitation in Nepal

1243. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority has sent any team to Nepal for rehabilitation purpose after the recent earthquake; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds spent for this purpose and the achievements made by them so far?

Grants for development of Raipur

†1244. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has sent a proposal seeking ₹ 7670 crore for the new capital, Raipur;

(b) whether Chhattisgarh has received ₹ 750 crore;

(c) whether the remaining amount according to proposal would be provided by the Centre for new Raipur, as a package for the new capital; and

(d) whether new Raipur would be included under smart city project and the amount of cost for the project would be payable?

Satellite township in West Bengal

1245. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from the State Governments including State Government of West Bengal for the implementation and establishment of satellite township in their States;

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

(c) the details of financial assistance sanctioned so far, in this regard?

Regional Plan 2021

1246. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by the Board and Government to ensure that the development in the National Capital Region (NCR) is as per the published Regional Plan;

(b) whether the Board or Central Government found violation of Regional Plan and the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 by the State and the Board; and

(c) whether the proposed Smart Cities in the National Capital Territory (NCT-Delhi) are as per the Regional Plan 2021 in force?

Conformity of Master Plan with Regional Plan

1247. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Master Plans/ Development Plans of such major settlements of NCR are as per the Regional Plan (2021) in the context of population, population-density and urbanisable area, if not, the reasons and action Government has taken in this regard; and

(b) whether the Board approved Master/Development Plans of the settlements planned in Regional Plan as required by the Statutory Regional Plan

2021 para 17.41, if so, whether the approved Master Plans are in conformity with the Regional Plan 2021, if not, then what are the reasons therefor?

Problems related to rapid urbanisation

1248. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether different parts of the country have experienced rapid urbanisation putting pressure on existing infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by Government for sprucing up infrastructure in recently urbanised parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether increasing pollution, slums, traffic snarls, etc., have become major concerns in urban areas, if so, the details of schemes launched to tackle the problem; and

(d) the details of the schemes sanctioned and work started under these schemes in various States during the last three years, State-wise?

Encroachment on DDA land in Bindapur

1249. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is encroachment on Mixed Land Use (MLU) plots, flats, central park, small parks and vacant/unused land belonging to DDA in DDA Flats Bindapur, Pocket-3, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that many MLU plots and flats are still to be allotted;

(c) whether it is a fact that proper upkeep of DDA properties is not being maintained; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that water bill has not been paid by many flat owners to DDA, if so, what action Government proposes to take and the details thereof?

Panaji as smart city

1250. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether city of Panaji in Goa has been included in the cities to be developed as smart cities in the country, if so, when was the decision taken;

(b) facilities proposed to be provided for the city under the scheme and the amount proposed to be spent;

(c) whether Municipal Corporation of Panaji City has been taken on board, and any discussion preliminary or otherwise have been held with the corporations; and

(d) any plan for the smart city of Panaji has been drawn, the details thereof?

Assistance to States for Swachh Bharat Mission

1251. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of the ways and means in which Government is supporting the efforts taken by the State Government under 'Swachh Bharat Mission'; and

(b) details of autonomy/power devolved to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) under this Mission?

CEO for smart cities

1252. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government is planning to appoint Chief Executive Officers for smart cities, if so, the details thereof?

Mono-Metro Rail in Chennai

1253. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mono-Metro Railway Scheme in Chennai is going to be further developed by Central Government participation; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of participation of Government and the State Government of Tamil Nadu from the original MoU and the monetary commitment, year-wise and revenue sharing?

Cities covered under smart city project

1254. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in how many years the Ministry will be able to cover development of 500 cities in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has planned to cover only 100 (one hundred) smart cities in three phases as under, first year 20, second year 40 and third year 40 cities; and

(c) how much Government will spent on each smart cities, year-wise details thereof?

**Implementation of Swachh Bharat
Abhiyan in Government offices**

1255. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Public Works Department has conducted a survey of the Central Government offices in Delhi under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan;

(b) if so, details of the cleanliness ranking prepared by the CPWD; and

(c) what action the Ministry is taking against offices in the capital which are not implementing Swachh Bharat?

**Urban planning and development in
Jharkhand**

1256. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a charter for Urban Planning and Development and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the said charter has identified the need for increased public-private enterprise in order to accelerate urban development in the country, in all States, including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

Flats allotted by DDA

†1257. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some allottees have refused to take the flats allotted by Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered about allotting these flats to other persons; and

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

JNNURM in Jharkhand

1258. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided for procurement of buses under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission during mission period, State-wise, including Jharkhand; and

(b) the number of buses procured under JNNURM during the mission period, State-wise?

Private food manufacturers in ICDS

1259. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments are giving contracts to private food manufacturers to supply nutritious food for vulnerable infants and pregnant women and nursing mothers under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), despite Supreme Court order prohibiting private players in the ICDS; and

(b) if so, the States which have given contracts to private players and Government's reaction thereto?

**Orphans and destitute victims of
earthquake and communal violence**

†1260. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the children, who

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became orphans and destitute due to earthquake and communal violence in the country during the last three years as on date, State-wise/incident-wise;

(b) the welfare measures taken by Government for the rehabilitation of such orphaned and destitute children; and

(c) whether Government has received any foreign aid in this regard during the said period, till date?

Rescue of children from trafficking

1261. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 650 kids have been rescued from stations in North India in four months, if so, details thereof; and

(b) what effective steps the Ministry is taking in conjunction with Railways to rescue children from trafficking and rehabilitate them?

Amount for supplementary nutritious diet

†1262. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognises the fact that keeping in view the rapidly growing inflation, it has become mandatory to increase the sum of amount provided daily for supplementary diet of the children at the Aanganwadi Centres; and

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to strengthen the Integrated Child Development Scheme, increase the sum of amount provided for children's supplementary nutritious diet and the

honorarium of the Aanganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in procedure of adoption

1263. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the domestic and international procedures being followed in adoption;

(b) whether it is true that Government is planning to bring in reforms in the adoption procedures; and

(c) if so, the details thereon and the reasons therefor?

Malnourishment in children

1264. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts with high extent of malnourishment in children, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has formulated any scheme to increase dietary intake of severely malnourished children in the affected districts, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Nand Ghar in Gujarat

†1265. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to build Nand Ghar across the country;

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(b) if so, whether Government is also contemplating to build Nand Ghar in each village in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the numbers thereof and the names of the villages where Nand Ghar will be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Budget for women and child development

1266. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts allocated in budget during past three years for women and child development;

(b) how much of these allocated amounts have been utilized;

(c) whether these amounts are sufficient to overcome the morbidity and other sufferings among women and children and to attend to their social backwardness, if not, what more will be necessary; and

(d) what is total allocation this year for them?

Budget provisions for child health and nutrition

1267. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions in the Budget for child health and nutrition during 2015-16;

(b) how these compare with those made during 2014-15;

(c) reasons for reducing budget provisions for health and nutrition sectors pertaining to children; and

(d) how the Government propose to solve the problem of malnutrition among children with less provisions on health and nutrition?

Nutritious food for pregnant women in Bihar

†1268. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Nutrition Board propose to provide free nutritious food to pregnant women and children in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the progress made therein so far and also the achievements made in Bihar, the State-wise details of the amount allocated and the quantum of amount required for the implementation of this programme in the whole country and whether any case of malpractices have been noticed, if so, the details thereof?

Law for dealing with sexual harassment at work place

1269. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 per cent of working women in India experience sexual harassment at work places as per report of the survey conducted by Orfam India and Social Rural Research Institute;

(b) if so, is there any need of separate law for dealing with sexual harassment at work place; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

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Proposal under Nirbhaya Fund

1270. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of proposals received in the Ministry from various States for financial and other assistance under Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if so, details of each of such proposal such as when it was received, objective of the proposal, details of assistance sought and action taken by the Ministry on the same; and

(c) what are the reasons for slow push of proposals under Nirbhaya Fund?

Child nourishment index

1271. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating adoption of new World Health Organization standards on child growth that can help improve India's poor rating on the Global Child Nourishment Index;

(b) whether the national workshop on Adoption of new WHO Child Growth Standards has been conducted in which representatives of State Governments, Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and WCD, UNICEF and WHO participated; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision in adopting new WHO norms will be considered and finalized?

Early marriages of female population

1272. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nearly 102.61 million women, roughly a sixth of India's female population of 587.58 million, were married before they had turned 18, according to the recent Census data; and

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

Norms for child adoption

1273. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child adoption both domestic State-wise and international, country-wise for the last three years;

(b) whether the central Adoption Resource Authority has proposed stricter norms for child adoption, if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereon; and

(c) in what manner the new norms would tackle problems such as illegal adoption and child trafficking?

Public-Private Partnership for Anganwadis

1274. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to make up for a fifty per cent cut in outlay this year, many Anganwadis operating under the Integrated Child Development Scheme will be put under public-private partnership mode;

(b) whether the corporate sector has evinced interest in lending a helping hand in upgrading infrastructure of anganwadis; and

(c) whether Government has already launched a pilot project in Haryana named Nand Ghar to operationalise the National Nutrition Mission, if so, the details thereof?

Declining trend in child sex ratio

1275. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that an estimate from the 2011 census reveals that the child sex ratio of boys to girls, 0-6 years, is at its highest level since Independence and these missing women are distributed across the country with Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab showing very high female mortality compared to female population; and

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any special measures to contain and reduce the number of "Missing Women" in those States?

Low rate of adoption

1276. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of in-country and inter-country adoption of abandoned and destitute and orphaned children over the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for low rate of adoption in both the categories considering the huge

number of abandoned and orphaned and destitute children in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of adoption substantially?

Rapid survey on children

1277. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rapid Survey on Children (RSOC), a nation wide survey commissioned by the previous Government and conducted by UNICEF has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the gist of its findings and recommendations and Government's reaction thereto?

Supplementary nutrition programme

1278. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objects of Supplementary Nutrition Programme as envisaged under the ICDS scheme;

(b) whether the beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition Programme are not getting the prescribed calories/protein due to manifold increase in the cost of food grains and other items;

(c) whether Government has not increased the cost norms per beneficiary per day in consonance with the rising prices;

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to ensure that no child or lactating or pregnant women is deprived of the Supplementary Nutrition as envisaged under the ICDS scheme?

Web portal for missing children

1279. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government recently launched a Web portal for missing children in the country, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) results achieved by the portal so far after its launch?

Shortage of anganwadi workers in Maharashtra

1280. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of anganwadi workers in Maharashtra and rest of the country, if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

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