

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 30, 2017/Chaitra 9, 1939 (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 — 160

Safety audit of KNPP

3197. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP) was hit by a snag recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the plant was shut down for a brief period due to this and if so, when it has resumed operation, after rectification; and

(c) whether safety audit would be done for radiological safety implications and to prevent such incidents in future and if so, the details thereof?

Transportation Infrastructure for North Eastern States

†3198. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is essential for the development of North Eastern States to provide rail, road and airports for fulfilling necessities of travellers, trade, education, office and Government etc.; and

(b) if so, the planning of Government in this regard?

Upgradation of North Eastern Council

3199. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to reorient and upgrade the North Eastern Council (NEC); and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has constituted a nodal group for drafting details and proposals therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Private investment in NER

3200. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects taken up by Government for economic development of North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) the total amount of private investment in the States of NER?

Allocation of funds for projects in North Eastern States

3201. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North Eastern Council (NEC) funds are allocated to North Eastern States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the projects that have been retained for funding during the current financial year; and

(c) the number of projects that have been selected for funding during the last two financial years and the amount of funds released so far, project-wise?

Attacks on temples in Pakistan

3202. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindus living in Pakistan are disturbed over the attacks on their temples;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps in this regard; and

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

Issuing of passports through Post Offices

3203. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to issue passports through Post Offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States in which this system has already been introduced, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that a centralized system for issuing of passports is being introduced and if so, the details thereof?

Extension of grace period for relocating Indian workers in USA

3204. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA administration has given grace period of up to sixty days for certain categories of non-immigrant workers E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B etc., following loss of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would take up the matter with USA administration to extend it for sixty more days, in view of time required for relocation of Indian workers there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made to ensure that Indian nationals are not put to harassment or forcible evacuation by them?

Passport offices at district level

3205. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open new regional passport/passport offices at district level in various State of the country including Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of Bipartisan Bill in US Congress

3206. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Bipartisan Bill was reintroduced in the US Congress to make companies that move call centres overseas ineligible for grants or guaranteed loans from Government, a move aimed at curbing the transfer of jobs to countries like India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to provide alternative jobs to Indians who are sure to lose jobs after the Bill is passed?

India's reaction to Russia-Pak military exercise

3207. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how India looks at Russia joining Pakistan in joint military exercise at a time when India is trying to isolate Pakistan internationally;

(b) whether it is a blow to Indian diplomacy;

(c) the reasons why India is not able to convince Russia for not joining this exercise; and

(d) the justification of Russia's statement that joint military exercise is to eliminate illegal armed groups?

Change in American foreign policy

3208. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the changes in American foreign policy with the coming of the new President;

(b) whether it would affect the 'Make in India' initiative of Government;

(c) whether Government has noted that thousands of Indians may lose jobs in the United States of America due to President's new policies regarding visa procedure;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether Government proposes to undertake any measures to deal with this situation?

Support of USA on Indus Water Treaty

3209. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has also sought the support of the United States of America (USA) on the implementation of the Indus Water Treaty with India;

(b) if so, Indian Government's reaction thereto and the initiatives taken by the USA administration; and

(c) the extent to which the World Bank has agreed to the ways suggested by India in this regard?

Damage to properties of Indians in Nepal

†3210. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian properties in Nepal are being damaged;

(b) if so, the names of cities where such incidents have occurred and the amount of loss caused therefrom;

(c) whether Government has tried to find out the reasons for such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to prevent them?

Rejection of proposal to blacklist terror group chief

3211. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1267 Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has rejected the proposal of India to blacklist a Pakistan based terror group chief;

(b) whether the proposal was rejected due to lack of merit and being politically motivated; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government proposes to pursue the matter with UNSC to ensure that the objective is achieved?

Agreements with UAE

3212. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many agreements were recently signed between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Use of biometric data for issuance of passports

3213. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to utilize the Aadhaar based biometric data of individuals to issue/renew passports in order to further ease the issuance of passports;

(b) if so, the details of such initiatives;

(c) whether Government has taken any other steps for easing issuance/renewal of passports to individuals, apart from that; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indians with H1B visas working in USA

3214. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians working abroad on job visas for the last three years;

(b) the details of Indians with H1B visas working in United States of America (USA), sector-wise;

(c) the total number of NRIs along with greencard holders in USA upto 31st January 2017;

(d) the action taken by Government on suspension of H1B visa by USA; and

(e) the plan of Government on the foreign relation with USA, if they do not roll back H1B visa policy?

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Implementation of DAY-NULM in Rajasthan

3215. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of implementing the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) in the country;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme in Rajasthan;

(c) whether the number of beneficiaries in that State is less than the average in neighbouring States;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/contemplated to improve it; and

(e) whether Government has taken any special initiatives for effective implementation of the scheme in remote areas of that State like Bikaner and Jaisalmer and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Criteria for identifying urban poverty

†3216. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for identifying urban poverty in the country;

(b) the details of the schemes available for alleviation of urban poverty;

(c) the reasons why desired success could not be achieved with regard to alleviation of urban poverty; and

(d) the new initiatives proposed by Government for alleviation of urban poverty?

Transfer of ownership under affordable housing scheme

3217. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) number of affordable housing schemes announced by Government during last two years, the details thereof;

(b) number of persons benefited/to be benefitted under such scheme;

(c) whether there is a bar on transfer of ownership under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which Government would ensure that this bar is effectively implemented?

Technical group for assessing housing requirement

3218. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a technical group was constituted to estimate housing shortage in various States to achieve the objective of 'Housing for All' by 2022 ;

(b) if so, the findings of technical group with particular reference to Karnataka;

(c) whether Ministry is facing any hurdles to achieve Housing for All objective since 'land' and 'colonisation' are State subjects;

(d) if so, how the Ministry is persuading States to clear housing projects; and

(e) whether the Ministry would consider bearing the cost of stamp duty since many

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States are not inclined to reduce or waive Stamp Duty on affordable housing projects?

Financial assistance to States under PMAY

3219. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) number of houses built and allotted to urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the States have to fulfil certain conditions to avail financial assistance from Government under PMAY (Urban) and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to the States under the scheme so far, State-wise?

Houses to poor people of Gujarat

†3220. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses provided by Government to the poor people living in the cities of the country during the year 2014-15 to 2016-17, till now;

(b) the number of people in the cities not having homes to live, as on date;

(c) the number of people in Gujarat who have given houses to live, year-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the number of people in the cities of that State who are not having homes to live as on date?

PMAY in Maharashtra and Rajasthan

3221. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) has been divided into three stages to fulfil the objectives of Housing for All in urban areas at the earliest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cities included in the first stage till March, 2017 along with the number of persons benefited, district-wise, including States of Maharashtra and Rajasthan; and

(d) the details of cities proposed to be included in the second and third stage, State-wise, including Maharashtra and Rajasthan?

Programmes for removal of slums

3222. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes introduced by Government for the removal of slums in India, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government has achieved its target by successfully implementing the programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to bring in effective laws and policies to handle large scale migration from rural areas, slum rehabilitation, etc. in the country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, whether Government is

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contemplating any further steps to tackle these issues and if so, the details thereof?

Subsidy on interest of home loans in Punjab

3223. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced subsidy on interest of home loans for constructing new houses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any progress in this regard in Punjab;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

IHSDP in Jharkhand and Gujarat

3224. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) in Jharkhand and Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) the details of work done by Government for development of slums in those States during the last three years; and

(c) the amount allocated and utilized for that purpose during the above period?

Proposals for poverty alleviation pending in Haryana

†3225. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received regarding various schemes for poverty alleviation and employment generation during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, including those from Haryana;

(b) the details of proposals approved and pending and the reasons for their pendency; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for speedy approval of these pending proposals?

Fall in sale of houses/flats

3226. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sales of flats/houses from January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017;

(b) the reasons for fall in the sales during the month of November, December and January 2017; and

(c) whether Government has plans to help people buy homes through easy bank loans and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shelter for Urban Homeless in Himachal Pradesh

3227. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides funds to States under the scheme of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) and if so, the details of funds sanctioned/released during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

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(b) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made under this scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Government is planning/proposes to upgrade night shelter homes into permanent accommodations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/to be allocated to Himachal Pradesh for the purpose?

Proposals of Himachal Pradesh under RAY

3228. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals under the Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) from Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the present status of the said proposals;

(d) whether many proposals are still awaiting clearance; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared?

Mandatory Aadhaar identification for MDMS

3229. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has decided to make Aadhaar identification mandatory for children to avail themselves of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in schools across the country;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that this step would affect the health of the children, when about 72 million children are already stunted in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in Central Universities

3230. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether new appointments were made in Central Universities during the last two years and if so, the total number thereof;

(b) the number of remaining vacancies in those universities;

(c) the number of temporary teaching staff working in these universities as on 30th November, 2016;

(d) the number of posts reserved for SCs and STs in those universities; and

(e) the number of such posts still vacant?

Reduction in budgetary provisions

3231. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budgetary provisions for the Ministry has come down from ₹ 79,451 crore during 2013-14 to ₹ 72,394 crore during 2016-17;

(b) if so, the reasons for this downtrend and how the Ministry would be able to implement its programmes and schemes

with reduced Budget coupled with inflation;

(c) the details of schemes to which allocations have been reduced, schemes that are transferred to States and performance of each of such schemes being implemented since 2013-14, scheme-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the details regarding the Budget provided to the Ministry during 2017-18, head-wise and scheme-wise?

Higher Education Financing Agency

3232. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Canara Bank to operationalize the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA);

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to have such MoUs with other financial institutions; and

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

UGC regulations for M.Phil and Ph.D degree

3233. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee had been formed to draft the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedures for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016;

(b) if so, the details of the composition of the Committee and the number of meetings held;

(c) whether any public consultation has taken place before the regulations were finalized and whether minutes of the meetings are available in public domain and if so, the manner in which they could be accessed; and

(d) the details of consultative process that took place before the regulations were notified if no such Committee existed?

Useable toilet facilities in schools

3234. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 68.7 per cent of schools visited for the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2016 had useable toilet facilities and 3.5 per cent of the schools had no such facilities; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to achieve cent per cent useable toilet facilities in all schools and if so, the details and the timeline thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kangra district

3235. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to expand the Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any request for setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh; and

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

Awareness about segregation of wastes

3236. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to create awareness in schools, colleges and universities about segregation of wastes;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether Government would take any initiative in this regard?

Status of IIM campus at Amritsar

3237. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundation stone of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Amritsar was laid in June, 2016 and if so, the current status thereof;

(b) whether the project is running on time;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

Teaching of Hindi in private universities

†3238. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than two hundred private universities in the country as on date and only few of the universities are having Department of Hindi;

(b) whether most of the private universities of the country are not showing any interest in teaching Hindi; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for compulsory teaching of Hindi in private universities?

Providing job's to students from IIT and medical colleges

3239. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data available on percentage of students opting for jobs abroad after completion of their degree from IITs and Government medical colleges during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in collaboration with other Ministries to reduce this trend and to provide better jobs to students in the country itself?

JNVs in Himachal Pradesh

3240. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals for setting up of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) from the State Governments including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the number of JNVs set up by Government during the last three years and

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the current year in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise?

Proposals from foreign universities for opening campuses

3241. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from foreign universities for opening its campuses for conferring degrees for higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any regulatory framework to ensure quality of education and thus approval and acceptance of Global Certification therefor; and

(d) whether performance benchmark has been set and if so, the details thereof?

Examination for appointment of Principals in KVs

3242. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) Recruitment Rules, 50 per cent of the posts of Principals are to be filled through Limited Departmental Examination (LDE) from amongst Vice-Principals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for not conducting LDE to recruit Principals during the last five years;

(c) the action Government proposes to recruit Principals through LDE;

(d) whether Government has received representations from Vice-Principals for conduct of LDE; and

(e) if so, the action taken on their representations?

Global centres for innovation

†3243. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to set up world-class universities as global centres of innovation in the country in order to promote the quality of education;

(b) if so, the number of universities and places where they will come up and by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to establish such universities in Gujarat too?

Campus and hostels in newly formed IITs/IIMs

3244. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the newly formed IITs/IIMs do not have their own campuses and hostel facilities;

(b) the details of all IITs and IIMs which have not yet been allocated funds for campuses and hostels; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the same during the last three years and the current year?

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Compulsory Aadhaar cards for mid-day meals

3245. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make Aadhaar cards compulsory for school children turning up for the mid-day meals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is planning to transfer money to the beneficiaries instead of serving them wholesome meals;

(d) whether the Mid-Day Meal Scheme incentivises attendance; and

(e) whether Government would review its concept of Aadhaar cards for school children for mid-day meals as it would otherwise amount to backtracking from other goals?

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3246. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated during 2017-18 for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan *vis-a-vis* the annual budgetary requirements of the programme; and

(b) whether Government has released the funds to the States and Union Territories to pay salaries to teachers and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jharkhand

†3247. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has

been formulated to increase the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in every district of Jharkhand and if so, the details of targets, achievements and time limit thereof; and

(b) the details of plans aimed at improving the status of existing Kendriya Vidyalayas in that State and achievements made in this regard?

Renaming of Central University of Kerala

3248. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider re-naming the Central University of Kerala in Kasaragod district after Sree Narayana Gurudev; and

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

Poor standard of NCERT books

3249. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether CBSE has made it compulsory for all affiliated schools to purchase books printed and published by The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for all classes;

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

(c) whether the standard of NCERT books are so poor that most students can not comprehend the concepts well;

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(d) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this matter and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the stand of Government in this regard?

High fee for entrance examinations

3250. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:
SHRI NAZIR AHMED
LAWAY:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that many universities and other institutions are charging high fee for conducting entrance examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to regulate the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of textbooks of private publications

3251. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has directed the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to review the textbooks of private publishers prescribed in CBSE affiliated schools;

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

(c) whether CBSE has constituted any committee to make periodical review of such textbooks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any appeal or second review is permitted in case of rejection of textbooks by the committee;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the mechanism to ensure that there is no arbitrariness in such decisions?

Sector-wise doctoral research work

3252. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sector-wise details of doctoral researches currently going on with the support of UGC fellowships, are available;

(b) if so, the number of such researches connected to sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing industry, traditional sector, humanities and culture, information technology and communication, banking, health and hospitality as well as others; and

(c) the details of such researches applied for field level implementation during the last three years?

Three language formula for secondary education

3253. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education has sent a three-language formula for secondary education to the Ministry; and

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to implement it?

Model Degree Colleges in backward districts

3254. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish Model Degree Colleges in all backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted to identify those districts;

(d) the details of districts identified, State-wise; and

(e) whether proposals from State Governments have been received to start such colleges?

Replacement of eminent historians from ICHR

3255. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eminent historians have been removed from various positions of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR);

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

(c) the details of people who have replaced them; and

(d) the academic background of those removed and of those who replaced them?

Enrolment in private and Government schools

3256. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of all enrolled

students in the age group of 5 to 14 years, more are in private schools as compared to Government schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of their ratio, rural and urban area-wise?

Criteria for educational institutes in rural area

‡3257. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government for selecting backward and rural areas for the establishment of educational institutions;

(b) whether Government proposes to open technical and non-technical educational institutions for poor families in the backward and rural areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in foreign countries

3258. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are rising demand of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the number of proposals to establish new Kendriya Vidyalayas, which are pending during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any Kendriya Vidyalayas exist in foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Integrated courses in Central Universities

3259. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new courses added and old courses removed in recent years in Central Universities;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to introduce more integrated courses in different streams especially in legal department;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for social science research

3260. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the efforts made by Government to empower research and development, there is no significant improvement in social science research in the country;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) the measures taken/being taken by Government to tackle this issue;

(d) the funds allocated for social science research as compared to science and technology research during the last three years; and

(e) whether Government proposes to establish more social science institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Menstrual hygiene management in schools

3261. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by the Ministry to teach proper menstrual hygiene practices in schools and provide for proper menstrual hygiene management in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Teacher-pupil ratio in Andhra Pradesh

3262. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the pupil-teacher ratio in various States of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that there is only one teacher in over 40,000 Government primary schools in Andhra Pradesh and the number of such schools is going up; and

(c) if so, the manner in which Government is planning to supplement the efforts of the State Government to recruit sufficient teachers under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) to increase teacher-pupil ratio?

Shortage of teachers in Delhi and Maharashtra

3263. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the shortage of teachers in Government and Government aided schools in Maharashtra and National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to issue advisory to the State Governments in this regard and provide Central funds for recruiting teachers to deal with the shortage?

Online payment of fee at NIOS

3264. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the online payment of fees at National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is unsuccessful;

(b) whether Government is also aware that the fee is not deposited in the students account immediately; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken against the responsible authority?

Dispatching of books for NIOS examinations

3265. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the books for standard 10 and 12 are not dispatched till 15th January, 2017 to the students who are going to appear for the examinations during April, 2017 at National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);

(b) if so, the reasons for late dispatch of books and the action taken against the responsible authority for the late dispatch to Gujarat and other States; and

(c) the manner in which the authority is

going to compensate the time loss to the students?

Recognition of one year Masters degree course from abroad

3266. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides any scholarships to students going abroad to study one-year Masters courses;

(b) if so, the details of courses, colleges and universities for which such scholarships are provided;

(c) whether one-year Masters degrees from these colleges and universities are recognized by the Ministry or any Government body;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to ensure the recognition of one-year Masters degrees from colleges and universities for which it provides scholarships?

Recruitment of teaching faculty in JNU

3267. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has laid down regulations on the number of teaching faculty to be recruited, according to schools/ departments, in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi;

(b) whether the total number of teaching faculty has been recruited, accordingly; and

(c) if so, the number of present teaching faculty, department-wise, according to reserved/unreserved category?

**Reduction in number of M. Phil/
Ph. D seats in JNU**

3268. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a regulation to reduce the number of seats in M. Phil/ Ph.D from the next academic year in JNU;

(b) if so, the reasons and objective behind the decision; and

(c) whether the decision is within the UGC norms and has been verified by the concerned authority/Ministry?

Report of NUEPA on enrolment

3269. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the findings of the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) enrolment in Government schools is on the decline during the last few years and that in private schools has been increasing;

(b) whether, according to the National Sample Survey office, the proportion of children at the primary level attending private schools has increased from 27 per cent during 2007-08 to 38 per cent during 2014-15; and

(c) whether in addition to private schooling, the number of students opting for private tuitions are also on the increase?

Updation of NCERT books

3270. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the schools

under the Central Board to Secondary Education (CBSE) would compulsorily have textbooks published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT);

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure quality in the contents of NCERT books and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has updated the contents of NCERT books during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof?

**Improving learning outcome of
children**

3271. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the recently released Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), 2016;

(b) whether only 53 per cent students in class V could read class II text and only 13 per cent students of class VIII could read class I text;

(c) whether the arithmetic ability, such as doing divisions, among class VIII students has continued to drop and has been declining since 2010; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to increase the learning outcome of children and if so, the details thereof?

**Simultaneous sign language
interpretation for telecast on
Doordarshan**

3272. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to provide simultaneous sign

language interpretation for telecasts on all Doordarshan channels on all important events and occasions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring a standard policy to ensure that private TV channels are also accessible to persons with hearing disabilities; and

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

Educational programme for farmers

†3273. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to broadcast any educational programme through Doordarshan and other television channels for the benefit of farmers of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these programmes would be developed in colloquial language so that illiterate farmers could understand them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to get these programmes translated into regional languages and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of timeline fixed for broadcasting these programmes and the expenditure incurred thereon?

Connectivity through community radios

†3274. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is working with an objective of providing connectivity to the last man in the country through various communication media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is stepping ahead in the direction of achieving this objective through community radio and thereby empowering local communities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of temporary employees of Prasar Bharati

†3275. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the temporary employees working in Prasar Bharati during the last 5-6 years have been given any break or not;

(b) whether it is proposed to employ them permanently if these employees have been rendering continuous service; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove them?

Areas devoid of FM radio services

3276. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas/villages/towns/cities in which FM radio services, from Government as well as private agencies are not available after the 2nd round of FM Phase III auction;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would give focused attention in the left over areas/

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villages/towns/cities to provide FM radio services in the near future; and

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

FM radio stations

3277. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to open more FM radio stations during the ensuing financial year 2017-18;

(b) if so, whether Government has finalised the process of setting-up of such stations; and

(c) how many FM radio stations are functioning/performing in different parts/stations/frequencies presently and how many such new stations have been setup during the last three years?

Withdrawal of upgraded pay scales

3278. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has implemented the recommendations of the Committee of Joint Secretaries (COJS) *vide* report dated 3 February, 2011 with regard to withdrawing of upgraded pay scales granted to 11 categories *vide* I&B order dated 25 February, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is proposing to extend the identical benefits of upgraded pay scales *vide* order dated 25 February, 1999 to the left out cadres; and

(d) if so, the present status thereof?

Filing of Asset's details by Government officials

3279. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-filing of asset's details of spouse and dependants by Government officials has been announced by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal for revision of Lokpal and Lokayukta Act for Government servants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Making service rules gender neutral

3280. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, a married woman employee can show her own parents as her dependents under the service rules applicable to Central Government employees;

(b) if so, under what conditions;

(c) if not, the rationale therefor;

(d) whether Government has taken any action to make the aforesaid service rules gender neutral both in letter and spirit; and

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

Use of Braille in official communications

3281. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

it has been the obligation to accept and facilitate the use of Braille in official communications as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

(b) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any measures for acceptance of RTI applications and providing their reply in Braille;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Job reservation for physically challenged persons

3282. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a certain percentage of jobs in central services are reserved for handicapped and physically challenged persons;

(b) if so, the number of such people selected as Inspector of Central Excise under Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) selections of 2015;

(c) whether it is a fact that physically challenged persons with above 60 per cent handicap index have been refused their choice of the 15 cadres they had chosen; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to implement such policies with humaneness and in the right spirit of the law?

Validity of self attested affidavits

†3283. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions to implement

the recommendations of the second Administrative Reforms Commission regarding acceptance of self-attested affidavits for all purposes have been issued by Central and State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the compulsion of attestation of affidavits by courts in various States and institutions is still in vogue and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to recognise the self-attested affidavits in all the institutions of Central and State Governments and by when?

Funds for scientific research

†3284. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for scientific research in various sectors during the last three years till date, year-wise;

(b) the amount of funds utilised out of the above;

(c) whether the scientific researches have yielded any concrete results; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government for encouraging education and scientific research in future?

Rural innovations for dissemination and marketing

3285. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rural innovations, recognised by National Innovation

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Foundation, have been taken up for enterprise model for dissemination and marketing, so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Low expenditure on Research and Development

3286. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the R&D expenditure in India is 0.8 per cent of its GDP and R&D professionals per million population are only 150 which are much less than those in China and USA;

(b) if so, whether Government has proposed any institutions or other measures to increase their number during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government agrees that cut in R&D tax-breaks has disincentivized the private sector for expenditure towards R&D; and

(d) if so, measures taken to encourage private sector to increase expenditure towards R&D since 2014, year-wise?

Bio-technology board in Uttar Pradesh

†3287. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish bio-technology boards in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its current status and the amount sanctioned/spent for this purpose?

National Civil Aircraft Development Programme

3288. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a joint venture for implementation of National Civil Aircraft Development programme of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for time bound implementation of the programme?

Kaushal Vikas Shivirs in Jharkhand and Gujarat

3289. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kaushal Vikas Shivirs organised by PMKVY affiliated partners in the country particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat, as on date;

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

(c) whether Government has asked different industry bodies like Confederation of Indian Industry and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry etc. to provide gainful employment to trained candidates; and

(d) if so, the response of these bodies

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and if not, the steps taken by Government to create job avenues for such skilled workforce?

Upgradation of skills

†3290. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state the details of measures taken for upgradation of skills, in view of the dwindling scope for earning livelihood through traditional skills in villages and cities and the review status of achievements made during the last two years, State-wise?

Accommodation for trainee under PMKVY

†3291. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of distance being covered by the youth in rural areas and cost being borne by them to reach the training centres under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY); and

(b) whether Government proposes to provide accommodation, food and transport etc. to the socially and economically backward dalits, tribal youth and women, differently-abled of backward regions, in cities near, the training centres during the period of training under PMKVY and if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of ITIs

3292. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the status of proposal to set up ITIs in 2500 blocks of the country;

(b) whether Government has taken action for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the details of blocks where ITIs are going to be set up in the country, State-wise?

Complaints against training centres under PMKVY

†3293. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mechanism for taking action on complaints against the training centres being run under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana;

(b) the details of main complaints received and the number of training centres against whom the action was taken; and

(c) the number of youth who quit training before the stipulated period of training and the reasons therefor, State-wise?

Training centres in every parliamentary constituency

†3294. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to impart training to rural youth in different trades and if so, the details thereof, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

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(b) whether Government has any plan to set up training centres in every parliamentary constituency for providing training to youth and if so, the number of sectors included in it, so far; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide training to women separately and if so, the details thereof?

Skill Development Mission of Kerala

3295. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youth undergoing skill training during 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the number of centres of skill excellence in various States and the number of students who have completed training in them;

(c) the number of centres which have sought support from the Centre and whether Skill Development Mission of Kerala is one among them the number of those centres which have been granted support and the number of those which are still under consideration; and

(d) whether Skill Development Mission of Kerala has sought support for skill development initiatives?

Proposal from Chhattisgarh

†3296. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding development works received by the

Ministry from the State Government of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the scheme-wise expenses thereof and the details of the action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which the proposal received from the State Government are pending till date;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for the disposal of the proposal and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether developmental works are hampered due to delay in approval of the proposal and the manner in which the cost overruns in the above works are adjusted?

Schemes for welfare of Senior citizens

3297. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes started and operated by Government for the welfare of senior citizens;

(b) how much funds have been allocated for the welfare of senior citizens and how much of such funds have been spent during the last three years, scheme-wise; and

(c) whether the amount allocated has not been spent and if so, the reasons therefor?

Safeguarding rights of disabled persons by DDA and L&DO

3298. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rights and facilities available to the persons with disabilities, the measures taken to safeguard the same;

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(b) the complaints received from disabled persons concerning the same during the years 2016 and 2017 together with the action taken on each complaint;

(c) whether Government and office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) have received complaints against Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Land and Development Office (L&DO) for not framing schemes as per the provisions of Section 43 of the Persons with Disabilities Act; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Implementation of Acts related to social justice

3299. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism for monitoring the implementation of recent Acts related to social justice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any requirement of infrastructure and officers for implementation of these Acts and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has provided adequate funds to the States for the said purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat?

Skill development of persons with disabilities

3300. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to provide various kinds of skill upgradation to the persons with disabilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such plans and the number of disabled people trained under such schemes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Approach for development of various castes

3301. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target group-wise approach adopted for economic, social and educational development of various castes during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period has yielded positive results;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would continue the same approach or make any modifications based on experiences gained for implementation during the coming years?

Implementation of reservation policy

3302. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has, in the recent past, assessed the implementation of reservation policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details of outcome of such assessment, State-wise;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been able to utilize funds provided by the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development

Corporation during 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and how the Ministry is going to ensure that the funds meant for SCs are used by States for their welfare?

Subsidies and benefits to poor

3303. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry looks at the revelation of recently released Socio-Economic and Cast Census (SECC) data which indicates that one in every three families living in villages is landless and depends on manual labour for their livelihood;

(b) to what extent Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile (JAM) helps in providing subsidies and benefits directly to the poor;

(c) whether the Ministry plans to have revised and refurbished programmes in the light of above Census for better penetration of programmes to poor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Norms for issuance of disability certificate

3304. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms/rules for issuance of disability certificates to persons who have unfortunately become disabled due to road accidents or some other accidents;

(b) whether there is any time frame fixed within which the disability certificates should be obtained by such persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

3305. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis does not have even a single member, resulting in non-redressal of grievances;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to fill these vacancies to restore normal functioning and activities of the Commission?

Making buildings compatible for disabled persons

3306. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any official notification regarding making all Government and other buildings compatible for disabled persons;

(b) whether Government is taking any follow up action to ensure that the notification in this regard is implemented in toto, at the earliest; and

(c) what is the deadline issued by Government for implementing the directions contained in the notification in this regard and what action Government has taken against those who have not followed the directions?

Upgradation of NIEPMD, Chennai

3307. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to upgrade the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai as an institution of national importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Law for taking care of older parents

3308. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any law in the country which bounds a person to take care of his/her old age parents and prevents from disgracing them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for economically backward students

3309. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the schemes implemented by Government for educational development of economically backward students are having less response;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the physical and financial achievements of those schemes during the last three years, Scheme-wise and State-wise?

Rights and facilities for disabled persons

3310. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL

JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the measures taken to resolve the difficulties being faced by disabled persons to ensure that they enjoy the right to equality, right to live in the community and policies framed to rehabilitate persons with disabilities and barrier-free reasonable accommodation to enable them to maintain and attain optimal physical, sensory, intellectual, psychological, environmental and social function level?

Empowerment of artisans of SC/ST community

3311. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to empower the artisans of SC/ST community;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of SC/ST artisans and the specific economic module proposed for their empowerment, State-wise?

Categorization of Scheduled Castes

3312. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Scheduled Castes organisation is demanding categorization of Scheduled Castes for a long time and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has given his in-principle consent to this demand and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is committed to make amendments to the Constitution therefor and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

Encouragement to SC/ST students for research studies

3313. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any schemes for encouragement of SC/ST students to pursue research studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of applicants and beneficiaries and the funds allocated therefor, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has ensured subsidised hostel and mess facilities for the students belonging to this category and if so, the details thereof?

Drug addiction in ragpicker and vagabond children

3314. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent survey in Mumbai and Delhi ragpicker and vagabond children were found to be drug addicts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take in the matter to save these underprivileged children from drug addiction?

Reservation beyond fifty per cent by States

3315. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several States are promising the caste group reservations beyond 50 per cent and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposals from the States to allow the reservations beyond 50 per cent by making suitable amendments in the Constitution and if so, the details thereof?

Launching of spaceships

‡3316. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the process of launching spaceships in space was started by India;

(b) the number of spaceships launched by India till date for the benefit of the country; and

(c) the details of information obtained by scientists from those spaceships?

Objectives and targets of satellites launched by PSLV

3317. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRIMATI SAROJINI
HEMBRAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian satellites launched during the ISRO's record number of 104 satellites launched by PSLV on 15th February, 2017;

(b) the details of objectives and targets of such satellites launched during that Mission;

(c) the number and details of foreign satellites launched during that mission; and

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(d) the total foreign exchange earned and total expenditure incurred on launch of these satellites?

Time and cost overrun of projects

3318. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects worth ₹1,000 crore or more, facing cost and time overrun during the last three years;

(b) the names of projects that were abandoned along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed by Government to avoid such situations?

Change in base year for Consumer Price Index

3319. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is widely used as a macro economic indicator of inflation;

(b) if so, whether Government has revised the base year of CPI recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind this move;

(d) the details of CPI number of rural, urban and combined;

(e) the details of inflation rates, State/UT-wise, including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(f) the criteria fixed by Government for collecting price data?

Funds for central schemes from MPLAD funds

3320. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many Ministries have asked all the Members of Parliament to spend funds for various Central schemes from MPLAD funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is going to increase MPLAD funds during this Budget Session;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Provision for sports and allied equipments under MPLADS

†3321. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the provision and measures for providing sports and allied equipments used in various sports under Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme?

Monitoring of MPLAD works

†3322. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the effective system that would be established for rapid completion and inspection of construction work under

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Members of Parliament Local Areas Development (MPLAD) Scheme; and

(b) the measures taken for estimation of expenditure, technical approval, administrative approval and timely completion of delayed construction work and the manner in which deficiencies would be removed?

Contribution through MPLAD for street lights

3323. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Members of Parliament have been asked to contribute, through their MPLAD funds, towards providing street lights particularly in the rural areas of the country, powered by solar energy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Members thereto?

Funds for providing drinking water in Ghaziabad

†3324. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lajpat Nagar, Rajendra Nagar, Shyam Park extension at Sahibabad in National Capital Region are part of Ghaziabad Smart City;

(b) whether people belonging to these areas are compelled to drink bottled or jet pump water due to non-availability of piped drinking water there;

(c) if so, whether Government would allocate funds under the Jawaharlal Nehru

National Urban Renewal Mission or 'AMRUT' scheme for construction of water overtank at Shani Chowk in Lajpat Nagar;

(d) if not, whether Government would provide Ganga water at the said places for drinking; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

World Bank assistance for roads and flyovers

†3325. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is providing any assistance for work related to construction of roads and flyovers in various cities and towns of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the current status thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend this work to other parts of the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Crowding on Dwarka-Vaishali metro route

†3326. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that travellers have to face a lot of problems due to huge crowd on Dwarka-Vaishali metro route;

(b) if so, the details of efforts made to solve this problem; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to run additional services of metro rails with more coaches especially during peak hours in the morning and in the evening?

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Development of Amritsar as Smart City

3327. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amritsar has been selected to be developed as Smart City under the Smart Cities Mission of Government and whether the fund for the city has been released; and

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

Construction of multistoreyed buildings in NCT of Delhi

3328. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to demolish the old bungalows situated in the heart of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi and construct multistoreyed buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such construction being proposed and the time by which this work would be started and completed?

Development of heritage cities of Madhya Pradesh under HRIDAY

†3329. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) in the year 2015 for overall development of heritage cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many heritage cities of Madhya Pradesh have also been selected under this scheme and work on their overall development is under progress; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Urban slums under SBM

3330. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban slums which have been covered under the Swachh Bharat Mission, State-wise;

(b) the number of individual and community toilets built in urban slums covered under the Mission, so far State-wise;

(c) if no data is available, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has carried out any study to assess the availability of safe drinking water in urban slums across the country; and

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

Expenditure on awareness about SBM

†3331. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amounts spent on publicity of Swachh Bharat Mission

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(SBM) and on advertisements to create awareness about it during the last three years;

(b) whether any percentage of the total expenditure has been fixed by the Ministry for spending on publicity and awareness of the scheme;

(c) whether the spending on publicity of a scheme arbitrarily or indiscriminately is treated as expenditure in public interest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Technology to make drinking water from sewage water

3332. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientist has invented any new machine which would turn sewage water into drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for using such innovative technology particularly in major cities which are facing acute shortage of drinking water?

Fund allocation under Smart Cities Mission

3333. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided to the States for development of Smart Cities as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of requests for allocation of funds received from State Governments, particularly from Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is any proposal to declare more cities under Smart Cities Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects for Delhi under AMRUT

3334. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved certain projects for NCT of Delhi under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the projects include improvement of water supply and sewage networks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total investments approved during the last two years and the current year; and

(e) by what time the projects are likely to be completed and the details of benefits that would accrue to the people?

Compost Banao, Compost Apnao Campaign

3335. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of promotion methods used by Government for the Compost Banao, Compost Apnao Campaign;

(b) the details of costs allocated and utilized for the same; and

(c) the details of cities targeted for piloting the project and the details of measures taken for implementing the project, so far?

Swachh Survekshan of cities

3336. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swachh Survekshan of cities in the country has been taken up on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which and by whom the survey is being conducted; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on the project?

Drainage manual

3337. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any recommendations from the Institution of Engineers (India) for creation of a comprehensive drainage manual and a Flood Control Authority to curb the land use violation, encroachment of drains and water bodies;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to examine these recommendations in consultation with various State Governments and civic bodies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Menstrual Hygiene Management under (SBM-U)

3338. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made any

provision for Menstrual Hygiene Management under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) (SBM-U);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Ministry would consider providing for Menstrual Hygiene Management with (SBM-U) in a way similar to SBM(Gramin); and

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

Scientific management of municipal solid wastes

†3339. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been set to ensure cent-percent scientific management of municipal solid wastes in all the statutory towns of the country under the Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work on ensuring scientific management of municipal solid wastes in statutory towns is under progress as expected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Municipal corporations of Odisha under Smart Cities Mission

3340. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Minister would consider inclusion of three municipal corporations *i.e.* Cuttack, Sambalpur and Berhampur of Odisha under the Smart Cities Mission?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Land at concessional rates to disabled persons

3341. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes notified by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Land and Development Office (L&DO) in terms of section 43 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 together with the details of disabled persons to whom land has been allotted at concessional rates for setting up business, houses etc.;

(b) the details of such land together with their addresses earmarked by Government; and

(c) whether Vice Chairman, DDA and L&DO have received letters from Member of Parliament (MP) on the subject and if so, the reasons for not replying to their letters?

Improving municipal governance

3342. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to roll out a nation-wide plan to empower and improve municipal governance and municipal operations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how Government plans to empower the municipal bodies for playing an effective role under the Smart Cities Mission?

Aadhaar Cards for orphans

3343. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on providing Aadhaar Cards to orphan children to enable them to get free education and health services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of services being provided to orphan children through Aadhaar Cards?

Ranking of India in Global Gender Gap Report

3344. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks 87 out of 144 countries globally, on parameters such as economic participation and opportunities, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment, as per the recent Global Gender Gap Report for 2016 released by the World Economic Forum; and

(b) if so, what steps Government has taken or proposes to take in order to improve country's ranking?

Pre-primary and play schools for children

3345. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to start pre-primary schools, play schools and day care centres for the welfare of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken note that the fee levied in such schools/centres are exorbitant;

(d) if so, the corrective action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Government proposes to improve the standard of Anganwadis in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Tax incentives for adopting children

3346. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provides tax incentives to the parents who adopt children legally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the recommendations made by the Child Adoption Authority in this regard?

Education and employment to helpless women

†3347. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared or proposes to prepare any programme for providing education and employment opportunities to the poor, widowed and helpless women;

(b) the details of centres where these programmes are being run, State-wise;

(c) the number of women who have availed the benefit of these programmes during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for slow progress of these programmes during that period?

Programmes/Schemes under ICDS in Maharashtra

3348. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes/schemes being implemented under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the number of women/children covered/benefited in the State through these programmes/schemes during the last three years; and

(c) the details of funds sanctioned and released to all non-government organizations/trusts of the country under ICDS programme/schemes along with the funds utilized by them State-wise, including Maharashtra?

Fortification of staple food items

3349. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering universal fortification of all staple food items to address malnutrition in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any recommendation/proposal made in this regard by some authorities/Committees/States etc. is under consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expected timelines for implementation of this project; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to address the issue of malnutrition?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Educating women for business

‡3350. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.55 crore new businesses and 6.55 crore new job opportunities would be created if 52 per cent women of the country are provided with business acumen by empowering them educationally;

(b) whether the number of women in 20 lakh active small business pages on social media is increasing at a fast pace according to a study and which has increased upto 85 per cent annually during the last five years; and

(c) if so, whether Government is preparing any special scheme for educating women for this and if so, the details thereof?

Success of CNM in Madhya Pradesh

‡3351. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Child Nutrition Mission (CNM) has been launched in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the success of the Mission in the State;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether Government has received any information regarding shortcomings in implementation of the mission and if the details of corrective measures taken in order to remove those shortcomings?

Awareness about breast feeding

3352. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) whether Government maintains data about the number of women who breastfeed their newborns within one-hour of birth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any initiatives to increase awareness about the importance of breastfeeding among women in India; and

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

Anaemia in women

3353. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 48 per cent of women in India are anaemic and suffer from malnutrition;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to address this issue and if so, whether the budgetary allocations and targets have been fixed under different schemes of the Ministry and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider increasing the budgetary allocations for the National Nutrition Mission and set targets thereunder and if not, the reasons therefor?

Selling fake forms for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

3354. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware about the sale of fake forms in Uttar Pradesh in the name of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme promising two lakh rupees to the girls and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of action taken thereon?

Campaign to prevent child sexual abuse

3355. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of preventive and punitive steps being taken by Government to handle increasing child sexual abuse and the details of such steps taken after any such incident;

(b) whether the Ministry is running any awareness campaign or workshop in schools for students and teachers in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and whether Government would start such awareness campaigns in schools soon?

Delay in allocation of funds under Nirbhaya scheme

3356. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministries involved in the process of allocation of funds under Nirbhaya scheme;

(b) the average time taken between a proposal emanating and the final allocation made therefor;

(c) whether there is delay in allocation of funds, if any, to a proposal in view of involvement of various Ministries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to avoid the delay in releasing the funds for implementation of proposals?

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