

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; 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)

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JVs with PSUs for nuclear power generation

3837. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has entered into Joint Ventures (JVs) with PSUs for nuclear power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department plans to work with private entities in collaboration with Government bodies like NPCIL for creation of nuclear reactors;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of measures taken by the Department to safeguard the data pertaining to the functioning of nuclear reactors?

Target for generation of nuclear energy by 2017

3838. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of nuclear energy generated during the last two years;

(b) the target for generation of nuclear energy by 2017 and the details of the steps taken to achieve this; and

(c) whether there is any plan to involve private parties in generation of nuclear energy and if so, the details thereof?

Objectives of SARDP-NE

3839. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the benefit of North Eastern Region and Sikkim, Government has taken up a scheme of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE);

(b) if so, the major objectives of the scheme; and

(c) the total amount allocated for projects/schemes under SARDP-NE during 2015-16?

Amount earmarked for North Eastern States

†3840. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed all the Ministries/Departments to keep aside a specific amount out of their budgetary allocations to ensure the development to North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of procedure adopted for verification of expenditure of that amount; and

(d) the manner in which Government ensures that the amount earmarked for each North-Eastern State is spent exclusively under the desired head?

Infrastructural development in North Eastern States

†3841. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes formulated by Government for construction of roads, providing medical facilities, education, water and electricity to the people of the North Eastern States which are essential for the development of the region;

(b) the number of schemes running, as on date; and

(c) the number of schemes yet to be implemented, the names and the details thereof?

El Nino impact on Monsoon

3842. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the El Nino-triggered warming of East Equatorial Pacific waters could have a negative impact on the latter half of this year's South-West Monsoon as per forecast of Weather Risk Management Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to create awareness among farmers and the States about the El Nino impact?

Rising temperature at Siachen glaciers

3843. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the temperature at the Siachen glacier is increasing resulting in melting process; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Skill upgradation for disposal of e-wastes

3844. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked

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out a plan to skill kabariwalas for efficient collection and disposal of e-wastes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of kabariwalas trained, so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the plan across the country?

Legal aid to overseas Indians

3845. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legal aid is being provided to overseas Indians ;

(b) whether any swadeshi advocate service is being provided by the Indian embassies to them and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any scheme for free legal aid to them?

Internationalising Hafiz Sayeed issues

3846. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Pakistan Government is under pressure now about the terrorist Hafiz Sayeed and this is high time to take up the matter at international platforms;

(b) if so, the details of Government's plan on this very sensitive matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Legislation in USA to declare Pakistan a terrorist state

3847. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bill to declare Pakistan as a terrorist state is introduced in the House of Representatives of United States of America (USA);

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether there is any possibility of this Bill going through US Parliament;

(d) whether there are any other countries which have also taken steps for declaring Pakistan as terrorist state;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) how India looks at this move and to what extent such moves help to isolate Pakistan globally?

Strategic dialogue with China

3848. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent strategic dialogue with China was positive and constructive as it has urged to take a balanced and objective view;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the two sides had open and useful exchanges on Afghanistan, the United Nations, counter terrorism and nuclear issues;

(d) whether in some cases, both sides found common ground and in others it was felt that the dialogue should continue further; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

3849. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese media has suggested that India should join the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor which goes through Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK);

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

(c) whether Government would clearly ask the Government of China not to go ahead with the construction of this corridor as it passes through Indian territory which is forcibly occupied by Pakistan;

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

(e) the stand of Government in this regard?

Yoga training centres run by ICCR

3850. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of yoga training centres being run by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) in different countries and the details of enrolment of trainees and teachers in these centres ;

(b) the budgetary allocations made by ICCR to these centres during the last financial year; and

(c) the overall assessment of the Ministry about the functioning of these centres and in what way the ICCR/ Ministry ensures quality control over these centres?

Comprehensive convention on International terrorism

3851. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism has been pending since long;

(b) if so, the main issues obstructing a consensus; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure that the said convention becomes a reality?

Indians expelled from USA

†3852. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of Indians expelled from United States of America (USA) after the constitution of present Government;

(b) the details of reasons leading to such expulsions;

(c) whether Government has registered any protest with American administration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Killing of Indians in South Sudan

3853. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rebels killed Indians working in South Sudan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) whether Government has taken up this issue with Government of Sudan; and
 (d) if so, the response thereto?

Foreign fishermen in Indian jails

3854. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some fishermen from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan are in Indian jails;
 (b) if so, the number of such fishermen and the duration of their imprisonment, country-wise;
 (c) whether respective countries have tried to get their fishermen released; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

Indians languishing in foreign jails

†3855. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people, who went abroad for employment, are languishing in jails there;
 (b) if so, whether Government is considering any steps to bring them back; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof and if so, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of Tamils in Sri Lanka

3856. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of initiatives taken by Government for rehabilitation of Tamils in Sri Lanka;

- (b) whether Government conducts any survey on impact of rehabilitation initiatives there;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

- (d) whether the funds allocated for rehabilitation have been diverted by Government of Sri Lanka; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

Bringing back NRIs from foreign countries

3857. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Non Resident Indians (NRIs) who are interested to settle in India;
 (b) whether Government has any proposal to revive the policy to bring back Indian population settled in foreign countries; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof?

Land to Habitat India and IIC

3858. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of land given to Habitat India and India International Centre (IIC) in New Delhi by Government and conditions of such grant, lease, etc. respectively;
 (b) whether Habitat India and IIC are not following inclusive policies with regard to membership;
 (c) whether it is a fact that both managements are under life-time trusteeship; and

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(d) if so, the details of steps proposed to open up both IIC and Habitat India managements in a transparent manner?

Fisherman shot dead by Sri Lankan navy

3859. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian fishermen were shot dead by Sri Lankan navy on 7th March, 2017 near Katchatheevu;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue with Government of Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

Real estate regulators in States

3860. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the State Governments to set up real estate regulators by May, 2017 after which there would be no extension;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of States which have already set up such regulators?

Construction of housing units in Gujarat

†3861. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of Government for providing housing facility to the

poor people living in the cities of the country;

(b) the number of housing units proposed to be constructed in the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 under the above scheme;

(c) the number of housing units constructed per year; and

(d) the number of housing units proposed to be constructed and actually constructed in Gujarat per year?

Demand for housing

3862. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed by Government under the 'Housing for All' scheme for the poor people, so far;

(b) whether the construction of such houses have been increased, keeping in view the demand and requirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government has obtained the State-wise data of such people who require houses under this scheme?

Housing for widows and destitutes

3863. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government, at an estimated cost of ₹ 5,000 crore is going to build houses for low and middle income groups in the country;

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(b) if so, the details of such houses proposed to be constructed in the country including Haryana;

(c) whether any such houses have been earmarked for widows and destitutes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Affordable housing scheme through private developers

3864. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private developers had failed to bring forward even a single proposal under affordable housing scheme, till date;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has happened despite Government granting infrastructure status to this segment in Budget, 2017;

(c) whether the ambit of the scheme has now been extended and covers people with income of upto ₹ 18 lakh per year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Notification of Real Estate Act by States

†3865. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the real estate rules duly passed and enacted by Parliament have not been notified by various States, so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States have been given a notice by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for affordable houses from States

†3866. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked all the States and Union Territories to submit proposals for construction of affordable houses for the urban poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposals from all the States and Union Territories have been received and whether the work has been started after taking the decisions on those proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of affordable houses under PMAY

3867. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had, so far, approved construction of over 16 lakh affordable houses with an investment of about ₹ 90,000 crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Central assistance of ₹ 25,000 crore has been approved under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Dwelling units under housing schemes

3868. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the target and actual construction of dwelling units under various urban housing schemes;

(b) the expenditure incurred on these schemes/programmes, scheme-wise;

(c) whether a large number of houses constructed under these schemes are lying vacant all over the country and if so, the details thereof, scheme/State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for the same and the steps being taken to allot these houses expediently?

NULM in Karnataka

3869. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each component under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) for reducing urban poverty and vulnerability of urban poor in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that NULM is being implemented in Karnataka and if so, the status of its implementation during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether there is a huge variation between allocations made and released under NULM since 2014-15 to that State and no money has been released so far during 2016-17 inspite of allocation made to the tune of ₹ 6,735 lakhs; and

(d) if so, the details of allocation made and funds released since 2014-15, year-wise and the reasons for not releasing any money during 2016-17?

Suicides by students

3870. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the data of student suicides in school and college campuses during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is collecting or recording data regarding the reasons or causes behind such suicides;

(c) whether the Ministry is promoting counselling sessions for students; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any other steps to prevent such suicides?

Investigation report on suicide in Hyderabad Central University

†3871. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investigation carried out and recommendations made by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, local administration and Roopanwal Commission on the issue of the suicide committed by Rohit Vemula at Hyderabad Central University; and

(b) whether it is a fact that all the investigation reports are in conflict with one another and if so, the details thereof?

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Electoral literacy in secondary school syllabus

3872. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to introduce electoral literacy in secondary school syllabus;

(b) if so, the details pertaining to the training of teachers in this regard and the date of commencement of the course; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant posts in Central Universities

3873. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 20 per cent posts of teaching and non-teaching staff in various Central Universities are lying vacant, as on date; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, university-wise and category-wise, along with the backlog vacancies?

Environment as compulsory subject in schools

3874. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to teach environment as a compulsory subject in schools;

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

(c) if not, the difficulties in introducing the subject in schools?

Learning outcome of students

3875. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that according to the National Achievement Survey for class 5 published by NCERT in 2016, most students scored between 0-50 per cent in reading comprehension, mathematics and environmental studies;

(b) the measures Government has taken to improve the quality of education and learning outcomes in primary schools; and

(c) the method by which Government measures the learning outcome of students in primary schools?

Posters on Kashmir in JNU

3876. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that posters on freedom for Kashmir have been pasted on the walls of Jawaharlal Nehru University;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by whom these posters have been pasted; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

Additional Adult Education Centres for Muslim women

3877. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,000 additional Adult Education Centres are going to be set up exclusively for Muslim

women in gram panchayats, where Muslim population is more than 5,000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of gram panchayats in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana that have more than 5,000 Muslim population, district-wise?

Conversion from CPF to GPF in IGNOU

3878. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when Government has discontinued the General Provident Fund (GPF) facility;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that 49 employees of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), without getting assent from the Visitor as mandated under section 25 of IGNOU Act, have converted themselves from Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) to GPF subscription that too retrospectively;

(c) the basis on which the Ministry has allowed this to happen; and

(d) the action Ministry has taken/ proposes to take on errant officials of IGNOU?

Degree awarding powers to IIITs

3879. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to grant degree awarding powers, as a part of

autonomy, to Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) set up under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any monitoring of these institutions by autonomous institution of the Ministry would be done to ensure that they follow all regulations, including standard of fee and maintain high standard of education and teaching technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fee hike in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†3880. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fee in some Kendriya Vidyalayas under project sector has been increased three to four fold recently;

(b) if so, the names of such Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) the reasons for such an increase; and

(d) whether Government would reduce the hike in fees?

Application for autonomous status of colleges

3881. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked colleges to apply for autonomous status;

(b) if so, the number of colleges which have applied, so far;

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(c) whether this would result in making higher education more costly; and

(d) if so, the details of precautions incorporated in UGC guidelines for this?

Technical and vocational education courses for differently-abled students

3882. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented to assist the differently-abled students for studying in higher, technical/ vocational education courses; and

(b) the details of proposals received under the schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat?

Implementation of RMSA

3883. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to provide access to a playground in each school, a part time instructor for physical education in upper primary schools and supply of games and sports equipments, as per the requirement of schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking assistance from private entities to meet these targets and if so, the details thereof?

Policy for education of differently-abled children

‡3884. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the differently-abled children in the country are deprived of quality education;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has prepared any policy for the education of differently-abled children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance from other countries for SSA

‡3885. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is received from other countries for educational programmes started under the 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance received for this purpose during the last three years, till date, country-wise?

Share of education in Budget

3886. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total share of education in percentage of Gross Domestic Product proposed to be spent in schools and at higher level, in the present Budget; and

(b) whether Government has been able to provide the expected share to education in the Gross Domestic Product in the

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present Budget and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Toilets in Government schools

3887. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government schools have fully functioning toilets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the details of ongoing construction along with the funds allocated therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to ensure that functional toilets would be provided in all schools;

(d) whether Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) proposals or any Public Private Partnership are active in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has conducted any surveys to assess the impact of functional toilets on child's learning outcome and if so, the details thereof;

National Literacy Mission in Gujarat

3888. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets achieved out of the targets set under the National Literacy Mission (NLM) in all the States including Gujarat during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred on NLM during the last two years including the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve the said Mission along with the expenditure likely to be incurred on new Mission; and

(d) the number of comprehensive projects approved by Government under the said Mission in rural areas during the last three years?

Appointment of Directors in IIMs

3889. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent of IIMs are without Directors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these are headless and efforts being made to appoint Directors, IIM-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the names shortlisted by Search-cum-Selection Committee are pending with the Ministry for the last six months;

(d) if so, the details of each such proposals pending and reasons therefor;

(e) whether there are demands for setting up of more IIMs, including Telangana; and

(f) if so, the response of the Ministry thereto?

Infrastructure of KVs in Bihar

†3890. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar not having their own buildings and other infrastructures;

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(b) the measures being taken by Government to provide the overall infrastructure to these Vidyalayas; and

(c) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas not having teachers, subject-wise and the measures being taken in this regard?

Presence of women in research courses

3891. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of women who have completed and enrolled in secondary, senior secondary, intermediate, Graduation, Post-Graduation, and Ph. D in the country;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to enhance the presence of women in research courses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Making Aadhaar Card mandatory for SSA

3892. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aadhaar has been made mandatory for taking benefits of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the Supreme Court ruling against making Aadhaar mandatory for welfare schemes of Government; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry would take steps to ensure that Aadhaar is not made mandatory for any welfare schemes offered by the Ministry?

Measures for quality of elementary and higher education

†3893. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the measures taken to bring about uniformity and to enhance the quality from elementary to higher education in the country and the analytical review of the outcome thereof?

Foreign nationals as teaching faculty in IIT, Madras

3894. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras has decided to hire foreign nationals as teaching faculty;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the remuneration of teaching faculty is not attractive due to which many potentially competent teachers pursue greener pastures abroad and take up positions there; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken to attract potentially competent Indian teachers?

Funding for research in universities

3895. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to stop funding for research in universities of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Committee for reservation to girl students in IITs

‡3896. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have constituted a committee to study the feasibility of providing relaxation in admission to girl students;

(b) if so, by when the committee has been asked to submit the report;

(c) whether Government would start implementation of recommendations of the committee as soon as the report is received; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Campus of Central Tribal University at Bastar

‡3897. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal from State Government of Chhattisgarh for opening of a campus of Central Tribal University of Amarkantak in Bastar for the special study of scheduled tribes;

(b) if so, the response of Government in this regard; and

(c) by when the approval would be accorded?

Financial impact of free education at IITs

3898. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial impact of Government announcement of free education at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) for undergraduate courses to students who belong to SC, ST, with disability categories, and those whose family income is less than ₹ one lakh per annum; and

(b) whether Government would be reimbursing the IITs for the loss of revenue on this account so that there is no hindrance to their functioning, quality of research and education imparted and if so, the details thereof?

Delay in administration and disbursement of fellowships

3899. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals are under consideration to ensure that the administration and disbursement of various fellowships given by UGC is efficient and is in time bound manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details about the current mechanism to address the grievances of fellowship holders regarding delay in administration and disbursement of fellowships?

Seeding of Aadhaar data for examinations

3900. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that students are required to seed Aadhaar data with National Eligibility cum Entrance Test

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(NEET), Common Admission Test (CAT) and National Eligibility Test (NET) examinations;

(b) if so, whether Government acknowledges that this is a violation of Supreme Court order dated 11 August, 2015 and 15 October, 2015 on Aadhaar; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider revoking its decision and adhere to the court order?

Toilets for children with disability

3901. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of schools with functional toilets for girls and boys, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of schools with functional toilets that are accessible to children with disabilities, State-wise;

(c) whether Government takes measures to ensure that the toilets built in schools are accessible to children with disability;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of minority educational institutes

3902. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the minority educational institutions have been given minority status by respective State Governments in the country;

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

(c) whether charging of fee of rupees one crore for this purpose in States like Haryana is justified; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to impress upon State Governments to revise the fee?

Ban on corporal punishment to students

3903. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued instructions to all the schools in Maharashtra and rest of the country to ban the corporal punishment to students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these instructions also includes the mechanism to discipline the students in schools; and

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

Fall in expenditure on education

3904. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spending on education as a share of the Centre's total budgeted expenditure has been falling for last three years; and

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

Study centre of NIOS in Gujarat

3905. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

any information about the study centre and exam centre of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) running in the guest house at Dwarka in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action taken against the institute; and

(c) whether Government has taken action against the regional authority which had given the permission to start such NIOS centre?

Allocations for appointment of teachers

3906. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the New Education Policy (NEP), the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PRT) should be 25:1 and 26:1 at elementary and secondary level respectively and if so, whether it is being maintained on pan-India basis and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the responsibility of Government ceases just by providing financial assistance to the State Government and if not, the reasons for single-teacher run schools at large; and

(c) the details of budgetary allocations made by the Central Government for appointment of teachers during the last three years along with the details of utilisation of these funds, State/UT-wise?

Lack of teachers in primary schools

3907. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the teacher-student ratio in primary

schools during 2012 to 2016, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there is shortage of teachers in primary schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of teachers appointed in Government primary schools and the gross enrollment ratio of the State during 2012-16, State/UT-wise?

Naxal related activities among students

3908. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that naxal related activities among students of premier institutes like Jawaharlal Nehru University and Delhi University are growing at an alarming rate and magnitude;

(b) whether it is a fact that consequent upon indictment and sentencing of a Professor of Delhi University and others by the court in Maharashtra, these activities have become more glaring; and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction in this regard?

Appointments in Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya

†3909. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute regarding appointments done under statute 12(3) of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya Act, 1997 is still pending; and

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(b) whether CAG has recommended for a special audit of this university to the university or Ministry?

**Vacancies in Mahatma Gandhi
Antarrashtriya Hindi
Vishwavidyalaya**

†3910. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned teaching and non-teaching posts in Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya and the number of appointments made against non-sanctioned posts;

(b) the details of personnels appointed in the university, so far category-wise; and

(c) the number of posts in the university which were first advertised under reserved categories and later changed or converted into general category and if so, the action being taken in this regard?

**Expenditure on SFD and EBB of
West Bengal**

3911. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized for several education schemes during the last three years in West Bengal, separately showing district-wise expenditure incurred for each major sub-scheme run under these programme along with the beneficiaries thereof;

(b) the district-wise expenditure

incurred for Special Focus Districts (SFDs) as well as Educationally Backward Blocks (EBB) along with the beneficiaries thereof; and

(c) the district-wise details of students studying in Government as well as Government aided schools under 25 per cent reservation for economically weaker sections *vis-a-vis* existing number of seats available in such schools for such students?

**Seats reserved for SC students in
Central Universities**

3912. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seats filled out of the total seats reserved for schedule caste students in each central university during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether lesser seats have been filled out of the total seats reserved for schedule caste students and if so, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of RTE Act

3913. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act; and

(b) the names of the States and Union Territories which have implemented the Act fully and which have not?

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Time period for rectification in date of birth

†3914. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that time-period for rectification in date of birth in the tenth class certificate has been reduced from ten to five years by CBSE;

(b) whether it is also a fact that students who need to rectify their date of birth are facing difficulties due to the said change because of this reason; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would take in this regard and by when?

Encouragement to madarasas for providing mainstream education

†3915. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by Government and the special committee constituted for deciding the modalities of providing mainstream education in madarasas and Government grants;

(b) whether the special committee and Government is also consulting Muslims/ social organizations regarding adopting the modalities for encouraging madarasas and providing them Government grants; and

(c) by when Government would be able to finalise it?

Self sustained economic model for AIR

3916. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of programmes and to create a self sustained economic model for All India Radio (AIR);

(b) whether there is a time bound commitment to create a self sustained economic model for AIR and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons why Government would not prioritize its effort in making AIR self sustained?

Depiction of incidents of stalking

3917. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of stalking are highly glorified in movies, encouraging people to adopt similar methods in real life and in the light of this whether any directives have been issued to the film fraternity to refrain from depicting stalking in a positive light;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government proposes to issue such guidelines?

Sources of revenue of DD Kisan channel

3918. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated to DD Kisan channel;

(b) the yearly operating cost incurred by the channel in its first year;

(c) the approximate viewership of the channel;

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(d) the details of sources of revenue other than Government funding; and

(e) the quantum of revenue channel generates from sources other than Government funding?

Royalty to Indian music composer

3919. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to provide royalty to Indian music composers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of a standoff between popular music director and the composers which has led to a demand for an effective mechanism for royalty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Akashwani Kendras

†3920. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved any scheme for upgradation of Akashwani Kendras in the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Akashwani Kendras identified for upgradation in Chhattisgarh, area-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amendment in service rules for victims of sexual harassment

3921. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended the service rules and made provisions for 90 days' paid leave for women victims of sexual harassment at work places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the leave would be granted during the period of inquiry or not?

Recruitment of staff

3922. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to recruit 2.8 lakh staff in a year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has already initiated the action therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

RTI applications

3923. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in the Central Information Commission;

(b) the details of RTI applications received, rejected and pending with the Ministry during the last three years;

(c) the details of delays in replies given to RTI applications during that period, year-wise; and

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(d) the measures taken by the Ministry to reduce the pendency of RTI applications?

Vacancies of IAS officers

3924. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength of class I officers, including IAS officers in the service of Central and State Governments;

(b) whether there is a large vacancies of IAS officers, as per the civil list of January, 2016; and

(c) if so, the details of action proposed to be taken to fill up the vacancies including increasing the training capacity at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration and to train non-IAS officials for promotion quota in the Centre and in various States?

Filling up of vacancies by Civil Service Examinations

3925. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies that are proposed to be filled by Civil Service Examinations during the next two years including the current year; and

(b) how Government proposes to fill up these vacancies?

Removal of IAS/IPS officers

3926. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many IAS/IPS officers have been removed or

suspended from service during the last three years for various reasons;

(b) if so, the number of such officers reinstated after departmental inquiries or court orders; and

(c) the number of such officers booked/charge-sheeted/jailed for various irregularities committed by them?

Cases for investigation by CBI

3927. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases ordered by the Supreme Court for investigation by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) during the last three years;

(b) the details of cases in which CBI had filed chargesheets in courts; and

(c) the status of investigation of each of the remaining cases and by when chargesheets are likely to be filed in those cases?

MoU on crop science with United Kingdom

3928. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the aims and objectives of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of United Kingdom in crop science;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which such aims and objectives are likely to be achieved;

(c) whether Government proposes to sign such MoUs with other countries also;

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by Government therefor?

Technologies converted into commercial use

3929. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technologies of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) converted into commercial use in India and abroad;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has prepared any action plan to establish a coordination among the research technology of CSIR, the 'Startup India', and 'Make in India', schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Research on yoga and meditation

3930. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified yoga and meditation as an exclusive area of scientific research under a scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the response of the scientific community ever since the scheme was introduced; and

(c) what is the progress made, so far, under the scheme?

Bio-technology boards in Bihar and Jharkhand

†3931. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: 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 Bihar and Jharkhand; and

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

Lack of investment in fundamental research

†3932. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India possesses an infinite potential to grow into a scientific power but the country has not been able to emerge as a leading scientific power at global level due to lack of required investment towards fundamental and original research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an adequate investment has been made for fundamental and original research in the field of science and technology during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fraudulent enrolment under skill India

3933. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of enrolled and trained

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youth under Skill India Programme separately, State-wise and year-wise since its inception;

(b) whether fraudulent enrolment and misappropriation of funds have been reported under the programme;

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

(d) the details of action taken in this regard?

Skill Development Programme in Punjab

3934. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any grant/fund for Punjab under Skill Development Programme since 2014, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of youth trained under Skill Development Programme in that State, city-wise?

Skill Development Centres through PPP mode

3935. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established Skill Development Centres in various parts of the country with a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode or any other such partnership in order to impart skill training to lakhs of unemployed youths of our country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government has any such proposal in the near future?

Multiplicity of norms and parameters for skill development schemes

3936. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes on skill development being implemented by different Ministries;

(b) whether it is a fact that multiplicity of norms and parameters has lead to difficulty in implementation of schemes;

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to rationalise the multiple schemes on skill development;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill training centres in rural areas

3937. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the number of youth benefited after implementation of skill development schemes/programmes for propagating vocational education and for imparting training to the unemployed youth of the country;

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

(c) the number of new training centres especially in rural areas opened during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

Improvement in schemes for skill development

3938. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of new initiatives taken by Government for improvement in schemes for skill development;

(b) whether more new institutes are proposed to be set up for skill development in the field of industrial employment and if so, the details thereof and the funds sanctioned for the purpose, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to include the subject of skill development in more universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the universities in which it is being done?

PPP for job placement after ITI training

†3939. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

start Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to ensure job placement after occupational training in ITIs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures being considered/implemented to ascertain the efficacy of its impact in the States dominated by tribals including Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Skill development centres in Karnataka

3940. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to set up skill development centres across the country to give impetus to skill development;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with particular reference to Karnataka;

(c) the achievements of skill training being provided in private institutions under Prime Minister Kaushal Vikas Yojana; and

(d) the amount, so far, spent on skill development of youth out of the total amount of ₹ 12,000 crore allocated and the details of allocations made for 2017-18?

PMKVY and PMYY scheme in Karnataka

3941. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the status of skill development in Karnataka;

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(b) the key components of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and the Entrepreneurship Development Scheme;

(c) the manner in which Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana (PMYY) is different from PMKVY; and

(d) the details of projects submitted by various States under the above two schemes, State-wise and the status of such projects, with particular reference to Karnataka?

Skill development schemes for persons with disabilities

3942. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing skill development schemes for persons with disabilities in the country; and

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

Revision of rates for providing skill training

3943. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the certificates issued by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Sector Skill Councils after completion of skill training have no recognition for employment purposes at par with ITI certificates;

(b) whether Government has made the training providers responsible for arranging employment by various means out of a meagre amount of ₹ 28/- to ₹ 40/- per hour

paid under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY); and

(c) whether there is any proposal to revise the rates for providing skill training combined with employment to trained persons and of assigning the responsibility for arranging employment to Sector Skill Councils?

Incubation centres in management schools

3944. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state the number of incubation centres opened in various management schools across the country by the Ministry during the year 2016, State-wise?

Support to elderly people

3945. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of elderly persons in poverty is increasing rapidly in the country;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that almost 80 per cent of the elderly people do not have access to basic needs, healthcare and support; and

(d) if so, the details of plans and proposals of Government to support the elderly persons apart from the existing programmes?

Project Pickle for dalit women

3946. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE

AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Project Pickle started by the Ministry for dalit women;

(b) whether this project would also include tribal women; and

(c) the details of expansion plans for this project?

Budget allocations for Scheduled Castes

3947. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the Jadhav guidelines, 4.63 per cent of the total budget expenditure is to be allocated for Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether this allocation in the Budget of 2017-18 is ₹ 52,393.55 crore which is less by ₹ 47,001.27 crore; and

(c) whether Government has changed the policy as per Jadhav guidelines?

Making Aadhaar mandatory for schemes

3948. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aadhaar has been made mandatory for enrolment in several welfare schemes run by the Ministry such as Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase (ADIP), Scholarship and Skill Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the Supreme Court's ruling against making

Aadhaar mandatory for welfare schemes of Government; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry would take steps to ensure that Aadhaar is not made mandatory for any welfare scheme run by the Ministry?

Financial assistance to drug de-addiction centres

†3949. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from States for providing financial assistance to de-addiction centres during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) if not, whether Government would insist upon those States to forward their proposals; and

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

Social security for older persons

3950. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent of the old age population in our country is not covered with any form of social security net and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether most of the senior citizens do not have a stable income and at the same time they need to pay for rising medical costs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any move to increase the old age pension and if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) the details of per senior citizen funds allocated on all Governmental initiatives during the last three years?

Beneficiaries under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana

3951. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of girl and boy beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Castes reduced over the years under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas;

(b) whether the expenditure for this scheme is much less than mandated over the years;

(c) the details of money spent *versus* mandated amount during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries under this scheme during those years, State-wise?

Conviction rate of crimes against SCs/STs

†3952. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conviction rate has decreased and the number of pending cases have increased considerably under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) whether the crimes against students belonging to SC and ST categories have increased in universities and other educational institutes during the last two years and if so, the details of steps taken by Government for stringent enforcement

of the above Act and for decreasing the rate of such crimes?

Inclusion in SC list

†3953. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which Basor, Basod, Barahar and Bargunda communities are declared against different serial numbers in the schedule of Scheduled Castes even though they belong to the same community and have the same traditional occupation; and

(b) whether the above communities have been split and if so, the details thereof?

Problems and demands of Basor community

†3954. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the letter sent by the national organisation of Basor caste to the Prime Minister and other Ministers regarding the problems and demands of the Basor community; and

(b) if no action has been taken the time by when it would be taken?

Care packages for senior citizens

3955. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any housing policy and/or

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care packages have been devised for elderly citizens who are living alone unattended and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of old-age homes, retirement facilitates and healthcare homes in the country; and

(c) whether Government is planning to form many groups of volunteers who would take care of such citizens and provide them the companionship and vacations?

Assistance to senior citizens living below poverty line

†3956. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) the objectives of the scheme which provides assistance and life assisting devices to the senior citizens living below poverty line and the total budgetary allocations therefor;

(b) whether there is a lack of awareness among senior citizens about this scheme; and

(c) if so, the measures taken for increasing awareness about this scheme, till date?

Upliftment of SCs/STs in Punjab

3957. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken, so far, for upliftment of SCs/STs in Punjab;

(b) the status and details of schemes and works taken up for their upliftment; and

(c) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

Enterprises supported by NBCFDC, NSCFDC and NSKFDC

3958. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any detailed reports on the functioning of micro enterprises development projects supported through various schemes run by National Backward Classes and Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) are available;

(b) if so, the details and current status of such projects implemented during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the performance of such enterprises;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any of such projects/enterprises are currently under the ambit of Government procurement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Post of Chairman in NSKFDC

†3959. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Chairman in National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation

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(NSKFDC) in New Delhi has been abolished;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, since when the above post is lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for keeping the above post vacant for so long;

(d) whether Government is currently considering to make appointment on the said post; and

(e) if so, by when?

Disability camps under ALIMCO

3960. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been organizing disabilities camps under the aegis of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) all over the country to furnish artificial limbs to needy people;

(b) if so, the number of such camps organized during 2015-16, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the number of people who got benefited in these two States?

Facilities for persons with locomotor disability

3961. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided to persons with locomotor disability confined in their houses to ensure that they live in community with full and effective participation and inclusion in society;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the accessibility requirements of such persons and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been framed to modify houses of such persons to ensure barrier free housing and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of orders passed by the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities concerning barrier free housing for such persons?

Special courts for trial of crimes against SCs & STs

3962. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the recorded cases of crime against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 2013-16, State-wise; and

(b) the name of the States which have set up exclusive special courts to speed up the trial of cases under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act?

Drug de-addiction campaign

3963. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a lot of young people are becoming addicted to drugs in various States, especially in Delhi, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government has any action plan to deal with this rising problem among youth and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken to launch de-addiction campaign to counsel affected youth with budgetary support; and

(d) the details of efforts made to curb illegal drug trade and to keep a vigil at transit points by using intelligence?

Rehabilitation of deserted mental illness patients

3964. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any project to rehabilitate those who recovered from mental disease but not taken back by the relatives;

(b) the number of persons retained in the mental hospital or sanatorium after fully recovered from disease; and

(c) whether there exists law to prosecute the legal heirs for not receiving back the persons recovered and if so, the details thereof?

Reporting of Nodal District Authorities

3965. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nodal District Authorities for MPLAD Scheme would report all those works, which are recommended in the districts other than Nodal Districts, as completed after transferring the funds to those districts, even before the works has been grounded;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether several Nodal District Authorities are showing the works recommended in other districts as completed after transferring funds;

(d) whether the guidelines stipulate such reporting in Monthly Progress Reports; and

(e) how the Nodal Districts are expected to know the progress of works recommended by Members of Parliament (MPs) in other Districts?

Separate local bodies cadres

3966. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that a large number of urban local bodies are not in a position to utilise their budget allocations due to lack of proper technical support to complete their projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up separate local bodies cadre for smooth functioning of urban local bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality of drinking water

†3967. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of drinking water, being supplied to the bigger towns of the States, is not as per the prescribed criteria; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide clean drinking water in those States?

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Setting up of National Green Urban Mobility Fund

3968. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a National Green Urban Mobility Fund which would channelize 60 per cent of funds from the Central Government and other agencies to cities covered under this scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has started preparing a road map for constructing 8,000 km. of pavements and laying more cycle tracks in 106 cities during the next five years to promote walking and reduce carbon foot prints in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Punjab under AMRUT

3969. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds sanctioned by Government under AMRUT scheme for Punjab;

(b) whether the funds for Amritsar were also sanctioned under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

BRT corridors

3970. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is targeting to lay 1,300 km. Bus Rapid

Transit (BRT) corridors with dedicated fast lanes for buses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to set up 500 new bus depots and promote the use of electric and hybrid vehicles under the Green Transport Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Barrier free accommodation for persons with locomotor disability

3971. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has framed Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability to ensure equitable easy access to persons with disabilities;

(b) whether, according to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, persons with disabilities would have right to live in the community and the Government would endeavour that the persons with disabilities are not obliged to live in any particular living arrangement; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to provide barrier free access by DDA to persons with locomotive disability who are living in DDA flats situated on first floor?

Status of STPs

3972. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), State-wise;

(b) the number of such plants currently functioning, State-wise; and

(c) whether there is any shortage of operation and maintenance staff in these STPs and if so, the details thereof?

BRTS projects

3973. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects in 12 cities are under different stages of construction and eight more cities are set to take up BRTS projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has undertaken 380 km length of Mass Rail Transit System in Delhi;

(c) whether the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy is being taken up in many cities in the country as on date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demolition of store cum godowns in Lodhi Colony

3974. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3340 given the Rajya Sabha on the 15 December, 2016 and state:

(a) the details of each store cum godowns built by contractors in Lodhi Colony, New Delhi area during the last one year, room/godown-wise;

(b) whether these store cum godowns have been converted into residential areas for labours working for contractors and if so, the details thereof, block-wise;

(c) the details of new contracts awarded by CPWD for that area during that period and those ended against purposes, contract, term and area of operation-wise; and

(d) the details of godowns cum stores demolished after completion of contract period and the new godowns created after award for new contracts, godown, contractor and block-wise during that period?

New Metro Policy and Green Urban Mobility Scheme

3975. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is incentivizing the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) under the New Metro Policy and the Green Urban Mobility Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to create non-motorized transport infrastructure in cities like footpaths and cycle tracks;

(c) whether Government's initiative comes in the context of over 300 km. of metro lines being operational in seven cities, while another 600 km. metro line project are under construction in 12 cities and over 500 km. projects are under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes to support infrastructure development in cities

3976. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed a number of schemes to support the infrastructure development of small and medium towns/cities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released/utilized during the last three years and the current year, scheme/State/city-wise?

Developmental works in Chhattisgarh

‡3977. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for developmental works during the last three years from Government of Chhattisgarh and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which those proposals are still pending;

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

(d) whether long time taken in clearing the proposals hampers the developmental works and if so, how the cost escalation related to work is adjusted?

Treatment of sewage

3978. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sewage treatment plants (STPs) in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware of reports which state that most of human excreta is not safely disposed;

(c) whether Government is aware that diseases spread because of untreated sewage; and

(d) while the current Government is busy trying to build toilets as a part of their Swachh Bharat Mission, what steps are being taken to ensure the sewage generated is treated properly?

Infrastructure for disables in Smart Cities

3979. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of smart cities identified till date and their status of completion, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken into consideration the people with special needs, disabilities, senior citizens, etc., to develop requisite accessible infrastructure in Smart Cities; and

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

Assistance to Odisha for municipal cadres

3980. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Ministry would provide financial assistance to Government of Odisha for implementing the municipal cadres which have been the objectives of better urban governance, faster project implementation and efficient municipal service delivery?

TOD in master plans of cities

3981. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State and Union Territory Governments would be required to incorporate Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in the master plans and development of cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that the State/ Union Territory Governments would identify influence zones from transit corridors for tapping revenue streams; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cases against contractors for poor quality of work

3982. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases registered during the last three years and the current year against contractors for poor quality work on the projects assigned by the Ministry, State-wise; and

(b) the details of cases in which the contractors and associated people have been convicted, State-wise?

Introduction of mono rail

3983. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to introduce mono rail in the country;

(b) if so, the details of routes and sections selected therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Devolution of power to local self Governments

3984. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any authentic data pertaining to the

implementation of 74th amendment to the Constitution asking for greater devolution of powers to the local self Governments;

(b) the details of States which have ensured almost hundred per cent implementation of the 74th amendment and the reasons given by other States for not ensuring the implementation of the amendment in their respective States; and

(c) what plans, if any, Government has drawn to ensure the implementation of the amendment by all the States?

Market in Sector 9, R. K. Puram

3985. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exists hundreds of shops in the market on Government land in Sector 9, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether the market is legal or illegal;

(c) if it is legal, the name of the agency dealing with the allotment of land to various shops and the criteria for allotment of land to such shops; and

(d) if it is illegal, the measures Government is taking to remove the encroachment?

Subletting of garages in Sector 9, R. K. Puram

3986. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether request to take action against subletting of garages by allottees of

Government quarters in R.K. Puram, Sector 9, New Delhi has been received in the Directorate of Estates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Barrier-free accommodation for persons with locomotor disability

3987. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct barrier-free houses exclusively for persons with locomotor disability in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of facilities provided to such persons residing in DDA flats on second and third floors;

(d) the measures taken to protect the rights of such persons to live in the community with full and effective participation and inclusion in society;

(e) the details of schemes framed for allotment of land to such persons for construction of houses etc.; and

(f) the details of representations received from such persons concerning modification of houses?

Implementation of environmental standards in construction

3988. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the environment related standards in cities of the country; and

(b) if so, whether environment related rules have been followed in constructed and under construction buildings in different areas of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Child sexual abuse

3989. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidences of child sexual abuse in the country;

(b) the number of people tried and convicted under the POCSO Act during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that many NGOs have raised the issue of rehabilitation of victims of abuse after the trial;

(d) whether Government is planning to provide assistance to the minors after the conclusion of the trial; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Road map to tackle malnutrition

3990. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/NITI Aayog has prepared any road map to tackle malnutrition in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether proper consultation has been done with the States/UTs/social organisations before formulation of the said road map and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to constitute any State/district level

committees to monitor the implementation of the said road map and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether public representatives and experts are also proposed to be included in these monitoring committees and if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of privately operated child care protection homes

3991. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of child care protection homes in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of privately-operated such homes, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking necessary steps to regulate such privately-operated homes and if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of AWCs

†3992. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two lakh Aanganwadi Centres (AWCs) of the country were approved for upgradation and if so, the number of AWCs sanctioned for upgradation, State and UT-wise including Chhattisgarh and the amount allocated for the same;

(b) the details of the steps taken to provide safe drinking water and sanitation facilities to these AWCs; and

(c) the details of incentives being given to Aanganwadi Workers by Government?

Making Aadhaar mandatory for welfare schemes

3993. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aadhaar has been made mandatory for enrolling in welfare schemes run by the Ministry like Ujjwala scheme, training and employment schemes, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the Supreme Court ruling against making Aadhaar mandatory for welfare schemes of Government; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry would take steps to ensure that Aadhaar is not made mandatory for any welfare schemes offered by it?

Construction of hostels for working women

3994. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 934 hostels sanctioned, so far, for working women are sufficient, in view of the fact that a large number of young women are forced to live in cities away from their home towns for employment;

(b) whether the Central Government would continue to solely depend upon the State/Union Territory Governments to forward proposals for construction of hostels specially in metro cities in view of their safety; and

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(c) whether Government has any plan to give a push to this scheme, considering the acute necessity?

Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund

3995. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) the details of funds allocated and released under Nirbhaya Fund since its inception, year-wise;

(b) the details of funds utilised since its inception, as on date, year-wise; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for

creation of special fund for payment of compensation to victims of sexual abuse?

Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund for CCTV cameras at railway stations

3996. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress report received from the Ministry of Railways on utilising the Nirbhaya Fund for installing CCTV cameras at railway stations for the safety of women;

(b) the number of CCTV cameras installed at railway stations; and

(c) the details of utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund therefor, State-wise and the progress made since announcement of fund allocation?

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