

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, June 27, 2019/Ashadha 6, 1941 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Human Resource Development; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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Extension of RTE Act, 2009

*61. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to extend the benefits under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 beyond fourteen years of age;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any other decision to make education easily accessible, especially to weaker sections of society; and

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

Filling up of post of Director in Central Hindi Directorate

*62. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director, Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) is lying vacant since 2007;

(b) whether the amended Recruitment Rules for the post of Director, CHD have been notified; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not advertising the post and the roadmap, if any, for filling up the said post on priority basis?

Digital literacy under PMGDISHA

*63. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total population made digitally literate under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Shaksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) *vis-a-vis* target fixed for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise, specially in Maharashtra;

(b) the reasons for very slow pace of implementation of the scheme; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the scheme particularly in remote rural areas?

Progress of Chandrayaan-2 mission

*64. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of Chandrayaan-2 mission;

(b) when the mission would take-off for the journey;

(c) the manoeuvres worked out for soft landing of the spacecraft on the moon; and

(d) the communication and photo images planned during the sojourn?

Circular regarding unethical practices of suppliers of Kendriya Bhandar

*65. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether OSD (Vigilance) of Kendriya Bhandar has issued a Circular dated 7.6.2019 stating that certain suppliers of Kendriya Bhandar are doing business in most unethical, unprincipled and unscrupulous manner for promoting their business;

(b) if so, the details of unethical tactics adopted by them for promoting their business; and

(c) whether certain employees of Kendriya Bhandar have charged more than the rates fixed by Kendriya Bhandar from their customers and if so, the details thereof?

India's rank in Global Gender Equality Index

*66. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is ranked 95th out of 129 countries in recently published Global Gender Equality Index and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the country is lagging behind in achieving several sustainable development goals included for the ranking; and

(c) whether Government has any strategy to promote gender equality in the country?

Agreements with neighbouring countries

*67. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entered into any agreements with neighbouring countries like Pakistan, China, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Bangladesh, etc. to improve bilateral relations during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) the benefits accrued or likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Sanskrit colleges

†*68. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sanskrit colleges in the country;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the number of vacant posts of Sanskrit teachers in Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi affiliated with the University Grants Commission;

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government for improvement of standard of education in Sanskrit colleges?

Discrepancies in EVM manufacturing

*69. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received many complaints about the discrepancies in EVMs manufacturing in 373 constituencies during the recent Lok Sabha election;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is any mismatch regarding the voter turnout/votes polled data on EVMs and votes counted on EVMs in that elections; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Residency related issues of engineers in Kuwait

*70. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the residency related issues of Indian engineers in Kuwait due to lack of accreditation of their colleges from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA);

(b) what intervention the Ministry has done in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry has any

statistics of such engineers in Kuwait who fulfill/do not fulfill this criterion;

(d) whether any Indian engineer has lost his job so far due to this issue; and

(e) whether the Ministry has got any assurances from Kuwait officials for safeguarding the interest of Indian engineers and if so, the details thereof?

Draft New Education Policy

*71. SHRI T.G VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enforce learning Hindi language by including Hindi as a third language in the draft of New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that this move would go against the sentiments of the people of southern region who may be subjected to learn Hindi compulsorily and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to regard the sentiments of the non-Hindi speaking people?

Skill training with education in colleges

†*72. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is chalking out any plans to provide Skill Development Training along with education in all the colleges of the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Broadband connection to Gram Panchayats

*73. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats which are using high speed Broadband connections provided under the Bharatnet project and how many are working in Odisha;

(b) the details of arrangements made for proper maintenance of Bharatnet project so that reliable Broadband is provided to Gram Panchayats; and

(c) the reasons for considerable delay in implementations of phase 1 of Bharatnet Project?

Nuclear waste dumping station at Kudankulam

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to

construct nuclear waste dumping station at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any other nuclear plant has also been selected for nuclear waste dumping in the country?

Administrative control of Council of Architecture

*75. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to transfer the administrative control of the Council of Architecture, established under the Architects Act, 1972, from the Ministry of Human Resource Development to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this transfer would be effected?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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