

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, December 5, 2019/Agrahayana 14, 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)

Total number of questions — 15

Suspension of postal services in Kashmir

*181. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices in Kashmir and the number of post offices that are currently functional;

(b) whether the postal services in Kashmir have been suspended or were suspended any time post 5th August, 2019;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of days for which postal services were suspended and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to address the disruption to routine functioning of Courts and other institutions that may have been affected by the suspension of postal services?

Delay in criminal justice system

†*182. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the criminal justice system is delaying in deciding the criminal cases due to which crimes are increasing;

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

(c) the efforts made by Government to expedite the disposal of criminal cases?

Safety of citizen's data

*183. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study by UK-based research firm Comapritech, India ranks behind only Russia and China

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when it comes to surveilling citizens (rated-2.4/5);

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to ensure the safety of data when reportedly ten Government agencies have access to citizen's data, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the measures taken by Government to protect Aadhaar identification system which has been breached several times and in what manner Government recommends protecting data breaches?

Inclusion in STs list from Chhattisgarh

†*184. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh and local people's representatives have requested for inclusion of other castes including Bhuiya, Bhuiyan, Bhuyan and Kisan Kodaku in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received, date-wise;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government on these proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the said proposal would be approved and those communities would be included in the list?

Reduction in weight of school bags

†*185. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had submitted suggestions in view of the health

of the children being adversely affected by the increasing weight of school bags carrying notebooks and text books etc.;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to find out the extent to which schools have implemented the suggestions given by CBSE;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government towards providing higher education and good health to the students?

Self defence training to girls

*186. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is imparting any self defence training to girls of classes VI to XII studying in Government schools under any scheme across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also imparting any self defence training to girls who do not come under purview of any formal education; and

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

Reasons for change of GDP base year

*187. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the specific reasons as to why the base year of GDP is being changed once again;

(b) a detailed analysis of the fall in consumer expenditure, year-wise, during the past three years; and

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(c) the details of steps being taken to revive it?

Anganwadis in the country

*188. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Anganwadis in the country over the past three years in a year-wise format, in a State-wise and district-wise manner;

(b) the total number of ASHA workers and helpers over the past three years in a year-wise format, in a State-wise and district-wise manner;

(c) how many Anganwadis have their own pucca building, toilets, drinking water, electricity supply, playground and cooking facilities, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) how many Anganwadis do not have their own pucca building, toilets, drinking water, electricity supply, playground and cooking facilities, the State-wise details thereof?

Projects undertaken under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme

*189. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects undertaken under the North-East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for funding physical infrastructure relating to connectivity, power, water supply, enhancing tourism and social infrastructure relating to education and health sectors in North-Eastern States; and

(b) the details of projects undertaken under the scheme in Assam, the cost of the projects and the status of their implementation?

MoUs and agreements with the Netherlands

*190. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed MoUs and agreements with the Netherlands;

(b) whether Government has expressed concerns regarding climate change with the Netherlands; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Van Dhan Kendras in Telangana

*191. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to set up Van Dhan Kendras involving Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Telangana State under the Van-Dhan Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such guidelines have been issued for this scheme and districts selected for the implementation of the scheme, State/UT-wise and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of schemes of Ministry in Delhi

*192. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being implemented in Delhi by the Ministry;

(b) the physical and financial achievements of these schemes during the past five years, year-wise and scheme-wise in Delhi;

(c) whether there are any schemes which have not been implemented by Delhi Government; and

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

**Establishment of medical institute by
IIT Kharagpur**

*193. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIT Kharagpur in West Bengal proposes to start one excellent medical institute along with the technological excellence;

(b) if so, the special features of this institute; and

(c) by when this institute will start operating for medical education and treatment?

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Employment opportunities for tribals

†*194. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch any scheme/special scheme for creation of new employment opportunities for the tribal population in the country and particularly in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**'Build for Digital India'
programme**

*195. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recently decided to roll out a 'Build for Digital India' programme in partnership with Google;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the expected benefits of this programme; and

(d) the details of expected expenditure that will be incurred on the programme?

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