

## 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; 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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#### **Electricity generation through atomic energy**

1414. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that overall electricity generation in the country through atomic resources is only 2.93 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a low contribution;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to augment the share of atomic energy to 10 per cent of overall electricity generation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **KPM Uranium project, Meghalaya**

1415. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the activities which have been

undertaken at the KPM Uranium project, Meghalaya since the discovery of the orebody;

(b) the number of new jobs, if any, created at the above mentioned Project during the last five years; and

(c) the number of people belonging to SC/ST and other disadvantaged communities who have been employed at the Project?

#### **Nuclear plant expansion programme**

1416. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has earmarked an exclusive budget approximately of ₹ 10,000 crore a year for ten years for the nuclear plant expansion programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the joint venture with public sector undertakings has helped atomic energy overcome the financial constraints;

(c) whether the Department was facing financial constraints in its nuclear plant expansion programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Storage of radioactive fuel**

†1417. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to store radioactive fuel used in nuclear power plants; and

(b) the details of places where these stores have been set up in the country?

#### **Setting up of Indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors**

†1418. SHRI SAMBHAJI  
CHHATRAPATI:  
DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up ten Indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors with a total installed capacity of 7000 Megawatt in the country during the year 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed till date to set up these reactors;

(c) the details of sites identified for setting up these reactors; and

(d) the current status of the progress in this regard and by when these reactors would start generating consumable clean energy?

#### **Girls benefited from various schemes**

1419. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children specially girls,

of the lower strata of the society benefited from various welfare and development programmes initiated by Government, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent on these schemes for the past three years; and

(c) whether these schemes are reviewed by Government agencies or NGOs so that it actually benefited the girls for whom these schemes are intended, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Recruitment drive to fill vacancies**

1420. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal services in the country are adversely affected due to shortage of staff;

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

(c) whether Government would initiate a special recruitment drive to fill up the vacancies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, particularly with reference to Assam and other North Eastern States?

#### **National Digital Communications Policy**

1421. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to cater to the modern needs of the digital communications sector of the country, Government has approved the National Digital Communications Policy-2018 (NDCP-2018) and to facilitate India's effective participation in the global digital economy;

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(b) whether Government also plans to establish a comprehensive data protection regime for digital communications that safeguards the privacy, autonomy and choice of individuals and to enforce accountability through appropriate institutional mechanisms to assure citizens of safe and secure digital communications infrastructure and services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Unavailability of 4G services in MTNL**

†1422. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL does not have spectrum for 4G services and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is proposing to shut down MTNL; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the reasons for failure of Government for equity infusion in this company?

#### **Allocation of 4G spectrum to BSNL**

1423. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 4G spectrum has been allotted to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Allocation of 4G spectrum to MTNL**

1424. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private companies are launching 5G but Government is not allowing the allocation

of 4G spectrum to State owned BSNL and MTNL and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that MTNL is not in a position to get its license for mobile service renewed due to acute shortage of funds; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be bailed out?

#### **Reserve price of 5G spectrum**

1425. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to auction 5G spectrum this year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what would be expected income out of this sale?

#### **Revenue from enterprises division of BSNL**

1426. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has collected a record of ₹ 6,500 crore in revenue from enterprises division;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL has been ailing because of high revenue to wage ratio;

(d) whether it is also a fact that BSNL has the lowest debt of ₹14,000 crore among all telecom operators; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reduction in losses of BSNL**

1427. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL was

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able to narrow down its loss to ₹ 7,500 crore in financial year 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the reduced loss was achieved by reducing expenses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Transformation of post offices into instruments of financial inclusion**

1428. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to transform post offices into instruments of financial inclusion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to utilise postal network to enhance financial inclusion in rural areas; and

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

**Complaints of corruption against TCIL**

1429. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints of misappropriation of public fund and corruption against Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL); and

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

**Study on impact of radiation on human health**

1430. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any research to study the harmful effects of radiations emitted by cell phone towers and its impact on human health;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is adopting best standards and practices while giving permission to install cell phone towers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Income and expenditure of MTNL**

1431. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL has continuously been in financial losses during the last several years;

(b) the details of income and expenditure of MTNL during the last three years;

(c) the number of employees/officers in MTNL and the amount of payment made to them towards salary and allowances during those years; and

(d) the details of income of MTNL during that period?

**Spectrum for 4G services to BSNL and MTNL**

1432. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether awarding spectrum for 4G services to BSNL and MTNL through equity infusion from Government is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Resistance against mobile towers in residential areas**

1433. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that issue of call drops continue to be unresolved inspite of several steps taken by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that people are not allowing to put up mobile towers in their localities on account of fear of radiation; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases reported, so far?

**Radiation through mobile towers**

1434. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile towers, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any report on mobile towers found to be having radiation in excess of the prescribed limit; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government on these violations?

**Proposal to lay off BSNL employees**

1435. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is incurring heavy losses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has reportedly approved the proposal to lay off over 54,000 employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Auction of telecom frequencies from TRAI**

1436. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding auction of telecom frequencies including 5G from TRAI and if so, the details of frequencies for auction, the estimated base price, eligibility criteria, methodology, method of payment for auctions; and

(b) the allocation of spectrum to BSNL and MTNL in any such proposed auction?

**Vacancies in MTNL**

1437. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large number of vacancies in various posts in MTNL for the past three years and if so, the details thereof;

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

(c) whether any timeline has been drawn as the efficiency of MTNL has come down rapidly as compared to other similar organisations; and

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

**Revival of MTNL and BSNL**

1438. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL and MTNL are finding it difficult to remain in competition in telecom market;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve both the organizations;

(c) whether Government is planning to improve the financial health of both the PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Penalty for call drops**

1439. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:  
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had recommended in October, 2015 to levy penalty on all the telecom companies in case of call drop from 1st January, 2016 and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government has issued show cause notices to or imposed penalty on erring telecom firms for call drop violations recently and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has been receiving many complaints about the issue and if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

#### **Centralised monitoring system for phones**

1440. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a centralised monitoring system for mobile phones, landlines and the internet users in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **4G services by BSNL**

1441. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several BSNL circles are yet to offer 4G services; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Road network for development of North Eastern Region**

†1442. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government for the development of North Eastern Region;

(b) whether Government is contemplating on laying road networks for the development of that region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cyber attacks on banking and cashless networks**

1443. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cyber attacks on banking and other cashless networks that have been reported during the last three years;

(b) the steps Government has taken to curb cyber-crimes, hacking of bank transactions of credit cards and to organise campaigns for building and regaining confidence of citizens;

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(c) whether Government has proposed sufficient/additional budgetary provisions to provide technological support to curb cyber crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cyber crimes**

1444. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyber criminals are committing fraud on a large scale on common citizens particularly bank account holders throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is incapable of checking such crimes;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of cases of cyber crimes which came to the notice of Government during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

#### **Misuse of platforms of social media companies**

1445. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the social media companies are letting their platforms misused for criminal activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for strict action against such social media companies?

#### **Internet and Wi-fi services to Gram Panchayats and villages**

1446. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any efforts to provide Internet and Wi-fi services to all Gram Panchayats and villages of the country for the benefit of the poor people and farmers of the country; and

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

#### **Suspension of Common Service Centres**

1447. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why the Ministry has suspended Common Service Centres (CSCs) from doing Aadhaar related work such as enrolment, updation, etc.;

(b) whether this is creating problems particularly for people in rural and remote areas;

(c) if so, whether there have been demands from CSC entrepreneurs from rural and urban areas to permit them to restart Aadhaar related work; and

(d) if so, the constraints the Ministry is facing in permitting village level entrepreneurs to restart Aadhaar related work?

#### **Complaints of data theft and misuse of mails**

1448. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a number of complaints of data theft and misuse of mails with breach of privacy;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to stop any conspiracy/violation/misuses of electronic data; and

(d) the stringent steps and legal proposals of Government to maintain the customer privacy?

**Forced conversion of Hindu girls in Pakistan**

1449. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of reports regarding abduction of Hindu girls in Pakistan and their forced conversion to Islam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon?

**Recognition of Hindi as official language of UN**

†1450. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of attempts made in United Nations General Assembly towards recognition of Hindi as an official language at United Nations;

(b) the action plan chalked out by Government towards recognition of Hindi as an official language of United Nations and to propagate it throughout the world; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government for propagation and publicity of Hindi language worldwide and the quantum of funds spent for this purpose during the last five years?

**Online victims of passport related fraud**

†1451. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of persons have become victims of online fraud in the name of making passports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number and details of such victims and the total amount involved in the said fraud, State-wise?

**Meeting with Sri Lanka over arrest of fishermen**

1452. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has held any high level meeting with Sri Lanka to resolve the issue of regular arrest of fishermen due to violation of maritime border;

(b) if so, the details of meetings held during 2018 and 2019 and the outcome thereof;

(c) the number of fishermen and boats captured and languishing in jails of Sri Lanka, at present;

(d) the details of policy decision taken in this regard; and

(e) whether Government has any proposal to retrieve Katchatheevu back as it was ceded to Sri Lanka as per agreements of 1974 and 1976?

**Sending people abroad on fake passports**

†1453. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the business

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of sending people illegally to foreign countries through fake passports is growing rapidly in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take strong and effective action to prevent it; and

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

#### **Opening of Passport Seva Kendras in every district**

†1454. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to open a Passport Seva Kendra in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the number of districts where such kendras have been opened, so far; and

(c) the number of people benefited from this scheme, so far, State-wise?

#### **Bilateral meetings in Bishkek**

1455. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has pledged to work in cooperation on the global security situation, multilateral economic cooperation, people to people exchanges and also on topical issues of international and regional importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prime Minister's programme in Bishkek included a number of bilateral meetings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **MoUs on loans to foreign countries**

1456. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided as relief/development loans to foreign countries during the last three years by Government;

(b) whether a number of MoUs signed by the Prime Minister are yet to take shape and are delayed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay?

#### **Illegal migration to USA**

1457. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal migration to United States has been increasing in recent years;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported on illegal migration of Indians to USA;

(c) whether an illegal migrant child died in Mexico border of USA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on agents engaged in illegal migration from the country?

#### **Molestation case involving employee of High Commission of Pakistan**

†1458. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of molestation of an Indian woman by an employee of High Commission of Pakistan has come to the notice during 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the

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Indian diplomats are being ill-treated by the Pakistani intelligence agencies, especially after the said incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken by Government thereon?

#### **Bilateral talks with Pakistan**

1459. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to the stated policy of talks and terror cannot go together for bilateral talks with Pakistan;

(b) what demonstrable action that Government has sought from Pakistan to show that it has addressed India's concerns over terrorism; and

(c) what punitive steps Government has taken so far, since suspension of bilateral dialogue with Pakistan to dissuade Pakistan for its support to terrorism and what further actions are under consideration?

#### **Education for children of tribal communities**

1460. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Right to Education Act is not able to address and focus on education of children belonging to tribal, charvaha and roaming communities;

(b) if so, whether Government has any special programme to impart education to such children;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sanctioned posts in Central Universities**

1461. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the position of sanctioned academic and non-academic posts in the Central Universities;

(b) the position of sanctioned and desired academic and non-academic posts in those universities; and

(c) by when the Ministry is planning to fill the positions in case of any vacancy of posts?

#### **Vacancies of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

†1462. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas situated in various States of the country have shortage of teachers and many Vidyalayas are functioning without principals;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to fill up these vacancies so that studies of students in new session is not adversely affected; and

(d) if so, by when such vacant posts would be filled up?

#### **Performance indicator for school education**

1463. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of 70-point

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performance indicator introduced by the Ministry to assess the quality of school education in various States;

(b) whether the Ministry is also in the process of introducing performance indicators for teachers for delivering better quality of teaching;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering to give incentives/grants to those States which are performing well?

#### **Promotion of Sanskrit language**

† 1464. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the special measures taken to develop Sanskrit as a language of masses in the country and the places where Sanskrit conversation has been adopted as common practice; and

(b) the details of functional Sanskrit institutions, journals and magazines being published, State-wise?

#### **Inclusion of teacher's education and their promotion under NEP**

1465. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to bring the teacher's education under the purview of universities as a part of New Education Policy (NEP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to link the promotion of teachers in accordance with their performance as against seniority;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of other decisions taken to be included in the NEP?

#### **Upgradation of teaching standards in higher education**

1466. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for upgradation of quality in teaching in higher education institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the teachers in Government, State and private universities would be covered so as to improve the quality of teaching in these institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increasing GER for females**

1467. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for females in the country is 23.5 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target to increase the GER for females up to 30 per cent in coming years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Drinking water and toilets in schools**

1468. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools including

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Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country lacking safe drinking water and toilets for boys and girls, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether clean drinking water and toilet facilities are not available in some schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas in Punjab, Jharkhand, West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when such facilities are likely to be provided in all the schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas?

#### **Creation of vocational courses for employment**

1469. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to create as many vocational courses as possible in order to provide the youth employment without delay;

(b) whether the Ministry has entered into any MoU with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship so that there is better coordination between these two Ministries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Online courses and ICT initiatives in education**

1470. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to make study materials available online to students;

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

(c) whether Government is taking any other Information and Communication Technology (ICT) initiatives in the education sector;

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

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to promote the use of technology to bring transparency in school education system and to reduce the burden of examinations; and

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

#### **Common modular entrance examinations for college admissions**

1471. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to hold a common modular entrance examinations for college admissions for undergraduate courses in various universities in the country;

(b) whether it also proposes parallel reforms in the assessment procedures in class 10th and 12th board examinations; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposed policy and the time-frame for its implementation?

#### **Grants to universities**

1472. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes run

by the University Grants Commission (UGC)/Government for grant of funds to the Central/State universities for development of infrastructure, basic facilities, research projects, etc.;

(b) the details of funds, grants allocated/released by Government/UGC under its various schemes during each of the last three years, State/UT and scheme-wise;

(c) the number of requests/proposals received by Government/UGC from various States for providing sufficient grants for universities and colleges in the States, State-wise; and

(d) the other steps being taken by Government to improve quality of higher education in the States?

**Faculty vacancies in Central Government funded institutions**

1473. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of faculty positions that are vacant in Central Universities, Indian Institute of Technology, National Institute of Technology and other Centrally funded institutions; and

(b) the details of vacancies of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class categories?

**Number of schools, colleges and universities**

1474. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, colleges and universities are increasing in different States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the Central Universities and Institutes in 2018-19, State-wise?

**Teacher training colleges**

1475. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum number of teacher training colleges both for primary and secondary teachers do not have proper infrastructure and lack the required number of teachers;

(b) if so, the number of such colleges, State-wise;

(c) the number of colleges that are having proper infrastructure and adequate teachers, State-wise; and

(d) whether any inspection has been done for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of buildings of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Chhattisgarh**

†1476. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of new Kendriya Vidyalayas announced in Chhattisgarh, district-wise;

(b) by when the construction work of

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buildings of new Kendriya Vidyalaya announced in Balarampur district along with other districts of the State is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether there is any obstacle in construction of their buildings and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Seats earmarked for disabled students in Central Universities**

1477. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seats earmarked for disabled students in all the Central Universities/Institutions in the country, university-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that 84 per cent of above seats have been left vacant;

(c) the reasons why Central Universities/Institutions are showing laxity in helping disabled youth get admissions; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure that disabled students get admission as per their rights in all universities?

#### **Current status of TEQIP**

1478. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) along with details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the last three years, year and State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of high quality teaching/ learning materials provided using live classes, tutorials, virtual labs and bridge

courses under TEQIP during those years, institution-wise, year-wise and State/ UT-wise;

(c) details of institutions that have already participated and of those which would come under the programme in future; and

(d) whether Government has plans to extend similar programmes to Commerce and Social Science institutions and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Roadmap for vocational education**

1479. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any roadmap for imparting vocational education to students in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to start implementing the roadmap from Maharashtra; and

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

#### **Vacancies in higher education institutions**

1480. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of faculty positions are lying vacant in higher educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, institution-wise, as on 31st March, 2019;

(c) whether the revised National

Education Policy (NEP) envisage ways to fill up the vacancies at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Draft National Education Policy**

1481. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:  
SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

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

(a) whether the Kasturirangan Committee has submitted the draft report on National Education Policy (NEP) to Government;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the NEP is likely to be finalised and implemented?

**Compulsory learning of mother tongue**

1482. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure compulsory learning of mother tongue in schools till secondary stage;

(b) whether there is a decline in the number of school children studying mother tongue as one of the language subjects till secondary stage and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure preservation and promotion of six classical languages; and

(d) whether the Ministry would consider setting up a Central Language University for each of the classical languages on the lines of Urdu Central University?

**Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Maharashtra**

†1483. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up Kendriya Vidyalayas in Ratnagiri, Bijapur, Karwar and Belgaum districts under Konkan region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**School children suffering from stress**

1484. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the school children between age group of 11 to 17 years are suffering from high stress and which led to psychological problems in some of such children;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any survey report on the issue;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan and proposal to make schools and teaching process student friendly?

**Freehand to private schools in fixing fee under NEP**

†1485. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that private

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schools are being given freehand to fix fee in the draft of New Education Policy (NEP);

(b) if so, the details of its outline and whether there is an apprehension of commercialisation of education which might lead to education becoming expensive; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Implementation of reservation for economically weaker sections**

†1486. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten per cent reservation has been given to economically weaker sections in educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that educational institutions are going through financial crunch; and

(d) if so, the details of measures being taken by Government to address this issue?

#### **Representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in faculties of Central Institutions**

1487. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recently submitted affidavit to the Supreme Court, the Ministry has indicated abysmal representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in faculties of Central Institutions;

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

(c) in what manner the Ministry is going to rectify this glaring discrimination?

#### **Making yoga compulsory in schools**

1488. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make yoga a compulsory subject and part of games for school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government is giving a serious thought to the proposal?

#### **Guidelines on weight of school bags**

1489. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to restrict the weight of bags of school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any guidelines on the weight of bags in schools?

#### **Revision of history text books**

1490. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to revise the history text books to remove incorrect historical narration being taught to students about our past and if so, the progress made in this regard;

(b) whether any recommendations have

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been made by some experts on this issue; and

(c) whether opinion of general public and experts has been sought in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Vacant posts in Central Universities**

†1491. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts for Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors at the Central Universities of the country;

(b) by when these vacancies would be filled up;

(c) the number of clerical and Group-D posts vacant in these universities;

(d) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes falling vacant during the last three years out of the total vacancies; and

(e) by when these vacancies are targeted to be filled up?

#### **B.Tech. degree from private universities/colleges**

†1492. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any limit set for the enrolment of students for B.Tech. degree courses by the private universities/colleges;

(b) whether the details of students awarded B.Tech. degree from such universities/colleges are uploaded on website; and

(c) the number of students awarded B.Tech. degree from such universities/colleges during the last three years?

#### **Teachers' vacancy and draft Education Policy**

†1493. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the proposed draft of New Education Policy would be effective in increasing the number of teachers and eliminating shortage of teachers in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to huge shortage of teachers in the country, teaching-work is being done by guest teachers, shiksha mitras and contract-teachers;

(c) if so, the details of shortage of teachers at present, State-wise; and

(d) the number of teachers employed as guest teachers, shiksha mitras and contract-teachers, at present?

#### **Putting NEP in public domain**

1494. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft New Education Policy, 2019 has been put in public domain for inviting comments;

(b) if so, whether Government would publish the comments received also in public domain; and

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

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**Establishment of higher educational institutions in Andhra Pradesh**

1495. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allocated nominal funds to the higher educational institutions established in Andhra Pradesh post bifurcation as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of requirement of funds to each established institutions, funds allocated and to be allocated for their completion?

**Vacancies in urban and rural colleges**

†1496. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to fill the vacancies in different educational institutions of our country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number and details of posts vacant for teachers and other personnel in various urban and rural colleges under the Central Government and by when these would be filled up, State-wise?

**Leakage of CBSE question papers**

1497. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who were affected due to leakage of CBSE question paper in 2018; and

(b) the details of CBI enquiry held in the matter, its current status and the action taken against officials responsible for the same?

**Discrimination with students**

†1498. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students taking admission in schools under the provisions of Right to Education Act face discrimination by reputed institutions as they are forced to sit separately from the general category students; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

**Universal Service Obligation Fund**

1499. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial position of Universal Service Obligation Fund;

(b) the quantum of subsidy given from this fund for the years 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(c) whether there is any request from BSNL for this subsidy amount for providing 3G spectrum in rural areas; and

(d) if so, whether it has been paid and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Speedy disposal of pending cases**

1500. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases are

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pending for disposal in various courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and court-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases disposed off by various courts during the above period, State-wise and court-wise;

(d) the section of the society mostly affected by delay in the justice delivery mechanism; and

(e) the steps being taken for speedy disposal of pending cases in various courts?

#### **Creation of Indian Judicial Services**

†1501. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create Indian Judicial Services; and

(b) if so, the efforts made in this direction?

#### **Vacancies in lower courts**

1502. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:  
SHRI BHUBANESWAR  
KALITA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of judges in the lower courts of the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of criminal and civil cases pending in those courts, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has initiated any steps to fill the vacancies in those courts;

(d) the number of cases pending for more than five years and ten years in those courts, State-wise; and

(e) whether there is any measure taken by Government to expedite the process to dispose of long pending cases?

#### **SC/ST judicial officers**

1503. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large number of vacancies in the judiciary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the vacancy has affected expediting justice delivery system in the country;

(d) if so, the details of vacant posts at various levels in the judiciary, State-wise and court-wise and the details of measures taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts; and

(e) the percentage and number of SC/ST judicial officers at various levels in the judiciary, State-wise and court-wise?

#### **National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms**

1504. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the implementation of National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made under the Mission, so far?

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**Live telecast of court proceedings**

1505. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make arrangements for the live telecast of the proceedings of courts;

(b) if so, by when this arrangement is likely to be put in place; and

(c) the details of extra financial burden which Government would have to bear to operationalise the said arrangement?

**Selection mechanism for judicial officers**

1506. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to create a central selection mechanism to bring in uniformity in appointment of judicial officers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Disposal of criminal trials related to rape**

1507. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for expeditious disposal of criminal trials pending in different courts of the country;

(b) the details of criminal trials regarding offence of rape with minor girls pending in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any roadmap for time bound disposal of such trials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Expenditure on conducting general election**

1508. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure has exponentially risen for conducting general election of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of amount spent on conducting each general election in the country since independence;

(d) whether Government has proposed any plan for reducing the cost of general election in the country; and

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

**Disposal of cases in family courts**

1509. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of family courts functioning at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases filed in these courts during the last three years;

(c) the number out of them that have been disposed of and the number those still pending, State-wise;

(d) whether problems are being faced by States in disposing of cases registered in these courts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Complaints of corruption in judiciary**

1510. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints/representations regarding alleged corruption in judiciary;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof along with the action taken against the guilty persons and if not, the reasons therefor, case-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to wipe-out corruption in judiciary?

#### **Pending court cases**

1511. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the pending court cases pertaining to heinous crimes involving senior citizens, children, women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes till June 2019, State-wise; and

(b) the details of such cases in Fast Track Courts established for speedy trial of cases related to crime against women?

#### **Basic facilities for judiciary in Rajasthan**

†1512. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of courts in Rajasthan at present and the places where appropriate judicial buildings and Government residences for judicial authorities are not available; and

(b) whether Government would consider to provide its entire share of funds

under centrally sponsored schemes for providing basic facilities in subordinate courts in accordance with the demands of the State Governments and if so, by when?

#### **Appointment of Members of Lokpal**

1513. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Members of the Lokpal have been appointed and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

#### **Provisions against corruption in All India Services Rules**

1514. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of provisions that exist in the All India Services Rules for taking action against officers involved in corruption;

(b) the number of corruption cases involving officers belonging to All India Services, Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service that has come to the notice of the Ministry during the last three years; and

(c) the number of cases where action has been initiated against officers involved in corruption charges during the above period?

#### **Fresh cadre allocation of 2018 batch officers**

1515. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make fresh cadre allocation of 2018 batch IAS and IPS officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether Government is also considering to make cadre allocation expeditiously; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Corruption charges against CBI officers**

1516. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CBI officers against whom complaints involving serious corruption charges had been received by Government during the last three years;

(b) the status of such complaints; and

(c) whether such complaints have tarnished the image of CBI and if so, the remedial steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Vacant posts in Ministries/Departments**

1517. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:  
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH  
NAGAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of Central Government jobs/posts are lying vacant and Government has not taken any steps to fill up these vacant posts and if so, the details thereof Ministry/Departments wise and the reasons for not filling up these sanctioned posts, category-wise;

(b) whether Government has issued any guidelines not to revive posts lying vacant for a specific period and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to fill up vacant posts in a time-bound manner for various categories?

**Reservation policy for appointment through lateral entry**

1518. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of officials who have been appointed in Group 'A' posts through lateral entry from private sector, till date;

(b) the details of general, SC, ST and OBC candidates selected and appointed through lateral entry; and

(c) the details of reservation policy adopted for appointment through lateral entry from private sector?

**Policy of lateral entry in bureaucracy**

1519. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced the policy of lateral entry in the bureaucracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including appointments made/proposed to be made under the policy;

(c) whether such move without transparency would increase the unaccountability and nepotism in the system and demoralise civil servants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Holiday on birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**

1520. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is both a National and an international icon;

(b) whether Government has taken any

steps to declare a National Holiday on his birthday to give due respect to our beloved freedom fighter towards his contribution for freedom of our mother land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Publication of marks obtained in UPSC examination**

1521. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to publicise the marks obtained in UPSC examination by the aspirants;

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

(c) the number of OBCs/SCs/STs aspirants who cleared the examination on an average annually during the last three years?

**Lateral entry in bureaucracy**

1522. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:  
SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to induct 400 domain experts from the private sector at DS/Director level posts reserved in the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the percentage of posts at the DS/Director level available under the CSS which would be affected directly in the All India Services and the 37 participating services including Customs, Railways, Telecom, etc.;

(c) whether NITI Aayog is also hiring 54 persons laterally under the flexi-pool system;

(d) the rationale behind the proposal of lateral appointments; and

(e) the recruitment process and evaluation for appointment of private sector employees?

**Availability of officers to hear public grievances**

1523. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued instructions that officers of the level of Deputy Secretary and above would be available in their offices on every Wednesday to receive and hear public grievances from 1000 hrs. to 1300 hrs.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Reception Officers do not allow public to enter offices on Wednesday to meet officers for the redressal of their grievances; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to check harassment of innocent public?

**Time period of family pension**

† 1524. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the time period of family pension of Government employees dying in harness;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by Government to protect the interest of such families; and

(c) the details of existing rules and procedures in this regard in the State of Rajasthan?

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**Compulsory retirement of employees**

1525. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes compulsory retirement to Government employees who have charges of corruption and are inactive;

(b) if so, the details of such a proposal;

(c) whether such retirements are also proposed for persons who are above 50 years of age; and

(d) the benefits and other allowances proposed to be given to such persons?

**Vacancies through CGL examinations**

1526. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quoted vacancies under all SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL) Examination since 2016, till date;

(b) the details of vacancies filled up, lying vacant, not cleared yet, etc. till date since then;

(c) whether there have been reports of reduction of seats in certain departments and if so, the circumstances and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of all departmental vacancies reported and later reduced along with reasons therefor, since 2016?

**Filling of vacancies in each Ministry/ Departments**

1527. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies in Group A, B and C in each Ministry/ Department which are lying vacant till date; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill these vacancies in view of the severe job crises?

**Impact of Artificial Intelligence on workforce**

1528. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:  
SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by NITI Aayog in working towards Artificial Intelligence (AI);

(b) the likely impact of AI on the workforce;

(c) the details of work done for development and regulation of AI;

(d) whether the Centres of Research Excellence and International Centres of Transformative AI that were proposed by the NITI Aayog have been set up and if so, the details thereof including the source of funding and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government is planning to introduce a legislation on AI and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Conference of Chief Ministers in New Delhi**

1529. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog organised the Chief Minister's Conference at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of matters that came up for discussion and the views exchanged by the State Governments for the development of Agriculture and its allied sectors and containing terrorism in the country?



**Space station to conduct microgravity experiments**

1530. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed to build its own space station to conduct microgravity experiments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be built;

(c) the cost of building the space station; and

(d) whether it would also be made available for collaborative research purpose with other countries?

**Earth observation satellite RISAT-2B**

1531. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has successfully put into orbit earth observation satellite RISAT-2B, that can penetrate clouds and enhance surveillance capabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it could take images of earth during night also;

(d) the areas of applications of the satellite and whether it includes agriculture and disaster management support; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Launching of space station**

1532. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed

an action plan to launch a space station by 2030 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is collaborating with any other country for this project?

**Irregularities in MCA-21 data**

1533. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during the 12 months ended June, 2017 has found that as much as 38 per cent of companies that are part of MCA-21 database of companies and are used in India's GDP calculations could not be traced or were wrongly classified;

(b) if so, the reasons for including this MCA-21 data in national accounts without proper verification, scrutiny and debate; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to release this MCA-21 data to researchers and the public so that the unit-level data could be examined?

**Unemployment data**

1534. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current levels of unemployment, State-wise, gender-wise and age-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in releasing the official figures, as they are the same as the leaked figures; and

(c) the response of Government to the growing global disbelief for quality and reliability of macroeconomic data in the country?

**Setting up of Integrated Textile parks in Jharkhand**

1535. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to set up Integrated Textile Park in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Jharkhand and its neighbouring States are not included in the said plan;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government would conduct any study or survey for setting up of such parks in Jharkhand in the near future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Facilities for jute weavers**

1536. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of jute weavers, State-wise/category-wise;
- (b) the facilities provided by Government to these weavers during the last five years;
- (c) the subsidy made available to each State during the said period for the welfare of weavers; and
- (d) the number of jute weavers benefited thereunder?

**Liabilities of textile mills**

†1537. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of liabilities and payments due to the workers of textile mills which have been closed during the

last three years in the country, State-wise and the steps taken to ensure and expedite these payments?

**Funds to handloom industry in Telangana**

1538. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to protect the handloom industry in Telangana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of funds being allocated in this financial year for development of handloom industry in the State; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has received any proposals from the State Government for development of handloom clusters, financial assistance for handloom etc. and if so, the details thereof?

**Revival of closed textile mills**

1539. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to revive the State-owned textile mills which are lying closed for the last many years;
- (b) if so, the details of such mills which are lying closed and since when;
- (c) the estimated amount to be invested in them; and
- (d) the action plan formulated to revive such textile mills including National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills?

**B-twill bag impact on jute industry**

†1540. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved

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other types of sacks instead of bales of 2,58,000 jute sacks for kharif and rabi seasons in 2019-20;

(b) whether Government purchases a large number of B-twill bags from industries in order to stuff grains;

(c) whether jute industry is feared to suffer losses of millions of crores due to purchase of other type of jute sacks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Promotion and development of handicraft sector**

1541. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government for promotion and development of handicraft sector;

(b) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the employment growth projected in handicraft sector, State-wise?

#### **Export of textiles and garments**

1542. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government to promote exports of textiles and garments;

(b) the share of exports of textiles and garments during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to set up any textile park in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Capacity building in textile sector**

1543. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds that have been budgeted

and allocated to the scheme for capacity building in the textile sector;

(b) the number of people who have been trained under this scheme so far and whether Government is on track to achieve its' intended targets;

(c) the different agencies through which the scheme is being implemented and the roles and responsibilities of each of the agencies; and

(d) the number of training centres that have been approved under the scheme, State/Union Territories-wise and whether the centres have been equipped with the required facilities?

#### **Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme**

1544. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme is estimated to create employment for 35 lakh people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme would also help in getting investments worth ₹ 95,000 crore by 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Integrated Wool Development Programme**

1545. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved an Integrated Wool Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Programme aims to enhance the quality and increase the production in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Employment opportunities in textile sector**

1546. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that employment opportunities in textile sector have dwindled to a considerable extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to make the textile sector as potential employment provider;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Promotion of Jute Geo Textiles**

1547. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to promote Jute Geo Textiles (JGTs), and the extent to which they are being used currently in non-conventional applications;

(b) whether some State Governments have taken up projects and initiatives to promote JGTs and if so, details thereof;

(c) the ways in which Government plans to extend the benefits of JGTs to farmers and MSMEs; and

(d) the incentive structures for industries that manufacture JGTs and procurement benefits for farmers who grow jute for these purposes?

**Protection and promotion of handloom sector**

1548. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy has

not achieved much in helping the weavers to cope up with the changing situation;

(b) whether the existing policy framework for the protection and promotion of handloom sector is not being implemented sincerely;

(c) whether the livelihood of lakhs of handloom weavers stares at an uncertain future; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken by Government for the relief of handloom weavers?

**Manufacturing units for Zari artisans**

1549. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the policy that is in place for the preservation of traditional Zari (Zardozi) art and revival of employment opportunities for the artisans; and

(b) whether Government plans to set up a manufacturing unit to employ these Zari artisans?

**Rehabilitation of handloom workers**

1550. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of jobs lost due to replacement of handlooms with power looms;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to rehabilitate the handloom workers; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to protect the art of handloom and if so, the details thereof?

**Primitive tribes in Maharashtra**

†1551. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware of the number of Tribes and their types in the country;

(b) the number of Primitive Tribes and their types out of this and their total population, State-wise;

(c) the percentage of total Primitive Tribal population in Maharashtra *vis-a-vis* total State population; and

(d) the details of amount provided for schooling and education of tribes in that State out of total budgetary provisions made?

#### **Funds for tribal welfare in Karnataka**

1552. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to Karnataka for tribal welfare during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government aims to develop tribal areas across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number and details of tribal areas that were developed?

#### **Encroachment on tribal land**

1553. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of tribal land being encroached by various interest groups all over the country;

(b) the Government's position on allotting tribal land for mining to corporate houses;

(c) whether Government would publish a white paper on implementation of Forest Rights Act; and

(d) the minimum extent of land that

tribals and other traditional forest dwellers are entitled to as per the above Act?

#### **Utilisation of funds by Chhattisgarh and Gujarat under Tribal-Sub Plan**

†1554. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under Tribal Sub-Plan in the financial year 2018-19 to the States of Chhattisgarh and Gujarat by the Central Government;

(b) the details of works being executed thereunder;

(c) the details of funds not utilised out of the allocated funds by those States during this period, so far;

(d) the reasons for not utilising the funds;

(e) whether Government has got investigated the construction works initiated under Tribal Sub-Plan by an independent agency in these States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Welfare of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups**

1555. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in the country, States and UT-wise;

(b) the criteria for identifying these groups; and

(c) the details of schemes as well as funds allocated and utilised for the welfare of these groups by Government during the last three years?

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**Central assistance for Post-Matric  
Scholarship to Maharashtra**

1556. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Assistance for Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students during 2017-18 is yet to be released in full for Maharashtra despite its proposals being submitted in April, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the maximum time likely to be taken by Government to release the remaining Central assistance to the State?

**Implementation of Van Dhan Yojana  
in Jharkhand**

1557. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of Van Dhan Yojana implemented for the tribal people;

(b) whether Government would consider Jharkhand also for the above said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Malnutrition related mortality in  
PVTGs**

1558. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that malnutrition-led mortality is rising among Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and if so, details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve its human development indices?

**Pending proposals of Maharashtra for  
inclusion in MADA**

1559. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals of Maharashtra for inclusion of 36 Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) and 7 mini MADA pockets to existing Tribal Sub-Plan, besides inclusion of Kawadadara in Igatpuri Tehsil, District Nashik and Shindkhede Tehsil, District Dhule are pending for approval since February, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any time-line is fixed for clearance of such proposals?

**Implementation of Centrally  
Sponsored Schemes**

1560. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) that are currently being implemented by the Ministry to tackle women and child related issues in the country with the help of State Governments and NGOs;

(b) the funds sanctioned for the States by the Central Government under those schemes and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;

(c) whether these schemes are not being implemented properly in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for their proper implementation?

**Child trafficking and labour issues**

1561. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures Government has taken to rescue children who are victims of child trafficking and/or child labour;

(b) the data of missing children/children reported as labour, State-wise; and

(c) in what manner Government ensures that they do not return to the traffickers or works as labours after they are rescued and the measures taken therefor?

**Explanation regarding utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund**

†1562. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued an explanation regarding utilization of Nirbhaya fund after publication of information of under-utilization of this fund on various occasions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other States and Ministries were requested to send innovative proposals regarding enhancement of safety and security of women and reminders for the same were also sent but no such proposal was received in the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Beneficiaries of STEP**

1563. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Support to Training and

Employment Programme (STEP) has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details thereof, including the number of beneficiaries under the scheme since 2014, year-wise?

**Objectives of POSHAN Abhiyan**

1564. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of POSHAN Abhiyan;

(b) whether it is a fact that some districts in Andhra Pradesh have been identified under the above Abhiyan;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of deficiencies identified; and

(d) the steps the Ministry has taken/proposes to take to address those deficiencies, including stunting?

**Implementation of 'Swadhar Greh' Scheme**

1565. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is facing difficulties in implementing Swadhar Greh Scheme due to lack of financial support in acquiring land for this purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to acquire land from its own funds for construction of buildings under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Anganwadi Kendras in Gujarat**

†1566. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Kendras in Gujarat at present and the number of non-functional Kendras out of them, district-wise;

(b) whether the Anganwadi workers in that State get their honorarium on time in the last week of the month and the details of honorarium fixed for Anganwadi workers there, at present; and

(c) the steps taken by Government towards starting the non-functional Anganwadi Centres in that State?

#### **Funds under various schemes**

1567. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under various schemes of the Ministry, State-wise, including the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds granted/released under various schemes, during that period, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds unused/used during those years, State-wise?

#### **Solar street lights under MPLADS**

1568. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether solar street lights installed

under MPLADS funds by any MP can be replaced by MPLADS funds of any other Member of same constituency to make it reusable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government intends to include replacing of batteries under MPLAD programme?

#### **Pregnancy entitlement scheme**

1569. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of pregnancy entitlement has helped the pregnant women take care of their nutritional requirements; and

(b) the number of women benefited under pregnancy entitlement during the last two years, in Uttar Pradesh district-wise?

#### **Impact of BBBP scheme**

1570. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the money that has been allocated to Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme since its launch in 2015;

(b) whether any study has been done on the impact of the programme; and

(c) whether the data on low survival and education of girls has improved since 2015?

#### **Rise in malnourished children**

†1571. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that there is a continuous rise in the number of malnourished children in the country;

(b) if so, the status of Rajasthan in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to address this situation?

**Utilisation of Nirbhaya  
Fund**

†1572. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated from Nirbhaya Fund during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of amount that remained utilized; and

(c) the details of measures undertaken

by Government for the best use and implementation of allocations from the Nirbhaya Funds?

**Toy kits for children in Anganwadis**

1573. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry provides toy kits for children in Anganwadis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilised on providing such kits during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and head-wise;

(d) whether Government has carried out any study to measure the impact of providing such kits in Anganwadis; and

(e) if so, the salient features of the said study?

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