

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)

Total number of questions — 160

Setting up of Neutrino Observatory

2054. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up Neutrino Observatory in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of earth observatories set up in the country?

New reactors for power generation

2055. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up new reactors for power generation in the country;
- (b) if so, the places selected therefor;
- (c) whether many States are opposing the setting up of such atomic energy stations; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Foreign Direct Investment in atomic energy sector

2056. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic investment in generation of atomic energy is not sufficient in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any plan has been formulated to promote domestic and Foreign Direct Investment in atomic energy sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Leakage of radiation at nuclear plants

2057. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in some of the nuclear plants across the country, cases of leakage of radiation at minor level has been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked all the nuclear stations to take precautionary measures to prevent leakages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Radioactive materials in
Subarnarekha river**

2058. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traces of radioactive materials have been found in Subarnarekha river in Odisha and Jharkhand which may affect the life of local people living along the river bank and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Department proposes to take any safeguard measures to protect horticulture and fisheries from pollution being caused by atomic energy projects in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Installation of towers in Himachal Pradesh

2059. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to ensure uninterrupted mobile connectivity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of villages in Himachal Pradesh where telecom towers have been installed during each of the last three years and the current year, telecom company-wise; and

(d) the number of towers targeted, to be installed in that State during the coming financial year, location-wise?

4G services in Andhra Pradesh

2060. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL is providing 4G services in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the services of BSNL in all parts of the country, particularly in that State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Connection of mobile towers with
fibre network**

2061. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 25 per cent of mobile towers are connected to fibre network, which is very meagre in comparison to the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would get mobile towers connected to fibre network across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

High spectrum prices

2062. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industry has voiced its concerns over high spectrum prices, including that of airwaves used to offer 5G services;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the total quantum of available spectrum has gone up because of harmonization efforts as well as adding into this auction the administratively allocated spectrum in 2001; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Auction of spectrum

2063. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the past about 40 per cent of spectrum was auctioned;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government wants to auction all spectrum as it is a valuable resource and unless it is used, there would be no benefit to society; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Digital Communication Policy

2064. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the National Digital Communication Policy (NDCP) helps telecom industry which is going from bad to worse;

(b) whether 18 per cent GST is contributing to the crisis in industry;

(c) whether any consultations with telecom operators have been held in the recent past on GST and NDCP;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Ministry to convince GST Council to bring down GST rate to 5 per cent;

(e) whether the Ministry is going to auction 5G very soon; and

(f) if so, in what manner this would help telecom operators to come out of crisis?

Emission of non-ionized radiation

2065. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India stands second in the world in having highest number of mobile phone subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to rise in towers non-ionizing radiations emitted by these towers is causing health risks and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has issued any instructions/guidelines for prevention of emission of non-ionized radiations from mobile towers and mobile handsets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the telecom service providers and handset manufacturers/importers for non-compliance of the said instructions/guidelines?

Mobile connectivity in villages of Maharashtra

†2066. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of more than 5,117 villages in Maharashtra do not have access to the mobile facilities till now;

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that the mobile connectivity in the villages of Maharashtra is unsatisfactory and there are many places where mobile connectivity is totally unavailable; and

(d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and the efforts made to bring improvement therein?

Auction of 5G spectrums

2067. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to auction largest spectrum to ensure affordable 5G in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that TRAI has failed to achieve the target users in the auction of 3G and 4G spectrum;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the past regime of auction, Government has not received the reserve prices and spectrum sales were poor; and

(d) if so, the reasons for new auction plan and the details of benefits to the customers and the status of usage and services of old spectrums?

Roadmap for public wi-fi system

2068. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has asked the Telecoms to provide a roadmap for building public wi-fi system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response and feedback of the telecoms in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by

Government to implement the public wi-fi system at the earliest?

Data usage per smartphone

2069. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest average data usage per smartphone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the data usage is likely to double to 18 GB per month per smartphone by 2024;

(c) whether smartphone users are keen to use 5G services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of India Post Payments Banks

2070. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of India Post Payments Banks set-up in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) the number of such banks proposed to be set up during the next three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of services being provided by such a banks; and

(d) the number of persons trained or proposed to be trained and hired for the said initiative?

Salaries to employees of BSNL

2071. MS. DOLA SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of BSNL

are facing an unprecedented crisis today and over one lakh permanent and contractual employees of BSNL have not been paid their due salaries for the last few months which is against the law of the land; and

(b) the policy decisions being taken by the concerned Ministries to restore BSNL and its employees?

MTNL and BSNL as knowledge carriers

2072. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans that Government is mulling over to utilise the telecom knowledge of MTNL and BSNL;

(b) the Status of financial reserves of BSNL and MTNL and whether Government would invest it in the market; and

(c) whether BSNL and MTNL would act as a knowledge carriers in new electronic policy and if so, the details thereof?

Domestic telecom equipment

2073. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic telecom equipment makers in the country sought for price preference over multinationals;

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

(c) the response of Government thereto?

Revival of BSNL

2074. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is facing liquidity crunch which is adversely impacting operation and maintenance of services;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether budgetary support is provided or proposed to be provided for the revival of BSNL which is providing essential services even at far off and remote places; and

(d) if not, the alternatives that are considered to make it a profit-making company?

Connectivity of all Gram Panchayats

†2075. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to connect all the Gram Panchayats of the country through High-Speed Optical Fibre Cable Network under India Network Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats which have been so connected, at present; and

(d) the number of Gram Panchayats in Madhya Pradesh which have been so connected, at present?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Road transport and air traffic in
North-Eastern States**

2076. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any initiatives to make road transport and air traffic more accessible in the regions bordering China;

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

(c) the details of initiatives undertaken for connecting capital cities of North Eastern States *via* railways during the last three years; and

(d) the details of amount allocated and expenditure incurred during those years for improving transportation in the North Eastern States?

**Loan assistance from Asian
Development Bank**

2077. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent from the \$ 200 million loan assistance provided by the Asian Development Bank during the last three years under the North Eastern Roads Investment Programme, State-wise;

(b) whether repayment of the loan has been started and if so, the amount repaid and by when the full loan would be repaid; and

(c) the number of new jobs, if any, created during the last three years due to the development works carried out with the help of that loan?

Accruals under NLCPR

2078. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Ministries give 10 per cent of their Gross Budgetary Allocation for the development of the North Eastern States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a huge accrual of amount under the head Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR); and

(c) if so, the details of accruals during the last ten years and the amount released in those years?

**Ease of regulations for promotion of
development works**

2079. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North Eastern States are failing to forward their development proposals to the Central Government;

(b) the details of development proposals received during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many such projects are getting delayed due to regulatory reasons;

(d) if so, the details of all such projects; and

(e) whether Government would ease the regulations to promote development works in the North Eastern region?

Development of service sector in NER

2080. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain focus areas including development of service sector had been identified in 12th Business Summit for implementation in the North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the initiatives taken towards the development of service sector in NER which was likely to generate employment opportunities for local people?

Unauthorised access to portals of Government departments

2081. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many unauthorised access to the portals of various Government departments have been made by unscrupulous information technology companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many websites have been hacked in recent times; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed in this regard to prevent such incidents?

Legislation for regulating social media

†2082. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state whether Government is

considering to bring a legislation for regulating social media companies to prevent them from curbing the rights of lakhs of persons supporting nationalistic ideology and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan

2083. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently launched the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the aims and objectives of the mission and the funds being allocated under this abhiyan to each State in the current financial year, particularly to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

New e-Learning projects

2084. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new e-Learning projects have been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status thereof and whether they are on track to meet their deadlines;

(d) if not, by when they are likely to be completed; and

(e) the details and status of ongoing e-Learning projects in Karnataka?

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Point of Sale transactions

2085. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the target and achievement of Point of Sale (PoS) transactions for each year, since 2014, year-wise?

Digital payments and other services

2086. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of digital payments has shot up in the country during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of different key services like insurance, PAN card applications or tickets booking availed at Common Service Centres (CSCs) during those years, year-wise and service/head-wise?

Status of STPI

2087. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centre at Amritsar, the foundation stone of which was laid in November, 2016;

(b) whether the project is running on time and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and

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

Web-based services in North Eastern States

2088. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released some web-based services in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether foundation stones were laid in Guwahati for two electronic manufacturing units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these units would be functional?

Setting up of Seva Kendras of UIDAI

2089. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has proposed to set up its Seva Kendras all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when these Seva Kendras would be opened;

(c) the details of locations proposed to be covered in its 1st Phase; and

(d) by when these are likely to become operational?

Selling of private information of users

2090. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether selling of private information of users by social

networking sites has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any rules to prevent the misuse of sharing of private information of users without their consent;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has taken any action to deal with the said issue and if so, the details thereof?

Boosting chip manufacturing

2091. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to invest in chip manufacturing facilities to be set up in States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received chip design manufacturing proposals from various global companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost the chip manufacturing in the country and cut down the imports?

Border conflict with China

2092. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether border conflict with China has affected trade balance in any way with China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special laws against absconding NRI husbands

2093. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some women organisations want special trans-national laws that could make extradition of absconding NRI husbands who deserted their wives and fled to foreign countries;

(b) the number of such complaints from deserted wives lying pending with Government; and

(c) the complaints disposed of during each of the last three years?

Security of member states by SCO

2094. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken towards collective security of Central Asian member states by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO); and

(b) the benefits provided to India?

India's entry into NSG

2095. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is blocking India's entry into Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) since India applied for the membership in 2016;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is taking steps to garner support from various other countries in its claim to the membership for NSG;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy approach on Palestine

2096. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India voted in favour of Israel at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to deny a consultative status to a Palestinian non-governmental organization;

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

(c) whether Government is going against the national consensus in India supporting Palestine and trying to come closer to Government of Israel?

Foreign policy

2097. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the messed up foreign policy of the country has resulted into China possessing a port in Sri Lanka, huge interest in Bangladesh and Pakistan and also in the failure in Maldives as Indian workers are not getting visas anymore due to this; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Agreement with China to speed up boundary talks

2098. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have agreed to speed up boundary talks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that China has highlighted the need for regional cooperation and connectivity like Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian MBBS students in Ukrainian universities

2099. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Indian MBBS students admitted in some of the Ukrainian universities are being suspended without any reasons due to harassment tactics of the agents and role of Embassy;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

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

(d) the steps being taken to protect the career of Indian students?

Disputes in South China Sea

2100. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is in agreement with the US or the Chinese stand regarding disputes in the South China Sea; and

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

Grants for academic research

2101. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total grants provided to academic research during the last five years; and

(b) the organisations through which it was provided?

Substandard meal in Chhattisgarh

†2102. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether children got sick after consuming the meal provided under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in various parts of Chhattisgarh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the school authorities for serving sub-standard meal;

(c) whether any standards are fixed for the quality of food under MDMS;

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

(e) the reasons for non-compliance of the set standards?

Arrangements for classes and accommodation

2103. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the problems being faced by students appeared for admission in Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh since there is neither permanent campus nor there is any makeshift arrangement for conducting classes for students;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that classes are going to start from July this year but students and the mentor Andhra University have no clue where to conduct classes;

(c) whether the Ministry is also aware that there are no arrangement for stay of students; and

(d) in what manner the Ministry is planning to make the arrangements?

International rankings of educational institutions

2104. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the ranking of top Indian Institutes in significant international rankings of educational institutes;

(b) whether research is a criteria in which Indian institutes perform poorly in global rankings and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to improve global ranking of Indian educational institutes; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government for improving research in top Indian educational institutions?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Protection of Sanskrit

†2105. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on an extensive policy to protect all Indian languages including Sanskrit and whether there has been progress in this regard as per expectations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently taken various policy measures in order to make Sanskrit education employment-oriented and whether positive results of these policy measures are visible; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Co-location of pre-schools

2106. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to co-locate pre-schools with primary schools or formal schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make separate areas for National Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant posts in OBC category

†2107. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts in OBC category are lying vacant in different educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of status of vacant posts, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor and by when these posts would be filled up?

Education to poor students

2108. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by Government to provide education to all in the country and assistance to poor students to avail basic education effectively;

(b) whether Government is taking steps to ensure that benefits provided by Government for poor children to avail education reach them and the purpose is being fulfilled; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Closure of engineering colleges

2109. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been receiving requests for closure of engineering colleges every year;

(b) if so, the details of engineering colleges that have applied for closure during the last three years, State-wise, along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the demand for engineering courses is rapidly decreasing across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Procedure for assessment of performance of Government schools

2110. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure adopted by Government to assess the performance of Government schools;

(b) whether Government has forwarded any suggestion to the Education Departments of State Governments for improving the quality of teaching; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Saakshar Bharat Mission in Telangana

2111. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released funds for implementation of Saakshar Bharat Mission to Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds sanctioned are not sufficient for implementation of the programme;

(d) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Government for early release of necessary funds and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for implementation of the programme without any problems at the earliest?

Results of fellowships

2112. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has not declared the results of OBC and Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) fellowships, for 2019 even after six months after calling for applications;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in publishing the results; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that UGC had failed in the past in notifying the fellowships for dalits, minorities and Other Backward Classes?

Ranking of Indian universities

2113. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian universities/institutions have not been listed in the top hundred World Universities;

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

(c) the steps Government has taken to improve the research productivity of these universities so that these institutions improve their global rankings?

Merger of Central Universities

2114. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country, at present;

(b) whether Government is considering to merge some existing institutes and convert them into new Central Universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any proposal to set up new Central Universities in the States of Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar?

Entrance test for undergraduate and post-graduate courses

2115. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the introduction of entrance test for undergraduate (UG) and post-graduate (PG) courses in the country reduces the importance of 12th Board examination;

(b) whether Government proposes to club 12th marks and common entrance marks to decide the ranking for admission to UG and PG courses instead of qualifying 50 per cent marks for general and 40 per cent for SC/ST;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Involvement of NGOs in school education

2116. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to ensure that all children in the age group starting from six and above attend schools and avoid dropouts from schools;

(b) whether Government also proposes to involve NGOs in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any NGO or any other voluntary organisation has come forward to assist Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Moral education as compulsory subject

2117. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make moral education a compulsory subject from nursery to university level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to inculcate moral values among students;

(e) whether advice from educationalists and spiritual scholars from different religions on this subject would be taken to prepare the syllabus; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in NCTE

†2118. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has turned into a breeding ground of corruption as a result of which many institutions imparting B.Ed. education have become merely money making institutions thereby degrading the level of education;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received with regard to functioning of NCTE during the last three years; and

(c) the number of persons found guilty on the basis of these complaints?

Disillusionment towards Government primary schools

†2119. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind disillusionment of students and parents towards Government primary schools despite the

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provisions of huge budget, arrangement of trained teachers and all types of free facilities for the students by Central and State Governments; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any action plan to create an atmosphere of learning in Government primary schools and if so, the details thereof?

Temporary campus of institutions in Andhra Pradesh

2120. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some educational institutions are functioning from the temporary campus in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to construct permanent campus for these institutions; and

(d) if so, the time-frame fixed for the same?

Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalayas and Girls Hostels

2121. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalayas and Girls Hostels functioning in the country, State-wise and UT-wise;

(b) the number of students enrolled in these schools, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of budget allocated, sanctioned and utilised for these schools during the last three years; and

(d) the details of dropout percentages of students from these schools?

Preparation of 'e-books' at high price

2122. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all institutions would provide the printed/digital books/materials available with them to the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore for 'Bharatvani' portal;

(b) whether the Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) and the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) have provided such materials to CIIL;

(c) whether CSTT and CHD are also preparing the same material as 'e-books' at high price with private website developers;

(d) the tentative expenditure for such project, the details of process adopted for selection of vendors and the reasons for selecting private website developers; and

(e) the reasons for misuse of funds with such repetitive work?

Education loan for the poor

2123. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks are gradually denying education loans to students belonging to poorer sections and to categories which they feel are at a risk in their ability to get job or parents are unable to stand as collateral;

(b) the default rate of education loan below ₹ 4 lakhs category and category between ₹ 7-10 lakhs; and

(c) in what manner the Ministry is planning to go ahead and ensure that poor students get education loan with ease?

Training teachers

2124. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institutes for training teachers and expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the measures taken to impart training to primary and upper primary school teachers;

(c) whether the portal Swayam MOOC imparts in-service training and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has undertaken any assessment of competency of teachers self-qualified under the portal and its impact on teaching standards and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has devised any pre-service and in-service training for improving quality of teachers in schools?

Opening of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

†2125. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to open a number of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas all over the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to open some Kendriya and

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Gujarat also; and

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

State Policy Reform Fund

2126. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether FICCI has recommended an increase in fund allocation in several aspects of education in the current year, including creation of a ₹ 1,000 crore State Policy Reform Fund to incentivise States for better implementation of measures such as merit-based teacher recruitment and promotions in schools; and

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

National Teacher Training Institutes

†2127. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to establish National Teacher Training Institutes across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government also proposes to establish such an institute in Gujarat; and

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

Smart schools in Uttar Pradesh

2128. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of schools upgraded as smart schools under the

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Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of upgradation works carried out in primary and upper primary schools in the villages, so far; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the quality of education in such schools?

Private universities

2129. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recognised/ private universities in the country, at present;

(b) whether a number of proposals to open more private universities in the country are pending and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of criteria to open new private university?

Status of IIM, Amritsar

2130. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Amritsar whose foundation stone was laid in June, 2016;

(b) whether the project is running on time;

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

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

Reservation for SC/ST students in universities

2131. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of SC/ST students that are studying in higher education in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of seats reserved for SC/ST students in universities under Central Government, University and State-wise?

Value education at schools

2132. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: DR. AMEE YAJNIK: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that value education at schools is not taught effectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking steps to ensure effective value based education in school curriculum; and

(d) if so, Government's response in this regard along with the details thereof?

Quality of Mid Day Meal Scheme

2133. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by Government of substandard food quality being provided in Mid Day Meal Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of children hospitalised and died after eating such food across the country during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has announced any compensation to the parents of such children and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Review of Mid Day Meal Scheme

2134. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in the country in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of children and institutions covered under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has noticed misuse of foodgrains and irregularities under the scheme during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Preservation of food for Mid Day Meal Scheme

2135. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that huge quantities of raw and cooked food under Mid Day Meal Scheme is being wasted due to lack of proper preservation facilities during summer; and

(b) whether appropriate cold storage and warehouse facilities would be provided to prevent distribution of rotten food?

Fees of technical institutions

†2136. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any control over the fee charged by private technical institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government takes against such private technical institutions which do not work under the control of Government?

Increase in women literacy

†2137. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women literacy rate before 2014 in the country; and

(b) the details of percentage increase in the rate during the last five years?

Study in India plan

2138. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Study in India plan is under implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the features of the said plan; and

(c) to what extent this enhances the interests of the students of the country to study in the country while their peers study

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in foreign education institutions with advanced syllabus, facilities and employment opportunities?

Need for transparency in collegium system

2139. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent controversy regarding names recommended by the Supreme Court and High Court collegiums underscores the need for transparency in collegium system; and

(b) if so, the proposed remedial measures to be taken and whether there is any contemplation to allow a parliamentary initiative to regulate appointments and conduct of Supreme Court and High Court judges in public interest?

Fast track courts in States trial

2140. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked the State Governments and High Courts to set up Fast Track Courts (FTCs) for speedy trial of cases;

(b) if so, the details of FTCs set up so far, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that in some States FTCs are not being set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to make all State Governments to comply with the Central orders in this regard?

Compulsory voting

†2141. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to boost the percentage of voting and whether Government is proposing to make voting certificates compulsory to avail Government benefits;

(b) the number and details of democratic countries in the world where the system of compulsory voting has been enforced; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action to implement compulsory voting in the country and if so, the details of action taken in this regard, so far?

Retirement age of judges

2142. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to raise the retirement age of High Court judges and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of vacancies of judges in various High Courts in the country and from which date the posts are lying vacant and whether any timeline has been set for filling up the vacant posts, if so, the details thereof?

Increasing retirement age of judges

2143. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of India has asked the Central Government to increase the strength of Supreme Court judges and also to increase their retirement age; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Legislation for prescribing time-limit for disposal of cases

2144. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is bringing any legislation to prescribe maximum time-limit for disposal of cases in various courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether pendency of cases for years together is affecting the judicial process and right to justice of the people?

Constitution of National Court Management System Committee

2145. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Court Management System Committee under the National Court Management Systems (NCMS) has been constituted;

(b) if so, the number of meetings and recommendations given by the committee during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the progress on National Framework of Court Excellence, Case Management System, National System of Judicial Statistics, Court Development Planning System and Human Resource Development Strategy during the last three years?

Anonymous political funding

2146. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to curb anonymous political funding;

(b) the impact of these steps taken;

(c) whether there is a cap on total anonymous political funding per political party;

(d) whether the Ministry has implemented the recommendations of the Law Commission of India made in its 255th Report regarding anonymous political funding; and

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

Cases pending in courts

2147. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH:

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

(a) the number of cases presently pending in courts across the country *vis-a-vis* the number of judges/judicial officers;

(b) whether, as per a recent study of the National Court Management Systems (NCMS), the number of pending cases in courts is likely to go up to 20 crore; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for judicial reforms and also to improve the judge/ population ratio?

e-Courts Mission Mode Project

2148. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of district and subordinate courts in the country, State and district-wise;

(b) when the e-Courts Project was conceived and what were the goals set;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 16,000 district and subordinate courts have been computerized at the end of 2017-18 and, if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) the number of courts in which video conferencing has been operationalized so far, district-wise?

Criminal charges on candidates

2149. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 539 winning candidates of General Elections, 2019 analysed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) survey, as many as 233 MPs or 43 per cent have criminal charges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment and transfer of judges

2150. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procedure adopted for appointment of High Court and Supreme Court of India judges/CJs;

(b) the details of collegium recommendations for appointment of High Court and Supreme Court judges/CJs and transfer of High Court judges/CJs received during the last three years;

(c) the details of procedure adopted by the Ministry after receiving such collegium recommendations; and

(d) the details of collegium recommendations regarding appointment of High Court and Supreme Court judges/CJs and transfer of High Court judges/CJs, pending before the Ministry and the reasons for each such pendency?

Setting up of new courts

2151. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide both financial and technical supports for setting up of new courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one of the reasons for piling up of cases in the States was lack of new courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cases pending in High Court of Gujarat

†2152. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases in the High Court of Gujarat at present and the cases that have been pending for 15 years or more;

(b) whether it is a fact that people in Gujarat are not getting justice in time on account of pending cases;

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the number of judges employed in the High Court of Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise and the shortage of courts experienced along with the details of efforts made to overcome it?

Vacancies in courts

†2153. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

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(a) the number of posts of judges lying vacant in various subordinate courts throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of posts of judges lying vacant in High Courts, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry would ensure to fill the posts before it becomes vacant;

(d) to what extent court proceedings are impacted due to vacant posts of judges; and

(e) whether people have to face delay in justice due to under availability of judges?

Fraudulent law degree from NLIU

2154. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2016 about 200 law students of the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, had obtained their law degree fraudulently with the help of staff and faculty members;

(b) whether it is also a fact that between 1999 to 2016, law degrees were sold for lakhs of rupees by NLIU faculty for declaring failed students as successful;

(c) the details of report of Justice (Retd.) Abhay Gohil Inquiry Committee in this regard; and

(d) the action taken for cancellation of such degrees?

Sanction for prosecution of Government officials

2155. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI is currently awaiting sanction for prosecution of Government officials from certain offices/Ministries;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the period of delay in according sanction; and

(c) by when sanctions are likely to be accorded?

Policy to retire non-performers

2156. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has stepped up a process to identify the deadwood at the top rung of bureaucracy with a view to retire several non-performers during the next few months;

(b) whether there are currently 48 lakh Central Government employees including defence and railway staff with 6 lakh posts lying vacant in various departments; and

(c) whether all the Central PSUs and autonomous bodies have also been instructed to replicate the compulsory retirement policy?

Termination of services on corruption charges

2157. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is determined to crack the whip on corrupt officials by forcing them to opt for pre-mature retirement with a terminal benefit package comprising of three month's salary and gratuity/PF etc.;

(b) if so, the number of such purported corrupt officials who have been identified from the ranks of Income Tax/Customs Officers for such termination from services; and

(c) whether termination of services, even on corruption charges, of persons selected through UPSC could be challenged in a Court of Law?

Recruitment by UPSC

†2158. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of officers being recruited by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is constantly decreasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years; and

(c) the reasons behind the decreasing number of officers being recruited by UPSC, the details thereof?

Registration of complaints of corruption

†2159. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is receiving complaints of corruption and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, department-wise and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether Government is making efforts to simplify the procedures for registration of complaints of corruption and spread awareness on the issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any efforts have been made by Government to reduce corruption and if so, the details thereof?

Representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in Central Government Services

2160. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in Central Government Services

is quite less as compared to the percentage of reservation for them;

(b) if so, the current status thereof, Ministry/Department-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether several Ministries/Departments have failed to submit Annual Returns about their representation in services within prescribed time-limit;

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

(e) whether there is an urgent need for linking the release of funds of Ministries/Departments subject to filling up of backlog vacancies; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Vacancies in CAT

2161. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1222 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 2018 and to state:

(a) the details of current status of recruitment to posts of judicial and administrative members in Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT); and

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

Officers selected by UPSC

†2162. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of officers selected by Union Public Service Commission all across the country and the number of

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officers belonging to general category, Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes among them;

(b) whether quota of reservation provided in the constitution for the Other Backward Classes, Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes has been fully utilised and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-selection of officers as per the provisions of reservation?

Guidelines against corrupt and non-performing employees

2163. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued guidelines to all departments, Banks, Public Sector Undertakings to review service records of employees to weed out corrupt and non-performing employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and details of personnel along with the department from which they have been compulsorily retired during the last two months; and

(d) the details of provisions made to ensure that the guidelines are not misused?

Approved Promotion Quota Vis-a-Vis Actual Incumbency in IAS Cadres

2164. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between "Approved Promotion Quota" and "Actual Incumbency" in the IAS Cadres for all the States;

(b) the reasons for this gap; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up this gap?

Gap between DRQ and Actual Incumbency

2165. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between "approved DRQ (Direct Recruitment Quota)" and "Actual Incumbency" in the IAS Cadres for all the States;

(b) the reasons for this gap; and

(c) steps being taken to fill up this gap?

Functions of NITI Aayog

2166. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of changes made in the planning process after conversion of Planning Commission into NITI Aayog;

(b) the details of the functions of NITI Aayog in comparison to the Planning Commission; and

(c) the details of allocations made to NITI Aayog by Government during the last three years?

Elimination of poverty

†2167. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poverty is increasing due to inequality, dual education

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policy and lack of opportunities prevalent in the society;

(b) since when the parameters for determining poverty line have not been changed;

(c) the income limit on the basis of which people are considered poor by Government; and

(d) the quantum of funds spent during the last three years on the schemes run for eradication of poverty and the rate of success achieved therefrom?

Districts under Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme

†2168. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts selected for the Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme and total funds allocated during the last two years; and

(b) the details of top performing districts in overall indicators?

Districts identified under Aspirational Districts Programme

2169. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified certain districts under the Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme;

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

(c) the details of criteria for selection of districts under the programme; and

(d) the details regarding focus areas identified under the programme?

Creation of Gaganyaan National Advisory Council

2170. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gaganyaan project is on track to be realized by the 75th Independence day or earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Gaganyaan National Advisory Council has been created with members from different institutions and industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Over estimation of GDP growth rate

2171. SHRI D. RAJA:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the revelation made by the former Chief Economic Adviser, that India's Gross Domestic Product growth rate has been over-estimated by about 2.5 percentage points per year post 2011;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) Government's reaction to his demand for revisiting the methodology for GDP estimation by an independent task force comprising national and international experts?

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Impact of inflated GDP estimation on foreign investment

2172. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GDP estimates from 2011 onwards, as claimed by the former Chief Economic Advisor, were inflated;

(b) if so, on whose instructions this inflation was done and to what extent the consequent high interest regime cost the economy;

(c) if not, whether these claims could affect foreign investment in the country; and

(d) if so, the proposal to undertake confidence building measures?

Exaggeration in the figures of GDP

†2173. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts are of the opinion that Government has exaggerated the figures of GDP from 2011-12 to 2016-17;

(b) the actual figures of GDP during the period and the figures of GDP that the experts have mentioned; and

(c) the details of ups and downs registered in the development of various sectors during this period?

Impact of GST on apparel sector

2174. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of GST has adversely affected the apparel sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for decline in India's textile and apparel sector from \$ 38.60 billion in 2014 to \$ 37.12 billion in 2018 and increase in imports during the same period; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to arrest this trend?

Problems of cotton producers

2175. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cotton producers are suffering from exorbitant cotton rates and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Association of Cotton Producers have submitted a representation to the Ministry to take appropriate action to curtail the rising prices of raw cotton and if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's response to such request; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to rescue the cotton spinning millers in the country?

New schemes for silk sector

2176. SHRI MOHD. ALI KAHN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced new schemes with beneficiary oriented components for promotion of silk sector;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocations made for the scheme and expenditure incurred under the scheme during the last three years?

Placement of student from NIFT

‡2177. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the students completing Post Graduation from NIFT are not getting placements; and

(c) if so, the number of Post Graduate students and the number of students who got placements during the last three years?

Exemption to handloom sector from GST

2178. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would exempt handloom sector from Goods and Services Tax (GST); and

(b) whether the Ministry would reintroduce the scheme "10 per cent rebate on sale of handloom cloth" to boost the marketability of handloom products during festive seasons?

Modernisation of jute mills

‡2179. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single new jute goods manufacturing unit has been set up with the purpose of promoting jute during the last several years;

(b) whether the jute industry is not able to fully utilise its production capacity due to lack of demand of jute in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need to modernise the jute mills set up in the country; and

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

Assistance in export of textile products

2180. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has extended the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme for another year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other measures taken to help the textile sector which is reeling under recession during the last few years; and

(d) the export of textile products to US and European countries during the last three years, year-wise and product-wise?

Promotion of traditional textile-making skills

2181. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to establish well-equipped centres for ensuring the survival of traditional textile-making in different regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the special measures taken to document the traditional textile-making skills in different parts of the country and to promote them commercially?

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Budgetary allocation

2182. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the annual budgetary allocations of ₹ 23 billion and claim sought for around ₹ 18 billion, Government has released a meagre amount of ₹ 3.5 billion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the complicated structure of Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) has made it one of India's least preferred subsidy schemes; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Bhiwandi loom mills

2183. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of Bhiwandi loom mill owners' situation due to demonetisation and implementation of GST and if so, the details of mills functioning since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the measures taken to provide relief to 2.5 lakh loom workers who lost their jobs and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any budget has been allocated to provide aid for the industry's recovery and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of policies implemented to reduce the burden of demonetisation and GST and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Employment in textile industry

2184. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile industry is the second largest source of employment in the country;

(b) the details of labour force engaged in private and Government controlled textile mills during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government's labour welfare schemes are equally implemented in both the sectors and if so, the details thereof?

Works for upliftment of tribal people

†2185. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of works undertaken by the Ministry for the upliftment of tribal people of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha during the last three years and the details of changes brought in their lives with these efforts?

Reservation and other benefits to Primitive Tribe Groups

†2186. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of reservation and other benefits given to the people of Primitive Tribes Groups (PVTGs) who have been converted to any other religion;

(b) whether any special facilities are given to such people and if so, under which provisions of the constitution of India/law; and

(c) whether it is appropriate to continue to give such facilities to such people if it is not enforceable under the constitution/law?

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Expansion of Tribal Sub-Plan

†2187. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of expansion of the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) areas as notified in the schedule of the Constitution, on the basis of Census, 2011;

(b) if so, the places where such expansion has been done during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of parameters specified for expansion of TSP areas; and

(d) whether Government proposes to expand the TSP areas for faster development of tribal areas and if so, by when?

Development and Welfare Board for nomadic and semi-nomadic communities

2188. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Development and Welfare Board for nomadic and semi-nomadic communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the approximate population of denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the programmes proposed under the new board?

Expenditure incurred on development of tribal areas

2189. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred by Government for the development of tribal areas in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether special attention has been given to the cultural conservation of tribal population during that period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred during that period and if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare schemes for tribals

2190. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total tribal population in the country at present, State-wise and tribe-wise;

(b) the details of welfare schemes/programmes under implementation for the development of tribals and the number of beneficiaries availing benefits thereunder, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the implementation of these schemes/programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the budgetary allocations made and funds utilised during each of the last three years, scheme/programme-wise and State-wise?

Displacement of tribal people

2191. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of tribal people are being displaced as a result of various construction/development projects;

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(b) if so, whether Government maintains any data in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

Notified STs in Delhi

†2192. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no notified list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Delhi and they are being deprived of special benefits they are entitled to and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to resolve this issue; and

(c) whether the migrant population in Delhi is facing extreme difficulties in registering themselves as Scheduled Tribes and if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Annual budget for Eklavya Model Residential Schools

†2193. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual budget allocated for the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) during the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any survey to ascertain the extent of fund utilisation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the quantum of funds required for the development and promotion of education in tribal dominated areas could not be allocated under this scheme; and

(d) if so, whether Government would provide the required funds for implementation of this scheme?

Measures for safety of women at workplace

2194. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken cognizance of the growing number of cases of sexual harassment of women at workplace and other areas; and

(d) the other measures taken by Government to ensure the safety and well being of women at workplace?

Crime against children

2195. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to get the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019 passed which has been pending in the Parliament from quite sometime now and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether Government is taking any significant steps to spread an awareness in rural areas about the significant social problem of child sexual abuse which was historically denied by both the public and clinicians; and

(c) whether Government has taken note of the sharp increase in the number of crimes

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against children in the country and the backlog of cases thereon?

Formation of STF as per BBBP guidelines

2196. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have formed the State Task Force (STF) headed by Chief Secretary to coordinate the Multi-Sectoral implementation of the Scheme as per the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) guidelines, 2019;

(b) by when the District Level Task Force and Block Level Committees would be set up for implementation of the Scheme as per the BBBP guidelines; and

(c) the details of amount spent by the Ministry for the above mentioned scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

Support to women abandoned by husbands

2197. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information regarding the number of women who are abandoned by their husbands every year;

(b) the breakup of women belonging to the Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh and Parsi religion; and

(c) the support Government plans to provide to such women?

Unutilised money under ICDS scheme

2198. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any money meant for malnourished children under ICDS scheme remains unutilized by various States during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

Child malnutrition level

2199. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the level of child malnutrition, State-wise; and

(b) the details of money allocated for the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

Committee for investigation of allegations of sexual harassment

2200. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of recent allegations of sexual harassment made by many women from various industries;

(b) whether Government plans to set up a committee to investigate those allegations as well as any allegations that may be made in future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government plans to set up a special court for speedy disposal of sexual harassment allegations?

Death of children due to hunger

2201. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of nearly 1.5 million children who die in a year, nearly 3,00,000 die every year because of hunger;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any study on prevalence of hunger, starvation and malnutrition in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making the country hunger free?

Child Health and Nutrition Mission

2202. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Child Health and Nutrition Mission or Nutrition Campaign in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has received any information regarding the challenges faced by people in adopting the Mission; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Posts vacant in Anganwadi Centres

2203. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are vacant in Anganwadi Centres throughout the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to fill up these posts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various associations/unions of Anganwadi Workers have threatened to close down their Anganwadi Centres if their demands are not met;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve the condition of Anganwadi Centres in various parts of the country?

Orphanages in Maharashtra

2204. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of orphanages presently operating in Maharashtra and the number of inmates living therein as on date, district-wise;

(b) whether Government provides Central funds to the State Government for supporting the orphanages in the State and for implementing welfare measures for the unfortunate orphans; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Probe of children shelter homes

2205. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent probe of shelter homes for children in various parts of the country, it has been found that corporal punishment to children in such shelter homes is a routine matter and given without any fear of law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken or proposes to take to save the inmates of such shelter homes from corporal punishments and sexual abuse?

Registration of child care institutions

2206. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the ratio of children available for adoption to parents interested is as low as 1:10;

(b) whether it is a fact that registration of about 4,000 child care institutions with CARA is still pending; and

(c) the steps being taken to speed up the process of mandatory registration to increase the opportunities for more and more children to get a family?

Empowerment of women

2207. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA:
MS. SAROJ PANDEY:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to implement different projects for empowerment of women; and

(b) the steps taken by Government during the last five years towards women empowerment and the details of improvement recorded as a result of these initiatives?

Status report on malnutrition of children

2208. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether malnutrition of children is the main cause of several life threatening diseases in States;

(b) if so, whether Government has any status report on malnutrition of children in each State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken for containing malnutrition in children and women in each State?

Positive result of BBBP scheme

†2209. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been positive and encouraging result of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme;

(b) if so, whether any such study has been conducted by Government which shows improvement in status before and after the implementation of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government would initiate any new scheme for the education of girls along with their empowerment in case the current scheme gives better results and shows improvement in sex-ratio?

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Monitoring of Anganwadi Centres

2210. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering effective monitoring of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across the country through digitisation;

(b) if so, the extent to which digitisation has been achieved, State-wise;

(c) the proposed timeline and the strategies implemented under this project, State-wise; and

(d) the details of initiatives taken by Government and the State Governments to improve nutrition, literacy and numeracy in Anganwadi Centres?

Security of women

2211. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken for security of women during the last three years;

(b) whether these steps are sufficient; and

(c) if not, Government's reaction thereto?

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Diversion of funds released for BBBP

2212. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds released for Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme during the last 5 years have been diverted into wasteful activities such as inaugurations and promotion and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the productivity of this scheme; and

(c) whether the steps have ensured that the benefits are reaching to the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of National Creche Scheme

2213. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proportion of women engaged primarily in domestic duties has increased during 2004-05 and 2011-12 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any child-care subsidies are provided by Government to mothers;

(c) the status of implementation of the National Creche Scheme; and

(d) whether delayed and non-existent payments from the States have prompted many creche to shut down across the country and if so, the details thereof?

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
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