

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

Stoppage of Uranium exploration in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2721. SHRI DHARMAPURI

SRINIVAS:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a serious protest against Uranium mining taking place in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh and in the State of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

Agreement with Kazakhstan for supply of Uranium

2722. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement

has been signed by India with Kazakhstan for supply of 5,000 tonnes of Uranium to India to its nuclear plants;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Uranium is expected to reach India this year; and

(d) the status of Uranium supplies from other countries such as Canada, Argentina, Namibia, etc.?

Status of WiFi in villages through GramNet

2723. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR

SABLE:

SHRI SYED NASIR

HUSSAIN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of providing WiFi in all the villages across the country through GramNet, specially in Karnataka;

(b) the number of villages where Government has already provided the

aforementioned services, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether any private agencies are involved as intermediaries or implementing agencies in the process and if so, the details thereof?

Decline in telecom sector's Adjusted Gross Revenue

2724. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the below cost pricing in the telecom sector continues to take its toll with the industry's Adjusted Gross Revenue declining by 7.4 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the period from January to March, 2018 was the industry's worst performance in the last five years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the declining tariffs have also impacted the industry's average revenue per user; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring of service providers

2725. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has received complaints of subscribers against telecom service providers during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, service provider-wise;

(b) whether the service providers have been found guilty in addressing the complaints of subscribers in an effective and time bound manner in such complaints, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the TRAI has any

mechanism to monitor the efforts taken by the service providers in addressing the grievances of subscribers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) other corrective steps taken by Government in this direction?

Status of Central Equipment Identity Register

2726. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is building the proposed Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR), if so, the details of the current status;

(b) whether any pilot project has been undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings/results of the pilot project;

(d) the details of the various institutions which will get access to CEIR;

(e) whether any private entity will gain access to CEIR; and

(f) whether a framework similar to CEIR exist in any other country, if so, the details thereof?

Charging of royalty from telecom companies

2727. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how much royalty Government charges to telecom companies for usage of network;

(b) whether it can be given to telecom companies for free of charge;

(c) if so, then for what period and under what circumstances; and

(d) whether Government has given it free to any companies, if so, to which companies, the reasons therefor and for how much period?

Penalty for call drops

2728. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that call drops in mobile telephony is a serious problem in Delhi and other places, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any penalty has been imposed on service providers for deficiency in services; and

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

Poor mobile connectivity of MTNL and BSNL

†2729. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the poor mobile connectivity and other services being provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in different parts of the country;

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

(c) whether Government has formulated any institutional mechanism and system to redress the complaints registered against BSNL and MTNL in relation to degradation in their services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality of mobile services

2730. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mobile operators have added many millions of subscribers during the year 2018-19;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the growth in mobile subscriptions has been constant during the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite taking several measures, the quality in mobile services has not picked up and the subscribers continue to face call drops and signals related problems; and

(d) if so, the steps further proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

Allocation of 6,000 MHz spectrum for 5G services

2731. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of 6000 MHz spectrum for 5G services would enhance mobile data speed in India by up to 50 per cent compared with the current level;

(b) whether Government is taking strong initiative to make spectrum available for new service;

(c) whether it is a fact that as much as 2354.55 MHz of frequencies valued to about ₹ 5.63 lakh crore were put for grabs in country's largest ever auction held in 2016;

(d) whether mobile phone signals in the country are transmitted in 8000 MHz to 2600 MHz band at present; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Review of Telecom Regulator's
recommendations**

2732. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has realized that comprehensive review on issues like spectrum auctions, reserve prices to give relief to telecoms, sale of all spectrums, benefits of 5G to social sectors, etc. is essential;

(b) if so, what action Government proposes to take;

(c) whether the minimum price bracket suggested by TRAI for auction of 5G services is unrealistic and very high in comparison to other countries and many private players are not likely to participate in the auction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action Government proposes to take in larger interest?

**Banking services in Post Offices of
rural areas**

2733. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Post Offices in the country which have been providing the services of India Post Payments Bank;

(b) whether a large number of Post Offices in rural areas are yet to start their banking services; and

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

**Non-compliance of service quality
norms**

2734. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had issued 26 orders for fines on pesky calls in 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the TRAI had issued 50 orders over non-compliance of service quality norms and for delay in submission of compliance report of service quality; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the TRAI is yet to receive the fine imposed on these accounts from the service providers?

Availability of 6000 MHz of spectrum

2735. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5G Committee had said that about 6000 MHz of spectrum can be made available without delay for the next generation mobile services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said availability of spectrum can lead to India's largest ever spectrum allocation for a service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Infrastructure projects in North
Eastern States**

†2736. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure

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development related work approved under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme during the last five years and the region-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of works amongst them that have completed till date and by when the remaining projects are likely to be completed; and

(c) the financial expenditure incurred by Government thereon and the amount likely till date to be spent for infrastructure development of States by 2022?

Examining vulnerability of WhatsApp user

2737. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's cyber watchdog CERT-In had asked its emergency response team to examine the vulnerability of the WhatsApp user that could be exploited by a remote attacker to execute an arbitrary code;

(b) whether WhatsApp users' accounts are globally breached by spyware and whether India has expressed concerns over the safety of the app;

(c) whether Government has seen the expose of Chief of Telegram App alleging that WhatsApp exposes its user to serious vulnerabilities; and

(d) if so, Government's comments thereon?

Promoting 'Assembled in India' tag on giant companies

2738. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any action to promote the tag 'Assembled in India' on various globally famous electronic equipments/giants like Apple products, Foxconn, etc. on the lines of China; and

(b) if so, the actions taken by Government to facilitate the 'Assembled in India' tag on the lines of China which tags Apple I-phones as 'designed in California and assembled in China'?

Linking of voters with Aadhaar Card

2739. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to connect all the voters of the country with Aadhaar Card so that a voter list for various elections can be prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider to encourage voters to cast their votes by their thumb impression instead of a voter slip in order to make it paperless to ensure that bogus voting is prevented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber attacks in the country

2740. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyber attacks on India are rapidly going up from 49,000 in 2015 to 53,000 in 2017 and 60,000 in 2018;

(b) status of cyber attacks on India till November, 2019;

(c) whether it is also a fact that reporting of cyber attacks in the country is too low and if one takes this into account, the figures would be much more;

(d) details of sectors on which there are more cyber attacks; and

(e) which are the major countries from which India is facing cyber attacks and what firewalls the Ministry has set to thwart them?

New rules to regulate social media intermediaries

2741. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with new rules to regulate social media intermediaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new Information Technology Intermediaries Guidelines (Amendment) Rules would be notified by January 15, 2020; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Reporting of cyber security incidents to CERT-In

2742. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether reporting of cyber security

incidents to Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is mandatory;

(b) what are the actions taken by CERT-In for failure to report cyber security incidents;

(c) the month-wise details of cyber security incidents reported to CERT-In over the past three years; and

(d) the month-wise details of the number of cases resolved by CERT-In?

Software obtained from Pegasus

2743. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has obtained any software from Pegasus; and

(b) if so, how much money Government has paid to the company?

Manufacturing of TV sets

2744. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will soon become the largest country in the world, where every household has a television set, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has removed 5 per cent custom duty on open cell TV panel which is used in manufacturing of television sets such as LED TVs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move will help to reduce the price of TV as it would lower the input costs for TV makers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to encourage the companies for manufacturing in India under 'Make in India' initiative?

Digital Payment Abhiyaan

2745. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS
(RETD.):

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a nationwide awareness campaign 'Digital Payment Abhiyaan';

(b) if so, the details, aims and the objectives thereof;

(c) whether the country is expected to witness fastest growth in digital payments transaction across the world and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures taken by Government to encourage digital transaction and promote digital economy/literacy, especially in rural areas of the country; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for ensuring safety and security of digital transactions?

National Blockchain Policy

2746. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by the Ministry to regulate the usage of Blockchain Technology within the country;

(b) whether the Ministry is working on a National Blockchain Policy; and

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

Withdrawal of WhatsApp security vulnerability warning from the CERT-In website

2747. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WhatsApp Ltd. had informed Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) about the security vulnerability in May, 2019 which allowed the Pegasus software which allowed unauthorised monitoring to be installed on users phones *via* the phone and video call function;

(b) if so, what action was taken by the Ministry to intimate the public at large about such security loophole and reasons why the warning on the CERT-In website regarding the same was taken down on 2nd November, 2019; and

(c) if no action was taken, the reasons therefor?

Policies on non-personal data

2748. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of Experts have been constituted to study and recommend policies on non-personal data;

(b) the details of this Committee;

(c) what all data sets does Government consider to constitute non-personal data; and

(d) whether Government would respect the protection to proprietorial data and commercial data as protected by the WTO and the Intellectual Property Rights?

Slow down in electronics sector

‡2749. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to take any step in anticipation of slowdown in electronics sector;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action in this regard till now; and

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

Non-Personal Data Governance Framework

2750. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has formed a Committee on Non-Personal Data Governance Framework, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry will hold a public consultation for framing the policies on non-personal data; and

(c) whether the Ministry plans to sell non-personal data belonging to various Government Departments?

International level data centres

2751. LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has international level data centres and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these centres have data

security arrangement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has mandated any standards for data security and data capacity creation in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, along with the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Development of super computer

2752. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed super computer in the country at par with other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would take steps to recruit talented students on premium salary as recruited by other international recruiters;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy governing social media platform

2753. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to implement any law/policy on governing the use of social media platforms, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure privacy protection of citizens and official accounts/websites of Government on the social media application?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Social media platforms using biased algorithms

2754. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is an increasing trend about social media platforms using biased algorithms to suppress, deny, amplify, not amplify certain conversations violating Article 19(1) of the Constitution that guarantees freedom of expression;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner Government propose to hold algorithms of social media platforms accountable, considering the fact that use of automated decision systems such as machine learning and artificial intelligence is increasing everywhere; and

(d) details of steps taken by Government to ensure a legal framework to check that algorithmic bias does not fetter freedom of expression on internet?

Khalistani supporters in Canada

2755. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the increasing activities of Khalistani supporters among the Indians in Canada;

(b) if so, whether the issue has been taken up with Canadian Government, if so, their response; and

(c) whether Indian community, particularly Sikh community has been alerted against such anti-India elements among them?

Foreign trips of dignitaries

2756. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign trips undertaken by the President of India, the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister during each of the last five years and the current year;

(b) the details of foreign dignitaries who visited India during the last five years and the current year, country-wise;

(c) the total amount of funds spent by Government on the said visits; and

(d) the details of the benefits accrued to India by these visits as a result thereof?

Illegal occupation of land by China and Pakistan

2757. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan occupied Kashmir has been illegally occupied by self-governing administration of Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that China has also illegally acquired Indian territory from Pakistan occupied Kashmir under so called China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Visit of Prime Minister of Bangladesh

2758. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Central Ministers or even Central Government bureaucrats were there to receive the Prime Minister of Bangladesh during her recent visit to India in November, 2019; and

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

Mining activities by China in Arunachal Pradesh

2759. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China was conducting mining activity close to the border with Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has taken up this issue with the Chinese Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Passport Seva Kendras in Odisha

2760. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to open and operate more number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Odisha so as to facilitate the people in getting and renewing passports and other related services;

(b) if so, in which places these PSKs are proposed to be opened/operated; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the existing number of PSKs are

enough to meet the passport services of people?

International support against BRI

2761. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to mobilize international support to oppose the China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), particularly China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to make international community realise that the project is not a mutually beneficial project to Pakistan and China but only benefit China;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Visit of Sri Lankan President to India

2762. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any talk with the President of Sri Lanka about improving Indo-Sri Lanka relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Sri Lankan President is expected to visit India in the near future;

(d) if so, whether Government would take up the issue of giving justice to Sri Lankan Tamils who were victims in their own land, for the last 30 years;

(e) whether the issue of devolution of powers to the Northern and Eastern provinces and rehabilitation of Sri Lankan Tamils were discussed or to be discussed; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Implementation of EWS quota
recruitment of faculty of
Central Universities**

2763. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE
THAKUR:
SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the
introduction of Economically Weaker
Section (EWS) quota in the recruitment of
faculty members in Central Universities, a
serious discrepancy has occurred leading
to non-eligibility of candidates in these
quotas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an
applicant who possesses the experience
required for these posts cannot come under
the income requirement of EWS quota as
he would be drawing more salary; and

(c) whether it is leading to all such
vacancies remaining vacant, if so, the
measures being taken by Government to
resolve the issue?

**Delay in payment of pensionary
benefits to retired Kendriya
Vidyalaya teachers**

2764. SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many retired
Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers have still not
got their pensionary benefits;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cash

crunch being faced by the nodal Ministry
is the cause for delay in giving pensionary
benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

†2765. SHRI NARANBHAI J.
RATHWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering
to increase the number of Kendriya
Vidyalayas in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
places where Kendriya Vidyalayas are
functioning presently in Gujarat, location-
wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Establishment of new Central and
private universities**

†2766. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the
Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether new Central universities
and private universities have been set up in
the country since 2014 till date;

(b) if so, the number of such universities
that have been/are being set up and the
States where these universities have been
set up; and

(c) the number of new students likely
to get graduate and post-graduate degrees
every year after setting up of these
universities?

**Creating an interface among Central
universities**

†2767. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the efforts being made to promote an interface among various central universities towards enhancing the quality of academia;

(b) whether there is any apex body to promote academic interface among central universities; and

(c) if not, whether any initiative would be taken by Government, in this regard?

Steps taken to resolve the problem of fee hike in JNU

†2768. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA
UIKEY:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the details of steps taken to resolve the problems of students of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in view of their protests against the increase of fees under various heads;

(b) the outcome of high level committee and highly empowered committee constituted to look into the demands of students in JNU; and

(c) the details thereof?

Fee hike in State run institutes

2769. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that several State run institutions such as JNU, IITs, etc. are proposing and implementing fee hikes;

(b) whether the Ministry is of the opinion that education must be made more affordable rather than expensive;

(c) whether the Ministry has initiated a survey of proportion/rate at which the hikes have been administered; and

(d) whether the Ministry has sought any recommendations on upper limit of one time fee hike?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in rural areas

†2770. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to provide education to the rural children in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, by when Kendriya Vidyalayas would be opened in all the Development Blocks of the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women participation in STEM institutes

2771. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether women account for only 14 per cent of the 2.8 lakh scientists in R&D institutions with India having the largest cohort in world of such scientists aged less than 30 years of which about half are women;

(b) whether there is no dearth of women teaching science and maths in schools and colleges and whether there is a decline in their participation at the doctoral and professional stages; and

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(c) plans to encourage women in pursuing their studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), to enable India build its potential firepower in knowledge economy?

Establishment of new IIMs

2772. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new IIMs established during the last four years and its details thereof;

(b) details of the funding of these new IIMs and the time line of operationalization of these new IIMs from their permanent new campuses; and

(c) the schemes and scholarships being offered to students in these new IIMs and the details thereof?

Rate of literacy and empowering women

2773. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) rate of literacy in rural areas especially amongst women; and

(b) measures taken by Government to ensure and increase the rate of literacy amongst women in rural areas?

Conduct of courses to promote youths of the country

2774. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of stream which are most popular option among students as per

latest All India Survey for Higher Education;

(b) whether Government proposes to promote higher education and research in country especially Science and Engineering;

(c) if so, various courses being conducted to promote youths of country at present alongwith details;

(d) details of grants and funds released for advancement of the same;

(e) whether Government has framed any directive to provide financial support to students who are pursuing Ph.D/research in private and Government colleges details thereof; and

(f) other steps taken to develop world class research facilities in the country to promote research?

Implementation of reservation in Central Educational Institutions

2775. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry/UGC are considering any proposals for making the failure to implement the reservation in Central Education Institutes (CEIs) by university administration officials a punishable misconduct, and/or for making the funding of the CEIs contingent upon their success in proper implementation of the reservation policies (filling all the reserved seats);

(b) whether IIM, Ahmedabad did not notify reserved seats for its Ph.D programme in 2019, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry/UGC have taken any step to ensure proper implementation of reservation policies in CEIs, if so, the details thereof?

Data on Gross Enrolment Ratio

2776. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) most recent gender and State-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio figures at school level across the country;

(b) State-wise details of total budgetary allocation and actual funds disbursed under Mid Day Meal Scheme for last three years;

(c) details of total expenditure on education including amount as well as percentage of total expenditure of concerned departments during last four years;

(d) details of total expenditure on education by Centre including amount as well as percentage of total expenditure of Centre during last four years; and

(e) total expenditure on education by Centre as well as States as a percentage of GDP for last four years?

Schemes implemented by Ministry in Rajasthan

2777. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) whether there are any schemes which have not been implemented by the State Government of Rajasthan; and

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

Holistic development of children through child centric study

2778. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the importance of child-centred pedagogy, play-way methods and holistic development as critical elements of growth of child;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government in this regard including the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken any studies in this regard, if so, details thereof?

Setting up of Schools of Planning and Architecture

2779. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is pursuing the announcement made in February, 2018 to establish 18 new Schools of Planning and Architecture as autonomous institutions within the IITs for providing quality education to the students willing to opt architecture as profession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what progress has so far been made towards setting up of the announced institutions within IITs; and

(d) whether any time-line has been fixed to start functioning of new Schools of Planning and Architecture as an adjunct to IITs, especially in Mumbai?

Teacher vacancy in IITs

†2780. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA
UIKEY:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number
of posts of teachers are lying vacant in Indian
Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the
country;

(b) the number of vacant posts of
teachers in Indian Institutes of Technology
against their sanctioned posts along with
the institute-wise details of vacant posts;

(c) the details of the steps taken to fill
such vacant posts during the last five years;
and

(d) the number of contractual teachers
working in Indian Institutes of Technology?

**Enrolment in Ph.D programmes in
the country**

2781. SHRI MD. NADIMUL
HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students enrolled
in Ph.D programmes in the country;

(b) the number of these students
enrolled in central universities; and

(c) the details of number of students
who have gone abroad at different levels of
higher education during the last three years?

Employment of workforce

2782. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by 2020
India will reportedly have around 116
million workers in the age group of 20 to
24 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action
plan being formulated by Government for
the employment of this workforce?

Objective of the New Education Policy

2783. SHRI MANAS RANJAN
BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to
introduce the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the main objective of the New
Education Policy; and

(c) whether Government has taken
views and opinions of all the State
Governments for the New Education
Policy?

**Mandatory installations of air
purifiers in Government schools**

2784. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to
install air purifiers in all Government
schools in the major polluted cities to save
the school children from air pollution;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal to
issue such directives to the private schools
as well?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Establishing new NITs

2785. DR. SANTANU SEN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in various States of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the funds allocated for the same?

Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Odisha

2786. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal/proposed to open more number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha;

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

(c) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas presently functioning in Odisha?

New Pension Scheme in KVs

2787. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite Government's order regarding increase in monthly Government contribution from 10 per cent to 14 per cent under the New Pension Scheme (NPS), many Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are not adhering to it;

(b) if so, the details thereof of KVs in Delhi Region;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there have been regular complaints regarding mismanagement of NPS in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

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

Financial assistance schemes for students

2788. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the financial assistance schemes provided to the students;

(b) the details of the impact assessment of these schemes;

(c) the details of the number of students of research and entrepreneurship availing such schemes; and

(d) the efforts taken by the Department of Higher Education to promote these schemes to have a large number of students benefitting out of it?

Imparting soft skills to college graduates

†2789. 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 impart soft skills to graduates at universities and colleges;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Imparting education in Telugu language in schools

2790. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that in contravention to the provisions of Section 29(2) (f) of the RTE Act, State Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to convert all Telugu medium Government schools to English medium;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to impart education particularly elementary education in Telugu medium;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation criteria for Delhi University

†2791. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that admissions to reserved seats have not been made as per the ratio of increased number of admissions made, than the stipulated numbers of seats in the current session in the University of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not increasing the number of seats in reserved category in the same ratio as per the rules of reservation?

SC/ST reservation in teaching and non-teaching cadre

2792. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the UGC instruction to implement SC/ST reservation in the teaching and non-teaching cadre, if so, the details of action taken;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the above instruction is applicable in the case of minority status institution, if so, the details thereof and the action taken report thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Minority institutions across the country

2793. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of aided and recognized schools in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of criteria for giving the status of minority institution;

(c) the details and number of schools recognized as minority institution, State-wise; and

(d) the name and details of schools enjoying minority status in Kerala till date?

SC/ST faculty members at Delhi University

2794. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the total number of faculty members at Delhi University;

(b) the total number of SC/ST faculty members at Delhi University; and

(c) an institute-wise list of the same?

Establishing educational institutions at par with global standards

†2795. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of systematic measures taken for the establishment of secondary, senior secondary and excellent educational institutions including technical institutions in reference to education for employment and to cater to the concept of best educational institutions at par with global standards and to achieve the target of existing and upcoming technical-industrial requirements; and

(b) the State-wise details of 20 world class educational institutes including in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

Employment of educated youth

†2796. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise reasons, if any, for not getting employment for the youth who have received technical, postgraduate and doctorate education as per their education level, in the country; and

(b) the actual/estimated number of such unemployed people?

Sports qualifications of staff appointed in Jamia Millia Islamia University

2797. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 565 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st November, 2019 and state:

(a) the details of the sports qualifications of Sports Director, Chairman, Sports Admission Committee and Vice-Chancellor's nominee to Sports Admission Committee in Jamia Millia Islamia University;

(b) whether sports qualifications of above authorities dealing with admission under admission quota have been verified;

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

(d) whether the Vice-Chancellor of University has received representation/complaints regarding irregularities in admission under sports quota during 2019-20 from various quarters including MPs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon, case-wise?

Complaints against Principals of KVs

2798. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints of harassment and irregularities against Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas received to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan during the years 2018 and 2019 till date along with the action taken thereon, State-wise;

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(b) whether Government/KVS has received complaints of harassment/irregularities against Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya Palampur, Himachal Pradesh during the years 2018 and 2019; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon, complaint-wise?

Reservation policy in Manipur University

2799. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any separate reservation policy applicable in central universities for admissions and appointments in North Eastern States particularly in Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, then what policy is currently being followed there and its details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Manipur University is not following the Central Reservation Policy;

(e) if so, the details of reservation policy; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Seats in Central Schools of Rajasthan

2800. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats in Central Schools in Rajasthan;

(b) the students enrolled against these seats;

(c) whether Government is considering increasing seats in Central Schools in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are any vacancies in the posts of teacher in Central Schools in Rajasthan;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with reasons for such vacancies;

(f) whether Government has taken any steps to fill up the vacant posts of teachers in Central Schools in Rajasthan; and

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

Establishing JNVs in newly carved districts of Telangana

2801. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Telangana has requested Union Government to set up Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the newly carved districts to meet the demands to help poor families; and

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

National Institutes in Telangana

2802. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telangana State has requested to set up IIM, IIT in Karim Nagar, IISER and other national premier institutes, post bifurcation of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made with funds spent so far?

Rising dropout rates in schools

†2803. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA
UIKEY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the majority of parents prefer to send their children to private schools instead of Government run schools;

(b) the details of the boy/girl students having left their school education midway (dropouts) during the last three years, in the country;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the reasons responsible for cases of dropouts; and

(d) the schemes being implemented to promote the school education and the expenditure made under said scheme during the last three years and outcome thereof?

Addition of skill development in school curriculum

2804. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes the addition of skill development in school curriculum beyond VIII standard;

(b) if so, the steps taken and the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to introduce lessons on GST, basic law tenets and on the harmful impact of internet addiction and cyber ethics;

(d) whether there are any specific programmes out of these being implemented in different States, State-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

UGC guidelines for filling up faculty vacancies

2805. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of guidelines issued by the UGC to various institutions to fill up 3 lakh vacancies within a stipulated period of six months;

(b) details of teaching vacancies in various educational institutions and steps taken by the Ministry to fill in the vacancies in a time-bound manner; and

(c) present status of recruitment in various institutions, State-wise and institution-wise?

Actual allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

2806. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the actual allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)/Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan remain far below the resource estimates made by the Ministry in 2018-19;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the resource estimates made by the Ministry and the actual allocation of funds for SSA/Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan?

Allocation to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and utilization of funds

2807. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is underutilization of

funds allocated to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)/Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the year-wise details of the funds allocated and funds utilized for SSA/Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan during the last five years?

Exclusion of private sector from school education

2808. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government propose to keep education subject completely in its hand to promote national integration among the children avoiding private schools and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to completely remove private sector from education at primary and higher levels in the country in future?

Separate toilets for boys and girls in schools

2809. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of number of co-educational schools in Government and private sectors in Maharashtra;

(b) whether all these schools have separate toilets for boys and girls;

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

(d) whether Government proposes to provide separate toilets for boys and girls in all the schools of the State; and

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

Identification of Educationally Backward Districts

2810. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

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

(a) whether Government has identified some Educationally Backward Districts in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to enhance the level of education in Educationally Backward Districts;

(c) whether Government has reviewed the progress made through the said initiative; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Procedure for recruitment of staff in universities/colleges

2811. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure of recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in universities/colleges;

(b) whether it is a fact that recruited teaching and non-teaching staff get 11 months as a probationer;

(c) if so, whether after completion of probation period he/she automatically gets eligible to continue in the service;

(d) whether Government proposes any move to modify this process for the recruitment of teaching/non-teaching staff; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Board of Governors in higher education institutions

2812. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all Government funded higher education institutions must form a Board of Governors (BoG) by 2020;

(b) if so, whether the first such BoG shall be constituted by the existing apex governance body with membership as specified in the National Education Policy; and

(c) what will be the tenure of all new members?

Adoption of different academic calendars by the universities

2813. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that universities in the country are adopting different academic calendars of their own without any National uniformity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has issued any instructions to the universities to follow strict academic calendar?

Reservation policies in universities for contractual employees

†2814. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compliance

to reservation policy is not being followed by the Ministry in central universities in the appointments on contractual basis as a result of which the number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes is negligible in the appointments on such posts;

(b) whether the Ministry would ensure compliance to reservation policy in the appointments on contractual basis; and

(c) the category-wise details of the appointments made on contractual basis in Ministries and central universities during the last five years?

Uniform education system throughout the country

†2815. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes for a uniform education system throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether uniform education is being imparted in Government and private schools;

(d) if so, the time that would be taken to implement this uniformity in the country; and

(e) whether any policy has been formulated for the admission of poor students in private schools, if so, the details thereof?

Anganwadi workers trained in ECCE

2816. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pre-schools

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operational, management-wise and State-wise, as per the most recent data available;

(b) in light of the proposals of the draft New Education Policy (NEP), the number of Anganwadi workers trained in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) till 2018-19, State-wise;

(c) the approximate cost and time period for training an Anganwadi worker to impart quality ECCE;

(d) the current pupil-teacher ratio in pre-schools, management-wise and State-wise, as per the most recent data available;

(e) the desired pupil-teacher ratio for all pre-schools; and

(f) the approximate cost of quality learning materials for each pre-school as per the above ratio?

Expenditure on education

2817. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy plan set up to achieve planned increase in total expenditure by Central and State Governments on education to 6 per cent of GDP, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether 6 per cent GDP target for education spending is with reference to GDP at constant prices or current prices and whether it includes private expenditure on education;

(c) whether Government has any target for planned increase in private expenditure on education until 2030, if so, details thereof; and

(d) current private expenditure on education, education level-wise (elementary, secondary and higher secondary) and State-wise, as per most recent data available?

Women judges in courts

2818. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to India Justice Report, 2019, several States and Union Territories were found to have no women judges in their High Court Benches;

(b) if so, complete details of various women judges in various courts, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that judiciary remains a low priority in funding or budget allocation; and

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

Pre-litigation mediation for commercial disputes

2819. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Chief Justice of India (CJI) has called for making a pre-litigation mediation a must for commercial disputes;

(b) whether the CJI has also suggested that Parliament should consider enacting a legislation to give mediation/conciliation status of decree;

(c) whether there is already a provision in the Lok Adalat Act where a settlement before a Lok Adalat is enforceable like a decree of court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Judicial Data Grid

2820. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 598 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st November, 2019 and state:

(a) whether data on National Judicial

Data Grid (NJDG) is not maintained individual court-wise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware that Court of Additional Session Judge, Karkarduma, Delhi dealing with electricity theft has reported zero pendency on 31st July, 31st August and 30th September, 2019;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of policy of Government to remunerate such courts/judges for bringing down pendency to zero?

Judges belonging to SCs/STs in the higher judiciary

2821. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the data on number of judges belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in each High Court, State-wise for the year 2019 along with the total sanctioned strength of each High Court; and

(b) whether Government is planning on introducing reservations for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the appointment to the High Court and Supreme Court?

Cases pending for twenty years

2822. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over one lakh cases for more than 20 years are pending in different High Courts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is committed to easy disposal of the cases therefor;

(c) if so, the time bound action proposal of Government for early disposal therein; and

(d) year-wise and High Court-wise pending cases and disposed off cases since 2015 thereof?

Verification of voter status online

2823. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Election Commission (EC) has asked voters in the country to verify their voter status online;

(b) if so, the details thereof and percentage of voters who complied therewith;

(c) whether Government is aware that large number of voters do not have online internet facility and many of them may not be aware of revision process for whatever reasons;

(d) whether Government proposes to direct EC to depute its officials to verify each voter who could not verify, visiting their addresses to make error free list; and

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

Penal provisions for violation of reservation in promotion

2824. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of legal and penal provisions against Government officials for violation of/not following reservation in promotion to SCs/STs;

(b) the details of steps Government has taken to ensure that reservation in appointments and promotion is followed properly by various departments/organisations; and

(c) the details of vacancies under SCs/STs and OBC quota in Central Government jobs as on date?

Committee to investigate wrong translation in UPSC examinations

†2825. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted for an investigation into wrong translation being provided from English to Hindi for competitive examinations being conducted by Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government with regard to the fact that the translation of official work in Hindi happens to be incorrect and remains beyond the grasp and understanding of the common man?

Investigation of cases by CBI

2826. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases being investigated by CBI presently;

(b) the number of cases still pending with CBI, State-wise; and

(c) how many cases have already been solved by the CBI during the last three years and how many of the culprits have been punished and in which cases, along

with number of persons found innocent during the investigation by CBI?

Whistle blowers protection mechanism

2827. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a huge lack of confidence on the whistle blowers protection mechanism in the country;

(b) whether the Whistle blowers Protection Act, 2014 passed by both the Houses of Parliament is not yet operationalised in all over the country including private sectors/firms/companies;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government to implement the Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014 and to prevent the rights of the whistleblowers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation in Jobs for SCs/STs

†2828. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued by Government to follow the provisions regarding reservation strictly in jobs for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the benefit of the reservation is being provided equally to all targeted categories, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for an effective implementation of the provision of

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reservation with respect to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes?

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee

2829. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has notified the creation of a Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of sexual harassment that have been reported and investigated by the Committee since its inception; and

(d) steps taken by the Ministry to ensure a harassment free workspace for its employees?

Overrule of judgement in N.R. Parmar case

2830. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a 3 Judge bench of the Supreme Court has on 19th November, 2019 overruled the judgement in N.R. Parmar case and observed that the seniority cannot be claimed from a date when an incumbent was not borne in cadre/service and all consequential action should be followed from this judgement only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to implement this judgement and revise the OM dated 04th March, 2014; and

(d) by when revised OM will be issued and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sanctioned and actual strength of employees

2831. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees as on 1st January, 2019 in the Central Government, grade-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of recruitments made to fill up the vacant posts during the last three years, grade-wise details; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to bridge the gap between sanctioned and the actual strength of employees?

Vacancies in West Bengal and Rajasthan

2832. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for filling up the vacant positions in group A Central Services in the States of West Bengal and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of directions in N.R. Parmar case

2833. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the decision rendered in Union of India Vs N.R. Parmar case was overruled by a recent judgement delivered by the Supreme Court on 19th November, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued

appropriate necessary directions to the Government offices/organisations with a specific direction that a person is disentitled to claim seniority from a date he/she was not borne in service;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government will come forward and issue necessary directions to all the concerned?

Voluntary Retirement Scheme for employees

2834. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is speculation among Government servants that the retirement age is going to be fixed to either 33 years of service or 60 years of age, whichever is earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would bring Golden Voluntary Retirement Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regional disparity among States

2835. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that regional disparity among States has been growing over the years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the factors responsible for such wide gap in regional disparity amongst States and if so, the

details along with the findings in this regard; and

(c) other measures taken by Government to bridge the aforesaid gap and bring parity amongst the States?

National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence

2836. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence by NITI Aayog;

(b) the status of Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence; and

(c) the number of countries with which NITI Aayog has partnered for knowledge sharing of Artificial Intelligence?

Consultants/advisors working with Ministry

2837. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and it's various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as on 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when are they working and what is the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being paid to them, Department/Institution-wise; and

(c) what is the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

Aspirational districts in Andhra Pradesh

2838. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three districts have been identified as aspirational districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details of focused areas under the programme; and

(d) status of progress of focused areas in the identified districts of Andhra Pradesh?

Satellites launched by India

†2839. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries whose satellites have been launched by India during the last five years;

(b) the amount of revenue generated thereby; and

(c) the number of countries with which Indian Space Research Organisation has signed a contract and names of such countries?

Manned mission to Mars

2840. SHRI VAIKO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to launch a manned mission to Mars and if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be launched;

(b) whether the training for astronauts has begun for going to Mars;

(c) if so, the duration of training and whether it is in India or abroad; and

(d) whether indigenous industries for this purpose are involved, if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of reasons for rise in unemployment

2841. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH
DULLO:
SHRI RIPUN BORA:

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

(a) whether Government has assessed the reasons for the increase in unemployment from 2017-18 as mentioned in the NSSO survey;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Growth rate of Gross Domestic Product

2842. SHRI AMEE YAJNIK:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:

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

(a) the quarterly rate of growth of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the 2004-05 fiscal year till the September, 2019 quarter as per the methodology used to calculate it prior to the changes introduced in 2015; and

(b) the quarterly rate of GDP growth from 2004-05 till September, 2019 based on the new methodology introduced by Government in 2015?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Sample surveys initiated and conducted by NSSO

2843. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various sample surveys initiated and conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in the last five years;

(b) the details regarding periodicity, completion and approval by the internal mechanisms of the NSSO of these surveys;

(c) the surveys which have been discontinued, the reasons therefor;

(d) the surveys which have been completed but their reports have not been released to the public and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Union Government to revamp the NSSO surveys?

Allocation of MPLADS funds towards SCs/STs

2844. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to spend 22.5 per cent of MPLADS funds on SC and ST population out of the annual allocation of fund for each constituency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines also apply to the constituencies where there is less percentage of SC and ST population;

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

(e) whether the proportional percentage of fund is being allocated and spent on SC and ST population in all the constituencies;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Per capita income in rural and urban areas

†2845. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per capita income recorded in urban and rural areas in the country;

(b) the per capita income of men and women, the rural and urban area-wise details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made to increase the per capita income, the details thereof, including the achievement made in this regard?

Lower current GDP estimates

2846. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current year GDP estimates were much lower than expected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such decline of GDP and whether Government has taken any steps to boost the economy?

Rural and urban labour force

2847. SHRI RIPUN BORA:
SHRI PARTAP SINGH
BAJWA:

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

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(a) number of persons in the labour force, rural and urban, for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) number of persons unemployed, willing to work and active job seekers enrolled with employment exchanges since 2016, for rural and urban, year-wise;

(c) number of persons unemployed, willing to work but inactive in seeking jobs, rural and urban, for last three years, year-wise;

(d) number of underemployed, marginally attached and discouraged workers, year-wise, rural and urban, for last three years therein; and

(e) number of persons employed, full-time, part-time, separately, for last three years for rural and urban, year-wise?

Clearance of dues by HHEC to small bullion parties

2848. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Finance has directed various Public Sector Undertakings to clear outstanding dues of small enterprises and service providers;

(b) if so, the details of outstanding dues/ payments by Handicrafts & Handlooms Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) to small bullion parties as on 31st October, 2019;

(c) whether Government would probe the delay of payments on untenable ground to small bullion parties and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to clear the legitimate payments of

small bullion parties in line with the directive of Ministry of Finance?

Setting up of CCI Branch at Bhawanipatna, Odisha

2849. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has any plan to open a branch at Bhawanipatna, Odisha, the epicentre of cotton production in Odisha, to extend MSP support for the benefit of cotton growing farmers;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) the steps taken for providing necessary support to establish modern spinning mills for the interest of cotton farmers of the State; and

(d) whether the ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture has any plans to upgrade the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Plan (AICCIP) sub-centre to a full fledged AICCIP centre at Bhawanipatna?

Decline in production of textiles

2850. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline in the textiles and handloom/handicraft industries;

(b) whether Government has a concrete plan for revival of textiles and handloom/handicraft industries; and

(c) the details of the proposed plan for artisans/labourers engaged in these industries?

Assessment on Man-Made Fibres

‡2851. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has done an assessment on 'Man-Made Fibres' (MMF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the year 2019-20 and the target set in this regard?

Shutting down of branches of Central Silk Board

‡2852. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many branches of Central Silk Board (CSB) have been shut down in various States of the country citing various reasons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being adopted by Government for increasing production of silk and to impart skills?

Evaluation of foreign trade opportunities in the textile sector

2853. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has carefully evaluated the various trade agreement opportunities that some neighbouring countries have in the world markets;
- (b) whether Government is taking steps to forge policies and programmes to gain better access to the big apparel markets, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether in the light of such advantages, Government is considering the need to re-look at fibre neutrality and

evaluate various trade opportunities, if so, the details thereof?

Rise in percentage of low earning weavers

2854. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the percentage of low earning (below ₹ 5,000/- per month) weavers has increased according to the 4th Round Handloom Census 2019-20;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken by Government to improve monthly earnings from below ₹ 5,000/- to ₹ 15,000/-; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expected improvement in overall credit profile of textile sector

2855. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is expected that the overall credit profile of the textile sector will gradually improve, as expected in 2018;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the sector profitability is likely to improve gradually with players passing on increased raw material price to end users, given the healthy demand, a depreciating rupee and wanting impact of the structural issues;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the positive impact of improved demand and profitability will be partly countered by sticky working capital requirements; and

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Growth potential of technical textile industry

2856. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the technical textile industry holds an immense growth opportunity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it is estimated that domestic technical textile industry will reach market potential of ₹ 2,00,823 crore by 2020-21; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring of schemes for Scheduled Tribes

†2857. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to develop a mechanism to monitor such schemes being run for Scheduled Tribes; and

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

Implementation of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras Scheme

2858. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn on efforts made in achieving the set targets of setting up of 3,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras by 31st March 2020, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the progress of the implementation has been reviewed recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds being released under this scheme to each State and the status thereof as on date?

Access to basic amenities for tribals

2859. DR. L. HANUMAN-THAIAH:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 70 per cent of the tribal villages in the country are without access to healthcare, 50 per cent without Public Distribution System (PDS) and above 50 per cent are not getting piped water;

(b) if so, the actions taken by Government to improve this situation in tribal villages in the past couple of years; and

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

Inclusion of Saharia in PVTGs

†2860. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and districts where the tribal people of Saharia ethnicity reside in the country;

(b) the States where the said tribes are included in Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and the States in which they are not included, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Saharia tribals are included in PVTGs in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action that would be taken by Government for the inclusion of said tribes in PVTGs of Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh?

being paid to them, Department/Institution-wise; and

(c) what is the mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival

2861. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organised Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with aims and objectives thereof;

(c) the main theme of the event;

(d) the number of tribal artisans and artists from different States participated in the festival;

(e) the financial benefits that the tribal artist got out of this festival; and

(f) whether Government has organised similar event in the past and if so, the details thereof along with achievement in organising such festival?

Consultants/advisors working in the Ministry

2862. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and it's various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when are they working and the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees

Inclusion in STs list

†2863. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh has requested for inclusion of Koda caste in Scheduled Tribes on the basis of an Anthropological Study;

(b) if so, current status thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal from Chhattisgarh to modify Hindi version of notification as per English version for effecting an amendment regarding Bhariya Bhumia, Bhuihar Bhumian, Bhumia, Bhariya, Paliha, Pando tribes and to replace the caste nomenclature 'Manjhi' with 'Majhi' as currently mentioned at Sl. No. 29 of the said notification;

(d) if so, current status thereof; and

(e) number and current status of proposals received from Chhattisgarh, pending for notification and modification with the Ministry?

Title deeds given in Kerala under the Forest Rights Act

2864. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of title deeds given in the State of Kerala under the Forest Rights Act;

(b) the status of the implementation of the Forest Rights Act;

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(c) the minimum area of land eligible for a forest-dwelling tribal family; and

(d) whether Government would consider making it one acre if there is no minimum area?

Implementation of ICDS in Gujarat

‡2865. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts where Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) has been implemented in Gujarat at present;

(b) the number of women and children covered which are getting benefits under this scheme, district-wise; and

(c) the year-wise details of amount allocated to Gujarat in this regard during the last three years?

Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme at block level

2866. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any capacity building interface for protection and empowerment of women at the block level under Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of blocks that have been identified in the State of Andhra

Pradesh under this scheme and the details thereof?

Child Care Institutions in Haryana

2867. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Child Care Institutions in the country, the State/UT-wise details thereof;

(b) the total number of Child Care Institutions in Haryana, district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure safety of children in these Child Care Institutions?

Status of women and child development with reference to SDGs of UN

2868. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details relating to the present status of women and child development in India with reference to the indicators mentioned in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN;

(b) how far the country has progressed in attaining the SDGs proposed by UN and by when the country hope to achieve it in full; and

(c) what are the steps being undertaken to achieve this?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up and maintenance of Child Care Institutions

2869. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of financial assistance provided by Government to State Governments/Union Territories for setting up and maintenance of Child Care Institutions; and

(b) whether the States have utilised the funds appropriately and if so, the details thereof for the last three years including the current year?

Funds sanctioned under the Nirbhaya Fund Scheme

2870. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the Nirbhaya Fund Scheme, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the details of the compensation being provided under this scheme during the above said period;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from some of the States to operationalise women help centre under this fund in all police stations across the country especially in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and action taken by Government in this regard?

Meeting targets set under National Nutrition Mission

2871. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VAIKO:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

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

(a) whether the country is unlikely to meet the targets set under the ambitious National Nutrition Mission (NNM) for reduction in prevalence of stunting, underweight, low birth weight and anaemia in women and children by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rate of progress required to achieve the desired targets is much higher than the rate at which the programme is being currently implemented; and

(d) if so, efforts being made by Government to accelerate the objectives of National Nutrition Mission?

Anganwadi centres in Tamil Nadu

2872. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that out of sanctioned 54,439 Anganwadi centres in the State of Tamil Nadu, 7232 Anganwadi centres are running from rented premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has mooted

any idea/proposal to include construction of Anganwadi centres in the ambit of MNREGA scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare of sex workers in the country

2873. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any estimates as to the number of women working as sex workers across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken/proposes to take any steps to address the issue of violence and harassment perpetrated against sex workers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce any new schemes for the welfare of sex workers and if so, the details thereof?

MSK scheme in Gujarat and Jharkhand

2874. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) scheme to empower women in all the districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked and released for each district, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from State Governments to establish MSK and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) by when these MSKs are likely to be made operational?

Setting up of Internal Complaints Committee

2875. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in each of its Ministries and other workspaces that fall under the requirement for having an ICC;

(b) what is the total number of complaints filed with ICCs across Government, Ministries and other workspaces;

(c) in how many of the complaints has the allegation been found to be correct;

(d) what action has been taken against those found guilty by the ICC in Government, Ministries and workspaces; and

(e) the data thereof, Ministry-wise?

Implementation of PMMUY in Assam

2876. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the number of PMMVY Cell set up in the State at district level;

(c) quantum of funds allocated by Government for setting up of PMMVY Cell in Assam during the last three years and the current year;

(d) number of pregnant and lactating mothers who have benefited from this scheme in the State of Assam during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) other steps taken by Government to popularise this yojana so that more and more needy pregnant women could be benefited?

Proper implementation of Poshan Abhiyan Scheme

2877. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Poshan Abhiyan Scheme launched by Government for development of women and children is lagging behind in its implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that funds allocated for this scheme have not been utilised by most of the State Governments, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for its proper implementation and to achieve the desired objectives?

Sexual harassment of children in Juvenile Homes

2878. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of exploitation/sexual harassment of children in Juvenile Homes and orphanages has increased during the last three years;

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

(c) the corrective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Implementation of MSK Scheme in Rajasthan

2879. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details regarding objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether the costs of initiatives under the scheme are being shared between Government and the State Governments;

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

(e) whether the scheme has been approved for implementation in Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, the details regarding achievements of the scheme in Rajasthan?

National Adoption Policy

2880. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to formulate a National Adoption Policy;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to increase the number of Specialised Adoption Agencies; and

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

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