

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, November 28, 2019/Agrahayana 7, 1941 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

#### **Hacking of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant**

1121. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North Korean hackers targeted Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the North Korean hackers also targeted several other Indian nuclear scientists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon to protect the country's nuclear facilities and scientists?

#### **Cyber attacks on Indian nuclear power plants**

1122. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cyber

attacks on Indian nuclear power plants in the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to protect Indian assets from both internal and external cyber threats; and

(d) what has been the total expenditure incurred on the same?

#### **Contract to supply Uranium ore concentrates**

1123. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed a long-term contract with Uzbekistan to supply Uranium ore concentrates to fuel nuclear reactors in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India had similar agreements with many more countries for the supply of Uranium ore; and

(d) if so, whether India has been receiving the contracted material from those countries?

(c) the plan of action for the merger of BSNL and MTNL announced by Government and the details thereof?

**Increase in nuclear power energy generation**

1124. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase nuclear power generation capacity in the country to meet the growing demand in rural areas to better the quality of life;

(b) if so, the details thereof including total capacity likely to be added over and above 6780 MW in the next five years duly taking into account fairly easy availability of Uranium and Thorium now;

(c) whether Government proposes to emulate the models of France and China to increase power generation capacity through nuclear energy besides conventional and renewable means; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Retirement age of BSNL and MTNL employees**

1125. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to change the retirement age of BSNL and MTNL employees to 50 instead of the current age of 60, if so, the rationale behind the consideration;

(b) whether the salaries of BSNL and MTNL employees are pending for the months of August and September in 2019, if so, reasons therefor; and

**Crisis in telecom sector**

1126. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why revenue generated through non-core activities is being included under the Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) for the telecom sector despite counter judgements in lower courts and the concerned tribunal being made in the past;

(b) the share of money that will be paid by each operator out of ₹ 92,642 crore demanded by Government;

(c) whether the amount, if paid, would affect the survival of any operator or bring it under debts; and

(d) the estimated impact this will have on the growth of the sector currently under a debt of about ₹ 4 lakh crore?

**Mobile towers in villages of Madhya Pradesh**

†1127. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts being made by Government for installing mobile towers in remote villages of Madhya Pradesh, which do not have towers till date;

(b) whether any specific action plan is being prepared in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made in this direction, during the last three years?

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**Financial losses to  
MTNL**

1128. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State owned MTNL is continuously suffering financial losses for last many years and if so, the details of income and expenditure of MTNL during the last five years;

(b) the number of officers and staff in MTNL and expenditure on their salary other than medical bills;

(c) whether any study has been made on the causes of continuous losses and, if so, the details of the same; and

(d) whether Government is considering the option of closure of MTNL to stop the huge financial loss to the exchequer?

**Assessment regarding internet  
penetration rate**

1129. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding internet penetration rate in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to provide free internet connection to the socially and economically underprivileged households;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Partnership of BSNL with French  
company**

1130. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL has partnered with a French company to offer data connectivity through SMS in areas where there is no internet connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both the companies signed a business partnership agreement to jointly market the service in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in Wifi hotspots**

†1131. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering increasing Wifi hotspots;

(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?

**Use of Wifi of any company**

†1132. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to allow people to use the Wifi of any company;

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(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?

#### **Revival package for BSNL**

1133. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the revival package for BSNL, the details of the so called revival package ;

(b) how many employees have so far opted for premature retirement as announced by BSNL;

(c) how many employees working as permanent as well as contractual staff have committed suicide till date, if so, the reasons for such incidents; and

(d) how many months salary is pending to be disbursed for different section of workers and by when it is expected to be transferred?

#### **Privatisation of BSNL/MTNL**

1134. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell/privatise BSNL and MTNL in the next five years from now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government would assure that it will not sell BSNL and MTNL in the near future; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Decreasing trend in Postal Savings Scheme**

1135. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decreasing trend is shown in Postal Savings Scheme in recent years;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted to increase the savings account;

(c) if so, whether low interest rate and tax on maturity are major causes for the common public for not showing interest to join Postal Savings Scheme; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken thereon?

#### **Unsatisfactory mobile services in Konkan region**

†1136. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone and mobile services of BSNL are not working satisfactorily in districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra due to which consumers are facing inconvenience;

(b) the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard so that mobile and telephone services of the BSNL in the districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra can work in a satisfactory manner?

#### **Internet facility in villages of Gujarat**

†1137. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that far flung

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villages of Gujarat are devoid of internet facility;

(b) the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the speed of internet/broadband facility available in the far flung areas is very slow;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts made by Government to fix the reasons for such slow internet speed?

#### **Digital connectivity of Gram Panchayats**

1138. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce digital connectivity to all Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of fund released and utilised for the same, State/UT-wise details and district-wise details of Haryana;

(d) whether Government will partner with any private telecom firm to facilitate the implementation of this programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Telecom towers installed in rural areas**

†1139. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telecom towers which have been installed in rural areas of the country, State-wise/Union Territory-wise and telecom company-wise details of the last two years and in current year thereof; and

(b) the number of targeted towers for installation in rural areas in the next financial year, the State-wise details thereof?

#### **Status of BharatNet Project**

1140. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of the BharatNet project, a rural internet connectivity programme that aims to provide high speed internet services to all Gram Panchayats in the country;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats connected and operational with high speed internet services so far and status of the remaining Gram Panchayats;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats covered under the project in Karnataka and the status of the project in the State; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Mobile connectivity in Odisha**

1141. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Odisha not covered by mobile services connectivity in the year 2019 as per the latest available data;

(b) the steps taken by Government to introduce mobile services in these areas and the details thereof; and

(c) the status of Wifi Access Points (APs) for 3811 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the State under BharatNet and the details thereof?

#### **Funds infusion in BSNL and MTNL**

1142. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken for funds infusion in both BSNL and MTNL under the revival plan; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Connections of Gram Panchayats with internet**

†1143. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to connect every Gram Panchayat with internet service has been chalked out;

(b) if so, the State-wise details including the States of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and West Bengal at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that the internet service is not functioning properly in the Gram Panchayats which were already connected with internet;

(d) whether Government has formulated any action plan for monitoring the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Speed Post Centres in the country**

1144. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) number of Speed Post Centres operating in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) details of current services provided by Department of Posts;

(c) whether any new foreign country is added by DoT for commencing International Speed Post (EMS) services, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this facility is expected to increase people to people contact with newly added 6 countries, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the private courier companies are providing better services in

comparison to speed post services provided by Department of Posts; and

(f) measures taken to improve the speed post services and to compete with the private courier companies?

**Online transactions in rural areas**

†1145. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously encouraging online transactions (payment, etc.);

(b) if so, whether Government is aware of the fact that not only rural but the urban areas are also facing grave problems due to call drop and network congestion; and

(c) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to deal with the problem of call drop and network congestion?

**Development in North-Eastern Region**

1146. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation for the Ministry in the year 2019-20, the details thereof;

(b) the amount spent by the Ministry in the current fiscal, of the budgetary allocation, the details thereof;

(c) the number of developmental projects taken up by Government in the North-Eastern Region, during the last five years and its status of completion, the details thereof; and

(d) initiatives taken by Government to expedite the completion of projects, the details thereof?

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**Pending projects sanctioned from  
NLCPR**

1147. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) under the Ministry are still pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of projects that have been pending for payment and the State-wise and project-wise details thereof; and

(d) the number of project utilisation certificate/completion certificate that have been received so far, the State-wise and project-wise details thereof?

**Funds used under Corporate Social  
Responsibility**

1148. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and agencies under the administrative control of the Ministry have utilised any funds under the Corporate Social Responsibility during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of the works and areas where the funds have been used during the last three years;

(d) whether any irregularities have been noticed in the utilisation of the said funds by the officers; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

**Complaints against online streaming  
platforms**

1149. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been filed against online streaming platforms for obscene content and on insulting religious sentiments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to introduce censorship on the contents of such online streaming platforms; and

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

**Action taken to protect data privacy  
and security**

1150. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken strict action to protect data privacy and security of the citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the detail of action taken with global technology giants to restrict cross-border data flow therefor; and

(c) the reaction and action initiated by the companies therein and the guidelines of Government thereof?

**Feedback on use of Government  
websites**

1151. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to launch a campaign to collect

the feedback from citizens about their experience of using Government websites and mobile applications;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would send 100 crore requests for feedback;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the feedback would be plugged through all points of the e-presence of Government's digital products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Digital foot print of citizens in hands of private companies**

1152. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that certain States are sharing sensitive citizens data with private companies to create and digitise foot print of the citizens and allowing it to integrate the data of various Government departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has come across such incidents particularly from the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Telangana State has given all sensitive data of citizens to a private company for integration and maintenance?

**Certification of software in electronic devices**

1153. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government certifies the

software used in electronic devices, especially in mobile phones;

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

(c) whether there have been any instances of electronic devices using uncertified software and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government; and

(d) whether there are any safeguards to ensure that the software updates that are provided by companies comply with requirements, the details thereof?

**Decline in usage of credit cards**

1154. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the credit card usage has declined in the current year even when Government were promoting digital banking vigorously;

(b) if so, the reasons for the decline therefor;

(c) whether Government has made any study on the success of promotion of digital banking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Data breach in WhatsApp**

1155. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times there has been data breaches in the last one year through the application WhatsApp, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the spyware Pegasus hacking data of Indian citizens;

(c) whether any Indian Government entity was involved in the data breach, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has ascertained the number of persons and their identities, who have been affected by the data breach, the details thereof; and

(e) the initiatives taken by Government to ascertain the cause of the data breach and its impact, the details thereof?

#### **Target of electronic manufacturing ecosystem**

1156. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target of creating 400 billion US dollar electronic manufacturing ecosystem by 2025;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering key measures to incentivize exports from India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Launch of Digital Literacy Mission**

1157. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Digital Literacy Mission for millions of rural Indians with a view to make people digitally literate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of institutes/labs functioning in the country as on date, State-wise; and

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to be shared with companies investing in startup projects to propagate digital literacy and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Hacking of Government websites**

1158. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of hacking of Indian Government websites from foreign locations during the last one year;

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

(c) whether Government has taken up investigation into such incidents with foreign Governments; and

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

#### **Number of law suits against the Department**

1159. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of law suits the Department is facing in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) the High Court-wise and Department-wise statistics of these cases that have been filed and since when;

(c) how many of these law suits are filed by Government Departments/ Government establishments or State Governments; and

(d) whether the Department has evolved any structured mechanism to minimise the number of law suits being filed, if so, what is the nature of the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Chinese activities in Nepal**

†1160. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese activities have increased in Nepal for some years due to which Nepal's inclination is constantly increasing towards China;

(b) whether Government is working on any proposal to make the Indo-Nepal border impervious keeping in view the growing Chinese influence in Nepal; and

(c) whether the work of identifying problems which may be encountered by India in coming days is being done, keeping in view the way Nepal is getting close to China?

#### **Funding to research organisations and think tanks**

1161. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry gave fundings to research organisations and think tanks to the sum of ₹27,88,90,027; and

(b) if so, the details of these organisations along with the share of funding received by them in the year 2017-18?

#### **Colombo Process**

1162. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the report of data collected from the Colombo Process; and

(b) the plans of how this data can be used to benefit India?

#### **MoU between India and Kuwait**

1163. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Kuwait for co-operation on the recruitment of domestic workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the move is likely to benefit around three lakh Indian workers deployed in Kuwait, including about 90,000 female domestic workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Extradition of criminals**

1164. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry maintains a database of criminals convicted by India who are seeking asylum abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of criminals extradited from countries of their asylum to India during the last five years; and

(d) what steps the Ministry is taking to extradite economic fugitives who are taking refuge in foreign countries?

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**European Union team visit to Kashmir**

1165. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an European Union team was allowed to visit Jammu and Kashmir during the last week of October;

(b) the rationale of Government that a foreign team was preferred when Indian politicians were denied travel to Kashmir;

(c) the reaction of Government to the apprehension that the visit of EU Parliamentarians will constrain India's stand against internationalisation of Kashmir issue; and

(d) whether any foreign agency or an agency outside Government was involved in organising this visit, if so, the details thereof?

**Agreement on Kartarpur corridor**

1166. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with Pakistan on Kartarpur corridor;

(b) if so, the broad features of the agreement; and

(c) whether Pakistan has agreed to drop the clause of charging entry fee from devotees?

**Operationalisation of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor**

1167. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed MoUs and Agreements for

operationalisation of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor with Pakistan;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any special measures for the safety and security of the pilgrims visiting Kartarpur Sahib;

(c) whether the Ministry has provided insurance cover to the pilgrims; and

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

**Role of India in Non-Aligned Movement**

1168. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is not serious at present for the vital role to be played in Non-Aligned Movement (NAM);

(b) if so, the reasons for this underplay by India in NAM; and

(c) the reasons why Government is not taking major role now, being the leader for NAM?

**Data base of emigrant workers**

1169. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to frame a policy on emigration to tap the full potential of the global labour market and maintain a data base of emigrant workers to ensure their rights and to tackle their grievances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR) passport holder going abroad in a 12 month period was almost five times the number of Emigration Check Required (ECR) passport holders?

**Threats to staff of Indian Mission in Pakistan**

1170. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan agencies had threatened Indian Mission staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India lodged its complaint against such threats by Pakistan agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by Government?

**Role of BIMSTEC members**

1171. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population and combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the seven nations which constitute the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC);

(b) the manner in which this organization compare with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the details thereof;

(c) whether any BIMSTEC members are participating in China's Belt and Road Initiative, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the sectors in which inter-regional cooperation in BIMSTEC will be centred with details thereof?

**Indo-Bangladesh meeting**

1172. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of India and Bangladeshi counterpart had recently met in Delhi;

(b) if so, the highlights of the talks held between the two heads of States;

(c) the Memorandum of Understanding signed with details; and

(d) whether concerns were raised over the rollout of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam and if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of Atal Innovation Mission**

1173. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the plan of setting up of Atal Innovation Mission with a view to attract the children towards technology at school level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the infrastructure being created for this purpose; and

(d) the quantum of funds earmarked for this Mission, State-wise and district-wise?

**Fixing of targets for Central Universities**

1174. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed by Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of

Information Technology in the country, during the next two years;

(b) if so, the location-wise/State-wise details thereof, alongwith the financial allocation made by Government for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to achieve the above targets?

(b) if so, the details of financial and other support provided to women university in Andhra Pradesh since its establishment, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any plan to modernize all colleges under women university in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Salary issues of teachers appointed by self-financed institutes**

†1175. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware about any service manual for the service security of the teachers of AICTE approved self-financed educational institutes;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also aware of the fact that teachers serving in the self-financed educational institutes are paid less than the prescribed pay while a huge amount is collected from the students by these institutes; and

(d) if so, whether Government has any action plan to check the exploitation of teachers and the students as well?

#### **Central support to women universities in the country**

1176. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is providing central support to women universities in the country under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA);

#### **Strengthening of Cluster Resource Centres**

1177. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has pulled up its Education Department for poor learning outcome of students and asked it to strengthen the Cluster Resource Centres; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to develop a proper system of academic and curricular support to serve the purpose of continuous professional upgradation of teachers?

#### **Private schools empanelled under RTE**

1178. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private schools empanelled under the Right to Education (RTE) Scheme of reservation of seats throughout the country since 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the number of private schools empanelled under the RTE to reserve seats under the RTE, State-wise for the year 2018-19;

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(c) the total number of private schools in the country;

(d) the percentage of reserved seats that are occupied by children eligible under the RTE in private schools for the years 2015—2019; and

(e) the percentage of cost sharing to reimburse these schools between the Centre and the State?

#### **Language for JEE**

1179. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to conduct the JEE examinations only in English, Hindi and Gujarati;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for not conducting the examination in other official languages of the country?

#### **National Curriculum Framework 2005 and Framework for Quality 2011**

1180. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the timeline for the implementation of the norms of National Curriculum Framework 2005 as well as the Framework for Quality 2011 to ensure that students from grade I to VIII acquire age-appropriate reading and arithmetic skills?

#### **Ban on food rich in fat and sugar in schools**

1181. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to prohibit the sale and advertisement of food rich in fat, sugar and salt to school children inside the school premises and within 50m around it, considering the fact that there is rising obesity in school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Faculty vacancies in higher educational institutions**

1182. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 3 lakh faculty vacancies in universities and other government-run higher educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of UGC's directive, the institutions failed to fill up the vacancies; and

(d) whether Government is committed to fill up these vacancies in a fixed time-frame?

#### **Extension for law colleges pending with Bar Council of India**

1183. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of universities and Government/private law colleges whose extension for the academic year 2019-20 is pending at the level of Bar Council of India (BCI) as on 15th November, 2019 despite fulfilling all norms and admission of students for bachelor of law course;

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

and law college/university-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Ministry would enquire into the matter and take up the matter with BCI in view of future of thousands of students;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Dropout of students due to language barrier**

1184. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that students dropout as they are not able to understand the medium of language;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) steps taken to bring down the dropout rate;

(d) the details of scheme prepared and implemented by Government for development and promotion of minor Indian languages;

(e) whether consultations have been held with the concerned Ministries for getting funds to implement the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

#### **Vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

†1185. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

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 Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) the number of posts of teachers lying vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas against the sanctioned posts;

(c) the steps taken to fill up these vacant posts during the last five years; and

(d) the number of contractual teachers working in Kendriya Vidyalayas?

#### **Vacant posts in teaching staff**

1186. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacant posts in teaching staff (PGT, TGT and Special Educators) across schools all over the country, State/ UT-wise including Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal;

(b) whether such vacancies have increased over the years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified reasons behind the vacancies and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure zero vacancy in schools; and

(e) whether there have been any modifications to the recruitment procedure to maintain a good quality of teaching staff and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Budget of Central Universities**

†1187. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget of all the Central Universities of the country;

(b) the details of grants given by UGC

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to these universities in the year 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(c) the number of universities which utilised these grants on time; and

(d) whether funds have also been returned out of these grants?

#### **Specially abled children in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

1188. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of specially abled children studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas of the country since last five years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) if data on State-wise and year-wise number of specially abled children studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas is not available, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas equipped for specially abled children in the country; and

(e) definition of equipped Kendriya Vidyalayas for specially abled children?

#### **School Education Quality Index, 2019 and ILO report on teacher quality**

1189. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index has found that a large percentage of schools across States failed to meet the RTE norms for pupil-teacher ratio with only 50 per cent of the upper primary schools passing the muster;

(b) whether ILO has reported that India

had 14 teachers for every 1000 under-15 year olds underlining the dire need for teachers; and

(c) whether the ILO analysis also establishes that Finland which has one of the best school system and does not fall within the top 20 on the basis of number of teachers per 1000 under-15 students, stresses on quality of teachers rather than their numbers?

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu**

1190. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with the Challenge Method Committee of Ministry to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the Thoothukudi district of the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if no such proposal is there, whether Government will come forward to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in the coming days;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Expert committee to review the draft National Education Policy**

1191. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to modify the draft National Education Policy in view of the divergent views expressed by different sections of the society, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is likely to constitute an expert committee consisting

of eminent educationists to go into the whole gamut of the policy in order to build consensus in the matter, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Making NCC compulsory in schools**

1192. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would introduce NCC in higher classes in schools and make it compulsory for promoting the culture of patriotism in the country; and

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

#### **Central Schools in unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

1193. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of Central Schools and Government Senior Secondary Schools in unauthorized colonies in Delhi; and

(b) whether Government is planning to open Central Schools and Government Senior Secondary Schools for boys and girls in unauthorized colonies in Delhi?

#### **Shortage of teachers in Divyang schools**

†1194. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools dedicated to Divyang students in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of teachers in Divyang schools; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the recruitment of teachers is likely?

#### **Difficulties due to high number of students per class**

1195. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the education system determines the number of students at the school level while setting up the ideal classroom structure, which should be between 25 to 30 and whether in Government schools, every class across the State has higher number of students (60-70) and it is expected that the teacher should ensure the number of students in each class according to the tradition of education; and

(b) if so, the cause of difficulties in this work?

#### **Faculty development to arrest declining education standards**

1196. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and other experts have stressed on the need to arrest the declining standards of education in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that attracting quality faculty and continuous faculty development and adjunct faculty from the industry and research institutions, if hired, can provide practical orientation to course modules and such multiple interventions are necessary; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard along with the steps taken/to be taken and results yielded?

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**ASER report on quality of  
Government Schools**

1197. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) education is the nation's biggest failure as quality of Government schools has deteriorated over the decades; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Sanskrit schools, colleges and  
universities**

1198. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sanskrit schools, colleges and universities existing in the country at present; and

(b) how many sanskrit schools/colleges/universities do not have proper buildings and other necessary facilities such as library, hostel, playgrounds drinking water and lack of teachers, etc., the State-wise details including the State of Madhya Pradesh?

**Vacancies of teachers in Central  
Schools**

†1199. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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 the Central Schools;

(b) the number of the posts of teachers in Central Schools lying vacant against the sanctioned number of posts, Central School-wise details thereof;

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

(d) the number of contractual teachers working in the Central Schools?

**Introduction of course on population  
education**

1200. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce a course on population education as directed by UNESCO;

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

(c) whether stakeholders will be consulted before preparing a curriculum for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Lack of skills in Indian students**

1201. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNICEF has warned that over half of Indian students will not have skills for 21st century jobs;

(b) whether Government has proposed any reforms to overhaul or change the existing system of education to impart more skills, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the funds allocated/sanctioned and

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utilised for this purpose during each of the last two years and in the current year?

**Samagra Siksha Scheme and its implementation**

1202. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Samagra Siksha Scheme is working for implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in the States and UTs;

(b) if so, the details of the implementation so far, State-wise and UT wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure awareness of the RTE Act, 2009 across the nation?

**Declaring Delhi University as an 'Institute of Eminence'**

1203. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has chosen Delhi University for bestowal of status as an 'Institute of Eminence' with a grant of ₹ 1000 crore with autonomy to design courses and programmes and a free hand to allocate financial resources;

(b) whether the university administration has decided to defer acceptance of the special status (IoE) yielding to demand from Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) which has threatened a strike in the campus; and

(c) whether the DU not only does not figure even in the top 500 in the Times rankings but also slipped six positions in the national rankings to 13 this year?

**Dropout rate and early exit in IITs and IIMs**

1204. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's premier engineering institutes including the IITs/IIMs are planning to permit academically weak students to exit early, after 3 years, with a B.Sc. degree in engineering;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has planned to change the current financial structure of the IITs and grant them autonomous status;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) number of IIT dropout students during the last five years; and

(f) other steps taken by Government to reduce the dropout rate of students in IITs/IIMs?

**Deployment of sub-staff in its school libraries in KVS**

1205. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has made provision for deployment of sub-staff in its school libraries;

(b) if so, the details of KV's of Delhi region where sub-staff is deployed;

(c) whether inspite of instructions issued by the KVS, it is not being followed by Principals of some Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken thereon;

(e) whether representations have been received by various stakeholders including Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) regarding this problem; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure deployment of sub-staff in libraries for their efficient functioning?

#### **Regulation of fees charged by private educational institutions**

†1206. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge difference in fees charged in private technical institutions and Government technical institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to regulate fees charged under various items by private educational institutions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Objectives of Samagra Shiksha Yojana**

1207. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Samagra Shiksha Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) details regarding objectives of the scheme;

(d) whether Government has set any State-wise objectives or goals in the scheme;

(e) if so, details in respect to the State of Rajasthan;

(f) whether Government has proposed

to use digital technology initiatives in the scheme; and

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

#### **Issue of single teacher in Assam tea schools**

1208. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Assam, tea garden schools are running with a single teacher and this fact was accepted by the Ministry;

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

(c) how many schools are still running with a single teacher and the steps taken by Government for these schools;

(d) whether Government has any plan for recruitment of teachers in these schools;

(e) whether Government has given any clear directions to the State Government for teacher's recruitment; and

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

#### **Higher education to tribal students**

†1209. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special schemes for providing higher education to tribal students, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any plan to open central tribal universities in other States of the country like that of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the State-wise details thereof?

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**Educational Infrastructure in the country**

1210. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of primary schools, secondary schools, higher secondary schools and colleges, degree colleges, technical education colleges, universities of all forms in the country, State-wise over the past five years;

(b) total investment in capital expenditure undertaken by the Ministry for construction of primary school and secondary school over the past five years, State-wise;

(c) availability of teachers, staff, drinking water, toilets, playgrounds, library, computer labs in the educational institutions mentioned in part (a); and

(d) the plans to improve the educational infrastructure in India over the next five years and the expected expenditure to undertake the same?

**Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme-DHRUV**

1211. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme-DHRUV recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;

(c) whether Government has fixed any criteria for selection of outstanding students for this programme, if so, details thereof;

(d) the number of students shortlisted for this programme this year and funds allocated for this programme;

(e) whether the innovative ideas

developed by students will be used by Government under its 'Make in India' initiative, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) other steps taken by Government to encourage talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge?

**Telugu Study Centre in Nellore district**

1212. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to set up Telugu Study Centre in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and activities that centre is going to take up for promotion of Telugu language; and

(c) what steps Ministry has taken/ propose to take for the centre having its own building and other infrastructure and how much time will the Ministry take to provide all necessary facilities for the Study Centre?

**Scrapping of no-detention policy by States**

1213. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have so far scrapped the no-detention policy in schools;

(b) whether Government is planning any other ways to boost the performances, particularly in classes 5th to 8th in schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any Central Committee has been set up to review the implementation and its impact of the no-detention policy?

**Establishment of new Kendriya  
Vidyalaya in Kurnool district,  
Andhra Pradesh**

1214. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the proposal of establishment of one Kendriya Vidyalaya in all the district headquarters of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposals have been received from any State Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal requesting for establishment of new Kendriya Vidyalaya in the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh has been received, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken on this matter, if so, the details thereof?

**All India Judicial Service**

1215. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to set up an All India Judicial Service (AIJS) on the lines of All India Services;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay and the details of discussions taken place in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Disclosure of assets for appointment  
to judicial posts**

1216. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to bring legislation mandating the proactive disclosure of assets as a requirement for appointment to a judicial post;

(b) if so, the timeline for the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Pending cases due to stay  
orders**

1217. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there are many cases stuck up with stay orders in different courts for more than three years;

(b) if so, the number of court cases pending due to stay orders for more than three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that after specific duration and according to merit of the case, such stay orders will be automatically lifted?

**Remuneration/rewards for zero  
pendency**

1218. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to remunerate and elevate Judges/Judicial Officers of those District Courts to High Courts directly whose courts have reported zero pendency of civil/criminal cases in their respective courts during the years 2018 and 2019 to encourage the Judges/Judicial Officers to bring down pendency to zero as per the directions of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Infrastructure in Subordinate Courts**

1219. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Subordinate Courts in various States including Maharashtra do not have sufficient infrastructure, including suitable court buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds released under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for providing sufficient infrastructure in Subordinate Courts, State-wise;

(d) whether there are any pending funds to be released to States under any central schemes for infrastructure purposes in Subordinate Courts in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Vacant posts of Judges in High Courts**

1220. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 414 posts of High Court Judges are lying vacant in various High Courts of the country;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is holding back large number of appointment of Judges despite recommendations of Supreme Court Collegium; and

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

**Display of Bar Council registration by advocates**

1221. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to make mandatory the display of Bar Council registration by advocates and to carry Bar Council card at the time of argument;

(b) whether inspite of several efforts, many fake lawyers are still practicing in courts in the country; and

(c) if so, the action taken to eliminate fake lawyers in the country?

**Translation of central laws in regional languages**

1222. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 121 languages are spoken in the country, yet the law is inaccessible in these languages due to the monopoly of English and Hindi;

(b) how many central laws have been translated into regional languages given in the Eighth Schedule, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to make the translation time-bound and mandatory, if so, the timeline for such translation?

**Amendment in the Representation of the People Act, 1951**

1223. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend the Representation of People Act, 1951, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any system is proposed to check the fulfilment of promises made by political parties in their manifestoes in public forum in elections; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Study conducted on legal system by IIM, Kolkata**

1224. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had commissioned a study by the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata on India's overburdened legal system and whether the findings are not positive;

(b) whether the study reveals that the convoluted nature of the litigation process is the main cause for the near break-down of the judicial system; and

(c) whether according to the findings, it takes around two and a half years for a litigant to get a judgement which is bogged down by shortage and non-attendance of judges, arbitrary adjournments, absence of lawyers and witnesses who are made to turn hostile often?

**35 per cent reservation to women in Government jobs**

†1225. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide 35 per cent reservation to women in Government jobs in order to economically empower them in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Fast Track Special Courts**

1226. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Justice has proposed to set up Fast Track Special Courts under the Nirbhaya Fund for expeditious trial and disposal of cases pertaining to sexual offences involving women and girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of Fast Track Special Courts proposed to be set up, State-wise;

(c) the number of proposed Fast Track Special Courts that have been set up, State-wise;

(d) the time-frame within which the remaining number of Fast Track Special Courts are expected to be set up; and

(e) the details of the amount appraised, released and utilized for the same?

**High expense on Government litigation**

1227. SHRI AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure on lawyers fees and other related expenses incurred by Government on litigation where Government is a party during the last five years;

(b) the details of the expenditure on lawyer's fees and other expenses incurred by Government on litigation initiated by it, as well as litigation for disputes *inter-se* Government Ministries, Departments and Public Sector Undertakings during the last five years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to reduce expenditure on litigation?

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**Use of regional languages in courts**

†1228. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional courts in terms of language of the country where execution of the judicial process related to all parties is taking place in regional languages;

(b) the names of such courts and languages thereof; and

(c) if the work is not executed in all the languages, by when it has been targeted to be done?

**Employees belonging to SCs/STs**

1229. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage as well as total number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Class I (higher administrative services) of the Central Government Service for the years 2015-2019, year-wise; and

(b) the percentage as well as total number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Class II (lower administrative services) of the Central Government Service for the years 2015-2019, year-wise?

**UPSC examination in official languages**

1230. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to hold the UPSC examination in all the official languages of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) which are the present languages in which the examination can be written?

**Compulsory retirement under Section 56 (J) of CCS (Pension) Rules**

1231. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior officers compulsory retired under Section 56 (J) of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules; and

(b) what is the procedure followed for compulsory retirement?

**Special increments for employees**

1232. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether special increments over and above given on specific occasions to the Central Government employees can be adjusted while minimum pay is being fixed; and

(b) if so, the details of specific rules regarding this?

**Benefits for Economically Weaker Sections**

†1233. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the caste-wise details of opportunities/benefits received by the

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candidates of general category under 10 per cent reservations given to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most cases, the benefits of 10 per cent reservation is being taken only by the selected few castes of general category; and

(c) the details thereof?

#### **Pendency with Central Information Commission**

1234. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission is not functioning efficiently and as a result huge backlog of cases have piled up, where applicants are not getting dates for hearing for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of pending cases in the Central Information Commission for more than one year; and

(c) the action taken by Government for the effective implementation of RTI Act?

#### **Special recruitment drive for filling up of vacant posts**

†1235. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts in various categories are lying vacant in different Departments/Ministries and also in the various offices under their administrative control;

(b) if so, the Ministry-wise details of the vacancies;

(c) whether Government would undertake any special drive to fill up these

vacancies in order to address the problem of prevalent unemployment in the country as also keeping in view the work getting affected due to appointments not being made against these vacancies; and

(d) if so, by when the drive is proposed to be undertaken?

#### **Difficulties faced by pensioners**

1236. SHRI SASMIT PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the difficulties faced by pensioners in the country;

(b) the manner in which the Ministry is resolving them;

(c) complaints by pensioners both self-pensioners and family pensioners filed with the Ministry month-wise over the past five years;

(d) complaints filed by pensioners both self-pensioners and family pensioners been resolved month-wise over the past five years; and

(e) action undertaken against personnel of the Ministry found to have been creating problems for pensioners based on the complaints filed in (c) above?

#### **Vacancies in Government sectors**

1237. DR. L. HANUMAN-THAIAH:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in Government sectors lying vacant as on 31st October, 2019;

(b) the details thereof, Ministry-wise and State-wise; and

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(c) what action has been taken by Government to fill up the posts lying vacant in various Government offices?

**Achievement of targets of various schemes**

†1238. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether various schemes in the name of Prime Minister are being implemented in various Ministries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the targets fixed under each of the schemes have been achieved; and

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

**Low rank in Hunger Index**

1239. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been ranked in the Hunger Index at 102, amongst the different countries of the world;

(b) if so, the reasons of high Hunger Index of India inspite high amount of food production in the country; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to address this problem?

**Setting up of rocket launching pad in Tamil Nadu**

1240. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up rocket launching pad at Kulasekarapattinam in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Proposal of ISRO to transfer space-grade Li-ion Cell technology to BHEL**

1241. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has transferred indigenously developed technology to produce space-grade Lithium-ion cells by BHEL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the current state of progress on production of space-grade Li-ion cells by BHEL; and

(d) whether there is any plan to market these Li-ion cells in other countries also?

**Creation of business enterprise register**

1242. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to create a business enterprise register that will include details of all kind of businesses being run in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to conduct a nation-wide Economic Census in 2019-20; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revision of base year for GDP calculations**

1243. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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is considering to revise the base year for GDP calculations;

(b) whether the Ministry agrees that 2017-18 was marked by stunted growth due to demonetisation and GST implementation;

(c) if so, the reasons for the consideration; and

(d) expected boost to GDP figures based on revised calculations?

#### **Impact on textile industry after withdrawal of GSP**

1244. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) the US imported 17.97 million US dollars worth of readymade garment products under 15 categories that enjoyed Generalised System of Preferences (GSP);

(b) if so, the details of current balance of trade with the US; and

(c) details of impact on textile industry post withdrawal of GSP?

#### **Review of schemes for welfare of weavers**

†1245. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any review of the schemes that are being run for the welfare of the weavers during the last three years;

(b) if so, when the review of the schemes related to the welfare of the weavers in the district falling under the Konkan region of Maharashtra was conducted and the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the response of Government in this regard?

#### **Jute prices and ceiling on jute bag prices**

1246. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a move to curb the prices of jute bags Government has revised ceiling of the prices of jute bags, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken against persons and firms indulging in malpractices; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to control the irregularities in the jute sector which adversely affect the jute business?

#### **Development of handloom clusters in Telangana**

1247. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to develop handloom clusters in the country to be established in Mandal Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the places identified to establish handloom clusters in the State of Telangana;

(d) the quantum of allocations made for each cluster and the amount so far released under this project; and

(e) the details thereof?

#### **Export subsidy for the textile sector**

1248. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry in India

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is subjected to any provision of the WTO Agreement on subsidies and countervailing measures, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is under pressure to end export subsidy for the textile sector from the current year, whether there will be any adverse effects, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any policies and programmes forged by the Ministry to counter any effects that the WTO Agreement may have on employment in this industry and the details thereof?

#### **Boosting textile industry through technology upgradation**

1249. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with a plan to boost the textile sector;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to revise the provisions of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for this sector; and

(c) the details of the budget provisions made and incentives being offered to handloom sector for the said purpose in the current financial year?

#### **Expansion of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana**

1250. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering expanding the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including its objectives and salient features; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized by the States including Jharkhand and Gujarat for implementation of the scheme during the last three years and the current year so far?

#### **Coordination with the Environment Ministry on issues**

1251. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any issues for which there has been a collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change;

(b) if so, the details and results thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there are any future plans to collaborate to ensure efficiency on a number of issues?

#### **Inclusion of Kol tribe in PVTGs**

†1252. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the tribes included in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs);

(b) whether Government is considering to include 'Kol' tribe, in the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise data of population with secondary and higher secondary education included in PVTGs?

#### **Inclusion of communities in STs list**

1253. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

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proposals from some States/UTs for inclusion of certain communities in the Scheduled Tribes (STs) list;

(b) if so, the names of such communities for which proposals have been received during the last five years and till date, State/UT-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government on such proposals along with the present status thereof;

(d) whether Government has reviewed/ proposes to review the list of STs for considering cases of addition and deletion of some communities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Forest Rights title certificates to the forest dwellers**

1254. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise dispersal of Forest Rights title certificates to the forest dwellers during the period 2014-19;

(b) State-wise percentage of the land that has demarcated as eligible under the above; and

(c) what alternative steps have been taken to create additional forest to compensate the loss of forest for the above reasons?

#### **Vocational training centres in Gujarat**

†1255. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any vocational training centres have been established in the tribal areas of Gujarat;

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

(c) the criteria to establish the above mentioned vocational training centres?

#### **Schemes for development of tribes**

†1256. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes currently being implemented for development of tribes;

(b) scheme-wise details of funds allocated for the financial year 2019-20;

(c) whether the targets set in the past years have been met; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Ashram schools in Tribal Sub-Plan areas**

1257. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ashram schools sanctioned and functional in Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) areas, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated for setting up Ashram schools under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan during the current and previous financial years, State-wise;

(c) whether there is a shortage of teachers in these schools, and if so, the corrective measures taken by the Ministry in this regard;

(d) whether the Ministry has instituted any mechanism to monitor these schools to ensure their proper functioning; and

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

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### **Special action plan for tribals**

†1258. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any new special action plan for the economic and educational development along with the upliftment of tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total allocated funds for the welfare of tribals during the last three years and State-wise details of total amount spent from total fund in this regard?

### **Implementation of Forest Rights Act**

1259. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the overall and State-wise status of implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006;

(b) the response of Government on the Supreme Court eviction order of more than a million Adivasis and other forest dwellers;

(c) whether the Centre is reviewing the repercussions of the order;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government is planning to amend FRA, 2006?

### **PVTGs in Chhattisgarh**

†1260. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups

(PVTGs) out of Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the names of the Scheduled Tribes included in PVTGs, State-wise;

(c) the details of the facilities being provided to them and the amount allocated, released to Chhattisgarh and utilised by it in this regard;

(d) whether Government has provided reservation to PVTGs in Government jobs; and

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

### **Completion of tribal museum in Andhra Pradesh**

1261. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has a proposal for setting up tribal museums for tribal leaders who fought for Independence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Lammasingi in Andhra Pradesh has been chosen to set up a tribal museum to commemorate contribution of Alluri Seetha Ram Raju; and

(c) if so, details of the proposal and by when the museum is likely to be completed?

### **UNICEF report on malnourishment in children**

1262. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent report

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of UNICEF has said that every second child in India is malnourished despite the fact that FCI godowns are overflowing and 40 per cent of foodgrains go waste in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what effective remedial measures Government proposes to take in the light of UNICEF report?

#### **Cases filed under POCSO**

1263. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act during last three years, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether in spite of having so many laws for crime against children like sexual offences, forced begging and child labour, the crime against children are increasing day by day in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government is contemplating to take in this regard?

#### **Monitoring mechanism under Poshan Abhiyan**

1264. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nutrition Mission/ Poshan Abhiyan has any monitoring agency to report field level feedback on the ICDS scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has organised

a Technology Partnership for the Mission/ Abhiyan and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the monitoring mechanism put in place under the Mission/Abhiyan for its effective functioning?

#### **Issue of LOC on NRI matrimonial disputes**

1265. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Nodal Agency (INA) has issued Look Out Circulars (LOC) regarding Non-Resident Indians (NRI) involved in matrimonial disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the INA will be helpful in such cases especially if guilty people abscond from the country and are in foreign countries?

#### **Stipend to persons engaged under various schemes**

1266. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the stipend provided to the persons engaged under various schemes like Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Mahila Shakti Kendras (MSKs), etc. is very meagre;

(b) whether Government has received proposals from State Governments for revision of salaries under such schemes;

(c) whether Government has plans to enhance such salaries;

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

**Disbursement of funds under  
Rashtriya Mahila Kosh**

1267. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total disbursement of funds under the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh Scheme from 2018, till date;  
(b) the total disbursement of funds to the North-Eastern States from 2016, till date; and  
(c) the total number of bad loans under the scheme, the State-wise list of the same?

**Impact of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh  
Scheme**

1268. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has studied the impact of the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh Scheme in promoting socio-economic development of women;  
(b) whether the Ministry has studied the limitations of the system and steps taken to improve the credit delivery mechanism of the scheme; and  
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Stunting among children**

1269. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the rate of stunting among children in the country; and

- (b) what steps have been taken by Government to reduce the rate of stunting?

**Dowry practices in the society**

†1270. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the issues on which Government is working to prevent increasing dowry practice in the society?

**Spending on child education**

1271. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is spending on child education as per the directives suggested by Kothari Commission; and  
(b) if so, what is the total percentage, if not, the reasons therefor and what are the steps proposed to be taken by Government?

**Cases of child marriage**

1272. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether child marriages are legally banned in the country;  
(b) how many cases of child marriage have solemnised in the country during the last five years; and  
(c) the names of the States where child marriages have solemnised and what action has been taken in this matter?

**Acute malnutrition in India**

1273. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to

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a recent UNICEF report, children in India are in the grip of severe acute malnutrition and India is far behind from Nepal, Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons behind it when Government godowns are overflowing with foodgrains; and

(d) what effective remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

#### **'YuWaah' youth skilling initiative**

1274. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has now latched onto the global 'Generation Unlimited' movement started in New York last year, by launching its national version YuWaah to provide relevant skills to a large number of adolescent population in the country;

(b) whether YuWaah aims at a paradigm shift in skilling and re-skilling by targeting adolescent population between ages 10 to 24; and

(c) whether boys and girls at the secondary level would be provided hands-on courses in vocational skills along with regular academical regime?

#### **Malnourishment in women and children**

1275. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of malnourishment in women and children, year-wise and State-wise for the last five years;

(b) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to tackle the issue of malnourishment in women and children during the last five years; and

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

#### **Changes in institutional frameworks to deal with sexual harassment at workplace**

1276. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine and recommend changes in institutional frameworks to deal with and prevent sexual harassment at workplace; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the GoM so as to ensure workplace security and the details thereof?

#### **Unregistered child care institutions**

†1277. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child care institutions that are not registered under the Juvenile Justice Act in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to register those unregistered institutions, whose work was satisfactory, but were closed down; and

(c) the details of the progress of mandatory data uploading on Track Child 2.0 portal by Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and State Governments?

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**Infrastructure pertaining to  
Anganwadi buildings**

†1278. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Government Anganwadi buildings, their requirement, their shortage as on date and financial assistance plan for its construction; and

(b) by when all the Anganwadi Centres would be provided with suitable buildings?

**Number of law-suits filed against  
Department**

1279. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of law suits the Department is facing in various High Courts and Supreme Court as of 31st August, 2019, what is the High Court-wise and Department-wise statistics of these cases that have been filed and since when;

(b) the number of these law suits filed by Government Departments/Government establishments or State Governments; and

(c) whether the Department has evolved any structured mechanism to minimise the number of law suits being filed, if so, what is the nature of the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps taken to curb air pollution**

1280. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has sought information from the Delhi Pollution Control Board or any other State's Pollution Control Board regarding the steps taken to curb air pollution, where children are the worst sufferers of air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any reply regarding the action taken has been received by the NCPCR; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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