

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Human Resource Development; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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#### **Proper safety apparatus in nuclear power plants**

1921. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nuclear energy is the cheapest source of energy compared to other traditional sources of energy;

(b) if so, the number of nuclear power plants which are generating energy in the country and comparative power generated by each of them;

(c) whether any incident leading to risk to human life occurred during the last three years; and

(d) whether proper safety apparatus are there in each of the power plants, the details thereof?

#### **Neutrino Observatory in Tamil Nadu**

1922. SHRI VAIKO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Neutrino Observatory is being planned in Theni district of Tamil

Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any opposition has been raised against the project, in view of serious endangerment to bio-diversity of Western Ghats;

(d) if so, whether any survey of local people and local representatives have been consulted and taken into confidence about the environmental degradation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the project would be abandoned in view of large scale opposition in the area?

#### **Higher charges for telecom infra rollout**

1923. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:  
SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States are charging upto 50 times higher for telecom infra rollout;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that people would face poor quality of services in those States and Union Territories which charge 50 times higher for telecom infra rollout; and

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

#### **Implementation of WANI**

1924. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is bringing a free WiFi named WANI, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any pilot project has been undertaken in this regard, if so, the details of the results;

(c) whether TRAI has received any objection from telecom companies, if so, the details of the objections; and

(d) whether there is a threat to national security if WANI is implemented?

#### **Mobile towers in every Panchayat**

†1925. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to install mobile towers in every Panchayat of the country to fulfill the demand of digitalization and strengthen the rural banking system ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to provide mobile towers in those far-flung villages of the country where these

towers are not available till now; and

(d) the proposed time-line for installing mobile towers in every far-flung villages and each panchayat region of the country?

#### **Finalisation of revival package for MTNL and BSNL**

1926. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revival package for the ailing MTNL and BSNL has been finalized and announced by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the plan and the steps being taken for its implementation;

(c) whether the employees of these two public sector companies have been taken into confidence before finalizing the revival package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Impact of VRS on smooth functioning of BSNL**

1927. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced VRS in BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof, including the reasons for the decision;

(b) the number of people who have opted for VRS so far; and

(c) whether there is an apprehension that it will badly affect the smooth functioning of BSNL especially the exchanges in rural areas?

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**Enhancing efficiency of Speed Post services of India Post**

1928. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efficiency of most of the private courier agencies in the country are considered better than the Speed Post services of India Post;

(b) if so, what are the major factors due to which private courier agencies have better efficiency and whether India Post would introduce similar system for Speed Post services by gearing up India Post employee; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to improve Speed Post services at par with private courier agencies?

**Waiver of interest/penalty on AGR**

1929. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for waiver or lowering of interest, penalty and interest on penalty on unpaid statutory dues of Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea based on Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Return of excess recovery of pension contribution of BSNL employees**

1930. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per understanding between the BSNL and Department of Telecommunication, the contribution for pension have been deducted from the

monthly salary of the employees and while doing so instead of making recovery on the actual pay drawn by the employee the recovery is being made on the maximum of the pay scale; and

(b) if so, whether any corrective action is proposed to be taken to return the excess amount to the employees?

**Merger of DA with basic wages in VRS package**

1931. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced VRS package to BSNL employees and whether BSNL was supposed to revise the wages for BSNL employees from 1st January, 2017 but it has not been done; and

(b) whether BSNL management has any proposal to give benefit of wage revision by merging the DA with basic wages to the willing employees who have opted for VRS?

**Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana**

1932. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts propose to build on its life insurance offerings that would be spun off as a separate unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana currently covers 1,244 villages and Government plans to expand it to 10,000 villages by March, 2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cost to be borne through merger of  
BSNL/MTNL**

1933. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that would be the estimated total cost to be borne by Government through the merger of BSNL and MTNL in the coming two years before the company starts making profit as planned;

(b) whether Government has identified the assets to be monetised by the current fiscal year;

(c) the details of assets that would be monetised for the current fiscal year and by when does Government plan to do so; and

(d) the details of the disinvestment plans and how Government has planned to attract investors for the same?

**Revenue losses of MTNL and BSNL**

1934. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to merge MTNL and BSNL;

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

(c) the revenue losses and fall in profits suffered by MTNL and BSNL during the last three years and the reasons therefor;

(d) by when the proposed merger would be completed; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that employees of BSNL and MTNL, are not adversely affected?

**Special package to Nagaland**

1935. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been providing funds to Nagaland under various special packages/schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, district-wise;

(c) the expenditure incurred under each scheme/package since their announcement, year-wise;

(d) the details of projects sanctioned under each package including the expenditure, till date; and

(e) the details of projects to be implemented during the current financial year, district-wise?

**Cyber attacks on Indian sites from  
China**

1936. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) of the Ministry, 35 per cent of cyber attacks on Indian sites are from China;

(b) if so, the details of malicious activities that have been identified and what remedial measures are being taken against such attacks; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to contain such attacks?

**Steps taken to improve the security of websites**

1937. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many of Government websites are vulnerable to hacking;

(b) whether Government would take steps to improve the security of websites, particularly Government websites;

(c) whether many incidents of data theft have occurred in the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken to protect Indian data?

**Report on Artificial Intelligence**

1938. DR. AMAR PATNAIK:  
SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

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

(a) whether Government has received the report on Artificial Intelligence by the Committee constituted for the same;

(b) the number of reports/studies on AI initiated by Government and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has released this report, or any information thereof, in public domain;

(d) the actions recommended by this Committee on Artificial Intelligence; and

(e) whether the Committee has recommended any safeguards against biases in computer systems in its report and the details thereof?

**Letter to Cambridge Analytica regarding data of Indians**

1939. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sent another letter to Cambridge Analytica asking for additional details, not satisfied with the data mining and analysis firm's response received on April 3, 2018 regarding the data of Indian citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government in its letter has asked the firm which was also reportedly involved in electoral campaigns of leaders across the globe to give due sanctity to the data of Indian citizens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Regulations to monitor the dark web and deepfakes**

1940. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any systematic regulations in place to monitor the dark web;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any plans to prevent the spread of deepfakes in India?

**Security measures taken to protect cyber networks**

1941. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the security measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect cyber networks and also the action taken against the culprits;

(b) whether there is acute shortage of cyber professionals/experts in the country to deal with cyber attacks; and

(c) whether Government is planning to give training for cyber professionals?

#### **Personal Data Protection Bill**

1942. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that, according to a study conducted by UK-based research firm, India has been ranked third worst for data privacy in Global Surveillance Index; and

(b) what is the status of Draft Personal Data Protection Bill, 2018, by when it is expected to be tabled in the Parliament?

#### **Breach of privacy by digital intermediaries**

1943. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that digital intermediaries are allegedly breaching the privacy of its users;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to ensure that digital intermediaries protect the privacy of user's data; and

(c) by when the notification of New Intermediaries Guidelines Rules is expected?

#### **Amendments to the Intermediaries Guidelines Rules**

1944. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that if intermediaries, as proposed in the amendments to the Intermediaries Guidelines Rules, proactively monitor content, there will be mass-scale private surveillance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government agrees that this would be in violation of the Puttaswamy Judgement of the Supreme Court;

(d) the details thereof;

(e) whether Government agrees that there are more effective ways to tackle hate speech and misinformation; and

(f) the details thereof?

#### **Development of economy through data localisation**

1945. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that data localisation will help develop the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted or commissioned any studies to assess the costs of data localisation on small and medium businesses and startups, similar to the exercise that was conducted by the European Union which did a comprehensive assessment of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance cost on small businesses and startups;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for not commissioning such a study?

**Visvesvaraya Ph.D. scheme for  
Electronics & IT**

1946. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW:  
Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be  
pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons which necessitated a separate Visvesvaraya Ph.D. scheme for Electronics & IT; and
- (b) whether the programme has attracted foreign students as well?

**Threat of mobile games**

1947. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the  
Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be  
pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that dangerous mobile games like Blue Whale, PUBG, etc. are becoming serious threat to the children;
- (b) whether Government has any plan and mechanism to stop such games;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Chip manufacturing in the country**

1948. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:  
Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be  
pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that despite its campaign of Digital India, the country lacks basic necessities like a semi-

conductor chip manufacturing plant in the country;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any electronic chip manufacturing units are likely to be operational in the next five years;
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (e) whether the setting up of electronic chip facilities would be of nation's strategic purpose as chips had security implications and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether Government is considering providing subsidy to these units and if so, the details thereof?

**Guidelines for social media**

1949. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:  
Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be  
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that concerned over its wide misuse the Supreme Court of India has recently directed Government to frame guidelines for the social media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action Government has taken on the directive of the Apex Court?

**Fee hike in JNU**

†1950. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased

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to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a significant fee hike in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi;

(b) if so, details of heads under which the fees have been increased;

(c) whether the students have launched an agitation against the said fee hike; and

(d) the names of the universities in the country witnessing an increase in fee structure alongwith the details on the quantum of increase against each head?

#### **NSO spyware scandal**

1951. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the steps taken after the NSO Pegasus spyware scandal;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of all the companies that sell such software or provide services; and

(c) what steps the Ministry has taken to ensure the bulwarking of such spywares in the country?

#### **Misuse of data by companies to manipulate electoral process**

1952. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies are misusing data of India to manipulate the electoral process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has warned such companies which were misusing the said data for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Breach of privacy on messaging platform WhatsApp**

1953. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister has stated that Government is concerned at the breach of privacy of citizens of India on the messaging platform WhatsApp and Government has asked WhatsApp to explain the kind of breach and what it is doing to safeguard it; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of the WhatsApp?

#### **Setting up of electronics manufacturing clusters**

1954. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accorded permission for setting up of Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) at Kamrup district of Assam;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any step to promote investment in IT/ITeS sector and to create employment opportunities, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to promote North-Eastern Region as one of the preferred IT destination in the country?



**Usage of digital technology among common man in the country**

1955. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched scores of schemes to boost the usage of digital technology among common man in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by Government to make more deeper usage of Information Technology in the country;

(d) whether Government has taken special efforts to promote Information Technology accessible to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof including that of Karnataka; and

(f) other new initiatives/steps being taken by Government for deeper penetration of digital technology applications for common man?

**Opening of new consulates of Saudi Arabia and the US**

1956. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for opening more consulates of Saudi Arabia and the US in various States are under consideration;

(b) if so, the details of the States and respective cities in which opening of consulates are considered;

(c) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Consultants/advisors with the Ministry**

1957. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

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

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

(d) how many of them are serving with the Department or in any other associated organisation continuously for the last ten years?

**Arrest of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Army**

1958. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increase in arrest of Indian Businessmen by Sri Lankan armed forces;

(b) if so, the number of Indian fishermen arrested and jailed in Sri Lanka;

(c) the efforts taken by Government to release Indian fishermen; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to develop any mechanism to alert fishermen not to cross International Maritime Border in Indian Ocean/Bay of Bengal?

**Views expressed by Malaysia and Turkey**

†1959. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the interests of India are being overlooked continuously by Malaysia and Turkey and these countries are continuously speaking against the interests of India on international fora;

(b) whether it is also a fact that imports from Malaysia have continuously increased;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in view of over-looking of interests of India by Malaysia; and

(d) the main reason responsible for widening gulf between India and neighbouring country like Malaysia?

**Increasing the sectors under MPLADS fund**

1960. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the areas and sectors under MPLADS funds;

(b) if so, the complete details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has received certain suggestions for increase of

MPLADS funds of Members of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Know India Programme**

1961. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the Indian diaspora has responded to the Know India Programme; and

(b) the details of participation of the diaspora?

**Prime Minister's visit to the US**

1962. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of agreements and MoUs signed between India and US during last visit of Prime Minister to the US, and details thereof;

(b) whether any discussion was held for reducing the imposition of 25 per cent safeguard duty on steel by US which affected steel exports from India, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) details of the organiser of the "Howdy Modi" event in US;

(d) whether Government has any information regarding the expenditure incurred and source of fund for organising that event; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons for not collecting such information?

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**Proposed amendment to the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA)**

1963. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amendment proposed for the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) by the US Congressman Brad Sherman;

(b) its implications on current US-India relations; and

(c) the implications of this on India's global standing?

**Information on fake foreign universities**

1964. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the instances of Indian students enrolling in fake foreign universities are on the rise;

(b) whether Government has identified the issues faced by several Indian students abroad after foreign institutes they enrolled in, turns out to be fake;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a portal to help students seeking admission in foreign universities to identify the genuineness of such universities; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed portal and other steps taken by Government to help Indian students enrolling in foreign universities?

**Role of BRICS in international context**

1965. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is not in active role for the acceleration of the role of Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) in international prospective;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking an active role in BRICS at present; and

(c) the present outlook and international context of BRICS?

**Tribal university in Khammam, Telangana**

1966. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up for tribal university in Khammam, Telangana; and

(b) the research made for this purpose so far?

**Reservation of SCs/STs and OBCs across Central Universities**

†1967. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are vacant in the Central Universities in the country;

(b) the number of sanctioned posts for SCs/STs and OBCs as well as the general category and the category-wise number of sanctioned/vacant posts in the Central Universities;

(c) the details of steps taken to fill these posts during the last three years; and

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(d) whether some communities are being kept deprived of the benefits of reservation by making no appointments against the sanctioned posts?

#### **Calculation of vacancies in universities**

1968. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to convey to all universities to start its process of teachers' appointment by calculating vacancies based on individual departments;

(b) if so, details thereof and steps being taken by Government so far;

(c) the number of universities and colleges that are going ahead with appointments and calculating vacancies on the basis of departments which may affect the representation of SC/ST candidates and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Commission had announced that an individual department should be considered as base unit to calculate number of teaching posts to be reserved for SCs/STs?

#### **Status of Project Vishwajeet**

1969. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Project Vishwajeet and whether the Ministry has plans to revive the Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of Indian Institutes of

Technology (IITs) currently included under the project and whether the Ministry plans to include more IITs under the ambit of the project;

(d) whether the funding plan for the project has been prepared and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when the project is likely to be implemented?

#### **Establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Telangana**

1970. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy of Government to establish Kendriya Vidyalayas in each district of State;

(b) if so, details of the action being initiated for establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Telangana State; and

(c) if not, the specific reasons therefor?

#### **Higher education facilities for Below Poverty Line students**

1971. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to collect data of students belonging to the Below Poverty Line families admitted for higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of such students who got admission for higher studies during the last three years, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide higher education to the students belonging to poorest families?

**Hurdles in functioning of autonomous colleges**

1972. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges in the country which have been made autonomous;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Governments and universities are creating obstacles for these colleges to function autonomously; and

(c) steps that are being taken by Government to ensure that they are allowed to function autonomously?

**Delay in appointment of Vice Chancellor of Manipur University**

1973. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) reasons for the delay in appointment of the Vice Chancellor of Manipur University, whether this post has been lying vacant for a long time;

(b) whether there is any difficulty in appointing a new Vice Chancellor for Manipur University, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has decided to fill up the post of Vice Chancellor in the near future, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Current status of model degree colleges**

†1974. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether model colleges have been upgraded into degree colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated by Government for setting up of new model colleges in current financial year; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

**Contractual teachers appointed in universities and pre-education**

1975. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that contract teachers are appointed in universities and in schools from primary to higher secondary levels;

(b) the reasons for permanent teachers not being appointed in these universities and schools;

(c) whether the reservation policy is being followed in the appointment of contract teachers in different universities and schools; and

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

**Monitoring of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

1976. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any monitoring of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the success achieved in realising the targets fixed under it;

(b) if so, the State-wise achievement of the targets and parameters contemplated thereunder indicating specifically how far

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the socially backward classes—SCs/STs/OBCs and minorities have been benefited by the Abhiyan; and

(c) the State-wise expenditure incurred and the number of boys and girls who were benefited thereby?

**Government schools lacking drinking water facility**

1977. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Government run schools are lacking drinking water facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of total number of schools having drinking water facility?

**Introduction of Hindu epics at school/ kindergarten level**

1978. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce Hindu epic literature from the kindergarten and/or school level;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government also proposes to narrate and/or include other minority epics of the world related to the country thereof; and

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

**Quality of mid-day meals across the country**

1979. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any stringent mechanism to ensure that quality food is served under Mid-day Meal Scheme in the schools across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has come across any instances or received any complaints regarding serving of sub-standard food under Mid-day Meal Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in such cases?

**Status of disbursement of Means-cum-Merit Scholarship**

1980. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether disbursement of sanctioned Means-cum-Merit Scholarship under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the State-wise number of sanctioned Means-cum-Merit Scholarship of which disbursement remains pending;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to clear the dues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of Saakshar Bharat Mission in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**

1981. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released funds for implementation of Saakshar Bharat Mission to the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Government's of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for early release of the necessary funds, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to execute the implementation without any problems at the earliest?

**Expected growth of education and investment by private and NGO sector**

1982. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed allocation for education in coming two years along with the expected growth of education; and

(b) the amount of investment expected to be provided by private sector, NGOs and others?

**Module for study of Artificial Intelligence**

1983. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a module to introduce a study of Artificial Intelligence at the school level, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has collaborated with technology leaders like Intel for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with details of MoU signed;

(d) whether Government has given enough training to teachers to teach courses of Artificial Intelligence, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has identified classes in which study of Artificial Intelligence will be introduced, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) time by when study of Artificial Intelligence will be introduced in the schools all over country?

**Lack of training of teachers in rural areas**

1984. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of education in rural areas is poor due to lack of proper training of teachers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has introduced Integrated Scheme for School Education-Samagra Shiksha;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind this move;

(d) the quantum of funds allocated/ utilised to States/UTs under this scheme;

(e) whether Government has any mechanism to assess the proper utilisation of funds by States in imparting training to teachers, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) other steps taken by Government to boost the teaching profession especially in rural India?

**Inauguration of new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas**

1985. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently inaugurated five new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), one National Navodaya Leadership Institute and laid foundation stone of nine new JNVs in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh to allot Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the next academic year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and their status thereon?

**Mandatory physical activity in schools**

1986. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any steps to make fixed duration of one hour or half an hour of physical activity mandatory on daily basis in all Government and private schools or colleges in country in view of growing incidents of low health standards due to lack of physical activity among children in the society;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether in many schools there is no regular physical activity classes as was the case in earlier days when along with

assembly, physical exercises was mandatory especially in the NCT of Delhi; and

(e) the details thereof?

**School capacity in the country**

1987. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of school capacity in the country, including but not limited to number of schools and classrooms, management-wise, education stage-wise (elementary, secondary and higher secondary) and State-wise as per the most recent data;

(b) details of school capacity utilisation, in terms of number of students that can be enrolled *versus* the number of students currently enrolled, management-wise, education stage-wise (elementary, secondary and higher secondary) and State-wise; and

(c) details of schools that Government is planning to shut down for various reasons including low enrollment, management-wise, education stage-wise (elementary, secondary and higher secondary) and State-wise?

**Minimum qualification for teachers**

1988. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum qualification for appointment of school teachers as authorised by the Centre, State-wise and educational level-wise (pre-primary, primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary);

(b) average salary of teachers, management-wise, State-wise and educational level-wise (pre-primary,



primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary) as per the most recent data available; and

(c) pupil-teacher ratio, management-wise, State-wise and educational level-wise (pre-primary, primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary) as per the most recent data available?

**Devolution of funds to States with respect to education sector**

1989. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spending on education has gone down during the last five years, if so, the details of the last five years;

(b) the devolution of funds to States under the Fourteenth Finance Commission for education; and

(c) the amount of money spent and the State-wise details thereof?

**Kendriya Vidyalayas in small cities of Madhya Pradesh**

†1990. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in small cities of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas will be opened at Churhat of district Sidhi, Sarai of district Singrauli and Beohari of district Shahdol, if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**One Nation-One Education Policy**

†1991. SHRIMATI CHHAYA

VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR

PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH

YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to formulate the 'One Nation-One Education Policy' to provide similar education to children aged 6-14 years in the country, so that duality in education system prevalent in the country could be dispensed with and students could get uniform education at private as well as Government-run schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the students who have studied in private schools are more successful in various examinations and the poor families are being adversely affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Budget allocation to Central Universities**

1992. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details of budget allocation for Central Universities over the last five years;

(b) total expenditure incurred on Central Universities for the same period; and

(c) details of budget allocation and expenditure incurred for Jawaharlal Nehru University under various categories?

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**Per Child Cost under RTE Act**

1993. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise Per Child Cost (PCC) under Section 12(1)(C) of RTE Act;
- (b) whether all States have State Advisory Councils;
- (c) State-wise frequency at which this cost is revised;
- (d) action taken if this cost is not revised yearly; and
- (e) whether the costs notified are checked by any other authority?

**Benefit of reservation in educational institutes**

1994. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of reservation is not being given to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the teaching and management positions of higher educational institutes such as IITs, IIMs, IHMs and universities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to implement the reservation system effectively in such institutes; and
- (c) if so, the dates on which higher educational institutes have been directed by Government to fill up vacant posts during the last three years?

**Proposal to start E and ICT academy at Warangal NIT**

1995. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to start Electronics and Information and Communication Technology (E and ICT) academy in Warangal National Institute of Technology; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when, such proposal would be considered?

**Proposals for development works in Chhattisgarh**

†1996. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry regarding development related works from the State Government of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and scheme-wise allocation of funds alongwith the details of action taken thereon;
- (b) the reasons for the proposals received from the State Government still being pending;
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed for the disposal of the said proposals;
- (d) whether delay in the disposal of the proposal hampers the development related works and the manner in which the increased cost of works is adjusted; and
- (e) the details thereof?

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**Testing the quality of education in English medium schools**

1997. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism devised by Government to test the quality of education imparted in English medium schools in the country;

(b) whether Government has any basis to conduct comparative study of schools in the country with those of developed countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to promote critical thinking and develop practical skills among the school children; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Spending on research and innovation**

1998. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is spending only 0.7 per cent of the GDP on research and innovation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to increase the spending on research and innovation in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Assessment of school education**

1999. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to transform the assessment methods in school education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Upgradation of Universities to global standards**

†2000. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on upgrading some universities and institutions of higher education in the country, to global standards;

(b) if so, whether Government also proposes to make universities and other institutions located in the State of Gujarat as the ones meeting global standards; and

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

**Amendments in the draft New Education Policy**

2001. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received the draft of New Education Policy from the Committee constituted in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has amended the draft New Education Policy to state that students are free to choose any language they wish to study in till grade five;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) whether it is also a fact that the policy is under review by Government and if so, whether Government is considering to implement the policy very soon?

**Vacant posts for SCs/STs in universities**

†2002. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of vacant posts of teachers of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various universities of the country; and

(b) if so, by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

**Pendency of cases in Courts and vacancy of Judges**

2003. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Supreme Court, High Courts in the country, Court-wise, District Courts in the country, Court-wise over the past five years; and

(b) the number of vacancies of Judges in Supreme Court, High Courts of the country, Court-wise, District Courts of the country, Court-wise over the past five years?

**Survey of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

2004. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been

conducted in respect to children not going to schools in the country under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last three years;

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

(c) the special efforts being made under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to send such children to schools?

**Appointment of lawyers to provide legal assistance**

†2005. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the process of appointing lawyers to provide legal assistance to the people by Government;

(b) the number of such Government appointed lawyers in the country at present, whether the posts of such Government lawyers are vacant or there is a requirement of more lawyers;

(c) whether with a view to provide justice for all, Government intends to set up free legal advice centres in every district or tehsil; and

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

**Corruption in judicial services**

2006. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to work out any concrete policy to save judicial service from corruption and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the number of Judges of High Courts and District Courts who have been compulsorily retired or imposed with a ban on their judicial power during the last three years till date, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether regular monitoring of the Judges of the District Courts/High Courts are being done to check corruption in judicial service and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Women Judges in High Courts**

2007. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that as per the India Justice Report, the share of women Judges came down to 28 per cent in Subordinate Courts and 11 per cent in High Courts;

(b) whether any gender sensitivity study has been initiated to look into the matter;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the measures taken to address the issue?

#### **Vacancies of Judges in Andhra Pradesh**

2008. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 24 vacancies of Judges in Andhra Pradesh High Court;

(b) if so, since how long they have been lying vacant; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill the vacancies?

#### **Pendency of cases in District Courts/ High Courts**

2009. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of District Courts and High Courts which have complied with the direction of the Supreme Court for bringing down pendency to nil, of cases pending for ten years or more on or before 31st December, 2017 and cases pending for five years or more on or before 31st December, 2018, State-wise;

(b) whether any Court in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh has complied with the said direction of the Supreme Court;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Policies on safety concerns of lawyers**

2010. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any guidelines for the safety of lawyers, especially of women lawyers in the light of rising incidents involving the murders of lawyers and their safety, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce any compensation schemes for covering the hospital expenses, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such victims since 2015 and the measures Government has taken to help these victims?

### **Modernisation of judicial infrastructure**

2011. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes/programmes intended for modernisation, infrastructural development and judicial reforms have achieved the desired results in the country, if so, the details thereof along with funds allocated and released under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme/programme-wise;

(b) whether the delivery of justice of Gram Nyayalayas to the litigants is faster than that of the judicial system in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government to improve the functioning of judiciary in the country?

### **Pending cases of corruption**

†2012. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that close to several thousand cases of corruption are pending in Courts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such cases disposed of by the Courts during the last three years?

### **Funds for judicial infrastructure development in Madhya Pradesh**

†2013.DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the details of the installment amount and release schedule

thereof with regard to the amount of ₹ 112.69 crores till the year 2018-19 and ₹ 617 crores for the year 2019-20 respectively as Central Government's total share designated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Judicial Infrastructure Development' in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

### **Video conferencing during trials**

2014. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisons across the country that have been linked *via* video conferencing across the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any amendment has been made to permit the use of video conferencing during trial hearings;

(c) the number of prisoners being produced *via* video conferencing for remand hearing and trial hearings across the country; and

(d) the nodal agency incharge of monitoring and documenting the use of video-conferencing at the district/State/national level?

### **Law Commission report on gambling in sports**

2015. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has submitted to Government a report stating that since it is impossible to stop illegal gambling, the only viable option left is to regulate gambling in sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that the panel wanted Government to introduce a cap on the number of gambling transactions for each individual; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Criminal record of candidates contesting election**

2016. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2149 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th July, 2019 and state:

(a) whether no criminal record or criminal background is being assessed by the Election Commission and Ministry for the candidates who are contesting election; and

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

#### **Internal Commercial Disputes Redressal Mechanism**

2017. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current internal mechanism in force to deal with commercial disputes between Ministries, Departments and PSUs;

(b) the success of the mechanism in discouraging Court litigation; and

(c) the details thereof since the year of its inception?

#### **Sanctioned post of Judges in High Courts**

2018. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies of Judges in various High Courts filled up during last

three years and the current year so far, year-wise and High Court-wise;

(b) whether 40 per cent sanctioned post of High Court Judges are lying vacant at present;

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

(d) the reasons for the same; and

(e) the details of steps Government would take to ensure speedy and fair justice to common people?

#### **Problems reflected by India Justice Report, 2019**

2019. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the recently released India Justice Report, 2019 compiled by the civil society, relying on Government data since 2012, that throws light on problems plaguing the justice delivery system in the country;

(b) whether the report reveals that India spends 0.08 per cent of its GDP on its judiciary with no State filling all the sanctioned posts of High Court Judges; and

(c) whether even on physical infrastructure, the report reveals a shortage of over 4,000 court halls against the sanctioned number?

#### **SCs/STs Judges in Supreme Court**

2020. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is eager to provide maximum accommodation to the deserving/qualified minority groups *i.e.* SCs/STs etc. even in high places like the Supreme Court;

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

(c) the present number of Supreme Court Judges belonging to the SCs/STs; and

(d) how many such posts are lying vacant in Supreme Court as on date?

#### **Fast Track Courts in Andhra Pradesh**

2021. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 14th Finance Commission has urged the State Government to use the additional fiscal space provided by the Commission in tax devolution from 32 per cent to 42 per cent to set up Fast Track Courts across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government/State Governments has set up Fast Track Courts (FTC) pursuant to this;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacancies of Judges in Courts**

2022. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the post of Judges in each of the High Courts, State-wise for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(b) the number of vacancies in the post of judges at the District level in each State for the same period?

#### **Amendment in Representation of People Act**

†2023. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to amend the laws related to The Representation of People Act and 'Aadhaar';

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

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

#### **Retirement of Government officials**

2024. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is actively considering for retirement of Government officials either at the age of 60 years or after completing 33 years of service, whichever is earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when orders in this regard is likely to be issued?

#### **Compulsory retirement of Government employees**

2025. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) number of Government employees retired under Rule 56(J) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 since 2015, Group-wise and Cadre-wise;

(b) any proposal to reduce the retirement age of Government employees in the near future, the details thereof;

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(c) whether pension fixed at the time of retirement on superannuation, can be re-fixed/revised upon re-employment of such employee in Government Sector on contractual basis, if so, details of such rule along with number of such cases which came to the notice of Government so far; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the efficiency of Government employees and to ensure their timely promotion?

**Appointment of Board level position in CPSEs**

2026. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has expressed its concern over the delay in the appointments of Board level positions in Public Sector Enterprises and various Ministries of Government;

(b) whether Government has written to those Ministries which have failed to comply with the prescribed timelines for appointments of both CMDs and other Board level appointments; and

(c) if so, the names of the Ministries in this regard and the names of the Public Sector Enterprises where CMD and Board level positions are yet to be fulfilled?

**Implementation of Supreme Court order benefitting pensioners**

2027. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had filed a Review Petition in the Supreme Court of India against Court's order dated the 23rd July, 2018 [RP (c) No. 1731/2019 in SLP (c) No. 22008/2018] and the Court had dismissed the SLP on 8th August, 2019, if

so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether in the light of the said order of the Supreme Court, Government has issued any order to implement it for the benefit of pensioners who retired on 30th June, if not, whether any timeline has been fixed and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Regional and Hindi speaking students in civil services**

2028. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Hindi speaking and regional language students made it to civil services from 2014 till date; and

(b) whether there would be any efforts such as age relaxation, trainings etc. by Government to encourage women to participate in civil services?

**Leave encashment of employees**

2029. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any circular to all the Ministries clarifying that there is no distinction between regular/ad-hoc/co-terminus employees working in main Ministries or Commissions under the Ministries as far as leave encashment is concerned;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the relevant rules in this regard?

**Policy on promotion of bureaucrats**

2030. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed

a new comprehensive policy on promotion of bureaucrats;

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

(c) whether Government has also reviewed the performance of Government servants and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of officers who have been compulsorily retired due to non performance during each of the last three years and the current year?

#### **Minimum basic salary of contractual employees**

2031. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 10 lakh contractual employees are working in various Departments of Central Government through contractor or direct contract employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these contract labours/ employees are entitled to get minimum basic salary and dearness allowance as a permanent employee in the same position; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

#### **Pending cases of RTI violations**

2032. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of RTI Act violations pending at the State Information Commission and Central Information Commission till September, 2019;

(b) the number of cases that resulted in imposition of penalties on the Public

Information Officers (PIOs) for violating the law in the financial year 2017-18;

(c) the current status of recruitment of the vacant posts of four Chief Information Commissioners and by when they will be filled; and

(d) whether the Ministry is planning to implement stricter punishment for violating the RTI law by the PIOs and the details thereof?

#### **Pending sanction requests of CVC**

2033. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several requests of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) seeking permission to prosecute various officials involved in various corruption cases is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of number of such requests pending with Government at various administrative authorities and tenure of pendency of each such request?

#### **Funds allocated by Planning Commission/NITI Aayog**

2034. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funding provided by Planning Commission to the various States in the country over the past ten years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total amount of funding provided by NITI Aayog to the various States in the country over the past ten year, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) number of research and publications produced by Planning Commission since its inception till it was revamped with names of the research and publications undertaken; and

(d) the number of research and publications produced by NITI Aayog since its inception till date with names of the research and publications undertaken?

#### **Estimation of poverty in urban areas**

†2035. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poverty in cities is declining;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise number of the people living Below Poverty Line in urban areas;

(c) the details of the schemes being launched for the elimination of urban poverty and generation of employment in the country; and

(d) other steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the said schemes?

#### **Estimated growth rate in the country**

2036. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of economic, industrial and agricultural growth rates of the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the estimated growth rate of the country and if so, the results thereof;

(c) the existing growth rate and the targeted growth rate of various sectors of the economy including the agricultural sector; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to achieve the targeted growth rate in various sectors of the economy?

#### **India Skills Report, 2019**

2037. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards 'India Skills Report-2019', an annual survey conducted by a talent assessment firm and an HR technology company in association with UNDP, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), CII and AICTC, which concluded that the overall employability of Indian graduates stood at around 47 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto;

(c) whether Government is considering to upgrade universities to enhance practical skill development of graduate students as per industry demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-implementation of schemes by States**

†2038. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public welfare schemes being run by Government currently;

(b) the number of schemes not being implemented by various States out of the said schemes; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries deprived of the benefits of such Central Government schemes on account of their non-implementation by the States?

#### **Launching of Indian Space Station**

2039. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has taken a decision to launch an Indian Space Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has set any time-frame for launching an Indian Space Station;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether financial implications of launching an Indian Space Station have been assessed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation**

2040. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in technical discussions to realise a virtual constellation of remote sensing satellites provided by space agencies, as part of the BRICS programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purposes for which such a network can be utilised?

#### **Setting up dedicated cells in IITs in collaboration with ISRO**

2041 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has taken an initiative to involve IITs in high end space technology by pursuing them to set up dedicated cells;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which are the major research areas in which ISRO desires development of high-end technology in collaboration with IITs; and

(d) whether ISRO would fund the

identified projects or IITs themselves would arrange the resources?

#### **Reasons for change of base year of GDP**

2042. KUMARI SELJA:

SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to change the base year for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) calculations on constant prices to 2017-18;

(b) if so, the rationale behind selecting 2017-18 as the appropriate base year;

(c) if not, the details of all the base years being considered, including the rationale for each, thereof; and

(d) the present base year to determine the GDP and the difficulties faced while calculating the GDP from this base year?

#### **Setting up of panel to revise GDP norms**

2043. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a 13 member panel to revise norms for the preparation of GDP at State and district level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering revising the base year for the computation of national income to 2017-18 from the current 2011-12 to better capture economic realities in a fast changing world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Delay in releasing second installment of MPLADS funds**

†2044. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days taken to release second installment of MPLADS fund to the MPLADS fund accounts after submission of all documents of first installment of the said fund;

(b) whether it is a fact that regular complaints are being raised by the Members of Parliament that release of second installment is delayed due to non-submission of documents by concerned districts on time; and

(c) the assistance being provided by Government to Members of Parliament at district level in this regard?

**Cost overruns in ongoing infrastructure projects**

2045. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing infrastructure projects worth more than ₹ 150 crore or more, which have shown cost overruns owing to delays and other reasons, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has analysed the reasons for cost and time escalation of these projects, if so, the details thereof;

(c) steps taken to reduce delay in execution of projects, including streamlining land acquisition, forest clearance and supply of equipment; and

(d) the total expenditure of these projects and the amount spent as on

31st October, 2019 and the amount that has been escalated due to delay?

**Data on consumer spending**

2046. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the annual report of the Ministry, data regarding the consumer spending in rural and urban areas was supposed to be released in June, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for blocking the data and not releasing it;

(d) whether Government is trying to conceal the historical decline in consumer spending; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Monitoring of textile industry in States**

2047. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is monitoring the state of textile industry in various States;

(b) if so, details in respect of state of textile industry in Rajasthan, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the contribution of Rajasthan in country's textiles exports has declined in last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to promote textile industry in Rajasthan, especially in Bhilwada; and

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

**Focus on regional and cluster subsidies in the textile sector**

2048. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export-specific subsidy violates WTO norms, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any policies to move away from export subsidy and focus on regional and cluster subsidies, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government policies encompass the need for technology upgradation, skill development and skill development subsidies, if so, the details thereof?

**Skilling under Samarth Scheme**

2049. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have been skilled under the textile scheme 'Samarth' which will skill 4 lakh people in 18 States; and

(b) the State-wise details of the beneficiaries?

**Implementation of Samarth Scheme in textile sector**

2050. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented Samarth Scheme for capacity building in textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount spent under the scheme for capacity building during the last two financial years;

(d) the amount allocated for the State of Telangana for capacity building of people working in the textile sector from the State and the implementing agencies thereof; and

(e) the present status of the scheme?

**Steps taken to boost exports post implementation of GST**

2051. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken certain steps to boost exports in the wake of declining textile exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which these measures are helpful in the post GST regime; and

(d) the extent to which competition from neighbouring countries like China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka has affected India's exports in textile sector?

**Development of handloom weavers in Tamil Nadu**

2052. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there are around 3.5 lakh handloom weavers and allied workers in the State of Tamil Nadu, which is highest among the Southern States and second highest on all India basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps regarding the welfare of the

handloom weavers and allied workers in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decline in export of cotton yarn**

2053. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of cotton yarn from India in first quarter of April-June 2019 have fallen by a steep 33 per cent from 338 Mn Kgs. for the period between April-June 2018 to 226 Mn Kgs. in April-June 2019;

(b) if so, data on spinning units that have closed due to declining exports;

(c) measures taken by Government to help cotton yarn units, State/UT-wise details since 2014;

(d) whether Government has done an adequate study on reasons contributing to this decline, if so, details thereof; and

(e) steps taken by Government to mitigate this problem of declining exports, the details thereof?

#### **Difficulties in access to credit in powerloom sector**

2054. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor access to credit is the main cause of hardships being faced by weavers/workers of the unorganised powerloom sector in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented by Government to ensure adequate credit and to overcome the hardships being faced by such weavers/workers in the country; and

(c) the funds provided by Government under the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and scheme/programme-wise?

#### **Status of textile sector in West Bengal**

2055. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any investors willing to invest in handloom, textiles and handicraft sector in West Bengal since past three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of textile/jute mills in West Bengal, area-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to establish new textile/jute mills in West Bengal and revive the sick and closed mills as part of Public Sector Undertakings or through PPP model, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any plan to grant special packages to the West Bengal jute mills, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Skill development of women in technical textile sector**

2056. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to provide training or skill training to women on technical textile in order to boost the industry and women entrepreneurship in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to impart training to the weavers about

digital technology keeping aside the manual methods of weaving; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of jute manufacturing unit to promote jute**

†2057. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any jute manufacturing unit in order to promote jute after a recent ban on the use of single-use plastic;

(b) whether it is a fact that the jute industry has not been able to fully utilise its production capacity due to decline in the demand of jute in the country in the year 2018-19;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to make the jute mills established in the country ultra-modern; and

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

**Condition of handloom weavers in Delhi and Rajasthan**

2058. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Ministry to improve the condition of handloom weavers in Delhi and Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the impact of these schemes on handloom weavers; and

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

**Views of CBI for releasing payment to small traders**

2059. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to seek the views or clarifications from Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) before releasing payments to small traders/entrepreneurs/enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether M/s Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) have repeatedly sought the views/clarifications of CBI of small bullion parties against whom no case or enquiry is pending for releasing these payments; and

(d) if so, complete details of views/clarifications sought by HHEC and replies given to them, case-wise during the last two years?

**Launch of 'Going Online as Leaders' programme**

2060. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched the second phase of the 'Going Online as Leaders' (GOAL), a Facebook programme aimed at inspiring, guiding and encouraging tribal girls from across the country to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the details of all the States selected in the first phase;

(c) whether members from the tribal community were selected from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

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

#### **Tribals residing outside tribal majority blocks**

2061. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Tribal Health in India report by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in November, 2018 states that over half of the country's 104 million tribal population now resides outside country's 809 tribal majority blocks;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted to examine their inclusion in society, access to services, among other factors; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Displaced tribal communities**

2062. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of figures of tribal communities who have been displaced due to development related works during the past five years on a national scale;

(b) whether the Ministry has maintained a database of the compensation awarded to each of these communities and families who have been displaced;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Forest villages in Gujarat**

†2063. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of forest villages in Gujarat at present;

(b) the criteria for declaring a village as a forest village; and

(c) the details of development related works being carried out in these forest villages and the total expenditure incurred on the same during the last three years?

#### **Displacement of tribals**

†2064. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tribal population/ number of families displaced during the period from 2015 to 2019;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the reasons attributable for the said displacement;

(d) the provision in place for Government assistance to those who are displaced; and

(e) whether Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund is being utilised for the displaced tribal population?

#### **Livelihood support for tribals**

2065. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes meant for livelihood support for tribals in the country presently under implementation; and

(b) the details of number of beneficiaries enrolled/benefited under these schemes, State-wise?

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**Petitions under Forest Rights Act**

2066. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions received under the Forest Rights Act from May, 2019 to October, 2019, individual and community claims filed, State-wise;

(b) the number of claims which have been pending and which have been settled under the FRA from May, 2019 to October, 2019, individual and community claims settled, State-wise; and

(c) the number of acres of forest land that have been given under the Forest Rights Act from May, 2019 to October, 2019, State-wise?

**Child mortality data**

2067. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the UNICEF report 'The State of the World's Children 2019' which has pointed out that malnutrition caused 69 per cent of deaths of children below the age of five in India;

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

(c) whether Government has maintained any data regarding child mortality due to malnutrition; and

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

**Pay and allowances to Anganwadi workers**

†2068. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of pay and allowances being paid to Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers employed at various places under the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether any State has paid lesser pay and allowances to Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers during current financial year as compared to last year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in number of malnourished children**

2069. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of malnourished children have increased in the country during the last two years;

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

(c) what remedial measures are adopted to fight it?

**Shortage of Working Women Hostel**

2070. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a shortage of Working Women Hostel across the country including

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the State of Tamil Nadu, due to which girls/women find it very difficult to obtain safe accommodation and putting their life and modesty to risk;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to set up/establish adequate number of Working Women Hostel across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **One Stop Centres in Gujarat**

†2071. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of 'One Stop Centres' currently functioning in Gujarat along with districts which have not been covered so far by above mentioned centres;

(b) the reasons for not setting up such centres in the remaining districts so far; and

(c) the year-wise details of funds allocated and utilised for overall functioning of 'One Stop Centres' during the last two years along with amount remaining unutilised out of the allocated funds and reasons for such non-utilisation?

#### **Funds allocated/used for BBBP by Uttar Pradesh**

2072. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated and being actually used by Uttar Pradesh for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) during the last three years;

(b) the number of activities covered under the scheme of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao;

(c) whether Government has received some suggestions from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to improve coverage of BBBP Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Children in shelter homes not getting jobs**

2073. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 40 per cent of children in the country who leave shelter homes are unable to find jobs, as per the study conducted by an NGO;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any study to find out the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the efforts made by various agencies to provide those children with vocational skills and career oriented courses to equip them to find jobs in the market; and

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

#### **Death of children due to malnourishment**

†2074. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children who died in the States of Delhi, Rajasthan, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh due to malnourishment during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to prevent starvation?

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**Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act**

2075. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that administering injections, chemical substances or hormones to a child below 18 years to induce early sexual maturity and then force the child into sexual activity may soon become an offence under the aggravated sexual assault clause under Section 9 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this is one of the amendments that is part of proposal of the Ministry that also seeks to introduce stronger punitive measures against those in possession of pornographic material involving children?

**Abandoned children living in children homes**

†2076. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 per cent of the 11 lakh abandoned children happen to be girls and thousands of them are adopted every year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the State-wise details of the abandoned children living in Governmental and non-Governmental children homes;

(c) whether total indifference and corruption has transformed the process of adoption into a commercial transaction;

(d) if so, whether the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has failed in regulating the placement agencies and preventing the delay and recurrence of the process of adoption; and

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

**Vacancies in Rashtriya Mahila Kosh**

2077. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts in the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh;

(b) the total number of vacancies presently in the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh; and

(c) the steps taken to fill the vacancies of posts?

**Rise in crimes against children**

2078. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against children are going up from 2011 onwards as per the NCRB;

(b) if so, the details of crime against children during the last four years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for rise in crimes against children and how the Ministry is planning to protect children from such crimes and also during judicial process;

(d) to what extent the recently amended POCSO Act help in controlling this menace;

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(e) whether POCSO Act has been notified; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Malnourished children in the age group of 0-6 years**

†2079. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH

YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) the details of malnourished children in the age group of 0 to 6 years in the country and the obstacles in the access of operational schemes;

(b) whether it is a fact that the physical development of children is being affected due to malnutrition;

(c) whether in view of the condition of malnutrition in children, the Ministry

would more seriously ensure arrangements to make said schemes available to the affected children, so that malnutrition is eradicated from the country; and

(d) the scheme-wise and State-wise details of the expenses incurred to eradicate malnutrition during the last five years?

**Fund allocation under POSHAN Abhiyan**

2080. SHRI AHMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fund allocation under POSHAN Abhiyan has been reduced during the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of fund allocation under POSHAN Abhiyan during last three years;

(c) whether Government has decided to provide nutritious food under POSHAN Abhiyan including eggs; and

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

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