

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, August 9, 2018/Shravana 18, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 160

#### **Modernisation of Manavalakurichi Unit of IREL**

2561. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for modernisation of Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL) unit at Manavalakurichi in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said unit earned profits in recent years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

#### **Cooperation in developing atomic energy**

2562. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of India in world, in developing atomic energy and its technology;

(b) the countries being co-operated with in this regard;

(c) whether there is any collaboration with Israel in this area; and

(d) whether our atomic energy policy strengthens our relations with foreign countries?

#### **Funds allocated to North-Eastern Council**

2563. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for the North-Eastern Council (all the States) during 2018-19 has not been disbursed by the Central Government, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) if not the details of schemes under the Ministry that have received funds and the States in the region which received them; and

(d) whether the Ministry is proposing a major change in their guidelines of the Council and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Schemes for North-Eastern region**

†2564. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state the schemes made by Government for the development of North-Eastern region during the last three years and the amount of budgetary allocation made for such plans, number of infrastructure related work which have been included in these schemes and out of them the number of projects which have been completed, so far?

#### **Safety measures for digitalised documents of e-visa and e-passports**

2565. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-passport and e-visa are being issued by the Ministry to Indian and foreign nationals under digitisation project;

(b) whether Government is aware that there are many hacking software available to misuse the digitalised e-visa papers and other documents; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to strengthen the safety of digitalised e-visa and other documents?

#### **People to people contact between India and China**

†2566. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to establish a new mechanism to promote

people to people contact between India and China;

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

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

#### **Denial of skilled visa to Britain**

2567. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian engineers, IT professionals, doctors and teachers were denied skilled visas to United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indians are likely to be hit hardest by the U.K. annual visa cap; and

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

#### **Permission for State Ministers to visit China**

2568. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not allowing elected Chief Ministers and other Cabinet Ministers of State Governments to go on a visit to China;

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

(c) the details of Chief Ministers and other State Ministers visiting China during the last three years?

#### **Harassment of diplomats in India and Pakistan**

2569. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of

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harassment faced by the diplomats of India and Pakistan as a retaliatory action;

(b) whether after breaching of ceasefire in 2003, the arrangement to follow 1992 Code of Conduct (CoC) to end the harassment and intimidation of diplomats also seems to be on the brink of collapse; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to resolve such issues in order to protect the diplomats from harassment and intimidation?

#### **Amount spent on Kailash Mansarovar Yatra**

2570. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pilgrims who undertook Kailash Mansarovar Yatra this year from Pithoragarh-Nepal and Nathula routes, route-wise;

(b) the details of facilities made available to them by Government and the amount spent thereon;

(c) whether a large number of pilgrims were stranded in Nepal while returning from the Yatra;

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

(e) whether all the pilgrims have been evacuated and brought back and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Grievances of women workers in foreign countries**

2571. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of

various grievances raised by India women working in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government on the complaints received from such women;

(c) whether Government has taken preventive/prohibitive steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Simplification of process for issuance of passports**

†2572. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to make the process of getting the passport simple and transparent and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also making efforts to ensure that the process of issuing passport be made errorless so that no anti-social element could misuse it and if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether rackets of touts have been exposed who indulged in making passport on wrong addresses during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the offenders?

#### **Legal assistance to victims of frauds**

†2573. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those foreign countries where the scheme of providing legal assistance to the victims of fraud from the Indian husbands is being implemented;

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(b) the number of women benefited from this scheme during the last three years, country-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to extend this scheme to other countries also; and

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

#### **Passport offices in Madhya Pradesh**

†2574. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would set up passport offices in all divisional headquarters of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Re-working of Indo-Nepal treaty**

2575. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal from Nepal to re-work the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the Government of India and Government of Nepal, 1950;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the security concerns of both the countries were addressed given the fact that the two countries have open border;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Nepal for utilizing Indian expertise in employment generation and training of Nepal youth in the IT sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Worsening relations with neighbouring countries**

†2576. 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 relation of India with neighbouring countries is worsening in place of strengthening; and

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

#### **Building of Defence infrastructure in PoK**

2577. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) is an integral part of India;

(b) whether Government is aware that China is building defence infrastructures in PoK;

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

(d) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue with Chinese Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof and response of China thereto; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Propaganda by Pakistan on social media**

2578. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that studios have been set up in Pakistan to promote propaganda and manage contents on social media to mislead the people of Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is taking effective steps to counter them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of State specific activities abroad**

2579. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to strengthen and promote the state specific activities abroad especially for Jharkhand; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated to promote State specific activities for Jharkhand abroad during the last one year?

**Special project in Afghanistan**

†2580. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India and China have jointly agreed to identify a special project in Afghanistan in the field of capacity building;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step, so far, in this regard; and

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

**Centre of Excellence at IIT Madras**

2581. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Machine Tools at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has been established for development of machine tool technologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of industries/industrial establishments engaged with this Centre; and
- (d) the details of contribution made by the Centre in domestic capital goods sector?

**Target for electric vehicles in Government offices**

2582. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to promote the manufacturing and use of electric vehicles;
- (b) whether any time limit has been fixed or is proposed to be fixed by Government for converting all the vehicles into electric vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of vehicles in the Government offices proposed to be converted into electric vehicles during 2018-19 along with the number of electric vehicles proposed to be used in such offices during that period?

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**Guidelines for encouraging uses of electric vehicles**

2583. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has asked some Ministries to frame guidelines to encourage use of electric vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of the Ministries which have framed the guidelines and submitted the same to the NITI Aayog along with the details thereof; and

(d) the action, so far, taken/proposed to be taken by Aayog in the matter?

**Land under PSUs in Kerala**

2584. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land under the possession of Public Sector Units (PSUs) in Kerala;

(b) the total market value of the land under their possession; and

(c) the details of area of land of PSUs sold out, so far, and the amount collected by selling the land during 2014-15 to 2016-17?

**Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

2585. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored

Schemes (CSS) including flagship programmes being implemented in the Ministry at present; and

(b) the details of targets and allocations made, scheme-wise, funds allocated, disbursed and utilized in these schemes during the last three years including the present year, State-wise and UT-wise?

**Release of payments from Escrow Accounts to small enterprises**

2586. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that payment of some small enterprises has been blocked in Escrow Accounts and not being released even after verification of claim amounts;

(b) if so, the details and names of such enterprises whose payments are kept in Escrow Accounts even after verification has been completed more than a year ago; and

(c) the steps being taken to release such payments to small enterprises in a time bound programme?

**Removal of vendors from non-vending zones**

2587. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the manners in which the Ministry makes a distinction between vending and non-vending zones in a city with regard to street vendors;

(b) whether Connaught Place in Delhi is a vending zone or not;

(c) if so, the reasons why the authorised vendors are being driven away from Connaught Place;

(d) whether Government is considering to remove/already forcibly removing vendors from non-vending zones; and

(e) the details of steps being taken to rehabilitate traditional vendors, State-wise?

#### **Housing units in Chhattisgarh under PMAY**

†2588. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set by Government to construct housing units in Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of housing units constructed in that State during the said period location-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated in this regard during that period?

#### **Construction of houses under PMAY in Karnataka**

2589. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided funds for construction of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has given a status report about the number of houses constructed for the urban poor in all Urban Local Bodies (ULB) in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds under AMRUT**

2590. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and utilised under each component of AMRUT *i.e.* water supply, sewerage facilities, storm water drains, pedestrian, non-motorised and public transport facilities, parking spaces, enhancing amenity value of cities by creating and upgrading green spaces;

(b) the details of target set and achieved under the scheme for each component;

(c) whether households, without water connection, were provided with new connections, within the sub-component of water-supply; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the number of new water connections provided under the scheme including new water connections provided in slums, State-wise?

#### **Entrance height of buildings**

2591. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3086 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 2018 and state:

(a) whether out of two sides of buildings, one side is encumbered by all garages, drainage pipes, etc. and having very thin passage which remains mostly blocked on being in use of one or other garage;

(b) if so, in which manner this side could be used as passage way to enter the buildings;

(c) whether the problem of low entrance height is with the other side which is main entrance to buildings;

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(d) if so, the complete details of efforts/ actions taken by CPWD till date to solve the problem; and

(e) by when the entrance height of buildings would be increased?

**Budgetary allocations for projects in Bengaluru**

2592. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budgetary allocations from the Ministry for the projects in Bengaluru in the current fiscal year;

(b) whether these funds have been released and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Grants for phase-2 of Bengaluru Metro Project**

2593. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a request from the State Government for 10 per cent grants for phase-2 of Bengaluru Metro Rail Project under the Metro Rail Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has released the funds and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Grants to cities**

2594. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about ₹ 800 crore would be up for grabs for cities that compete for the 15 best projects in four areas including sustainable mobility, open public spaces, urban governance and organisational innovation in low income settlement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has also announced a grant of ₹ 2 crore assistance each for 25 cities, including more than half a dozen State capitals for planned urban expansion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Status and monitoring of PMAY**

2595. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned for various projects to promote urban housing facilities, during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding works and performance of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during that period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has developed a central monitoring system to implement PMAY properly and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of completed projects under PMAY, State-wise and year-wise?

**Highest investments for urban transport**

2596. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 99 cities which are part of the Smart Cities Mission, are expected to



make investments of ₹ 2 lakh crore, of which the highest share of over ₹ 33,000 crore is proposed for urban transport;

(b) whether while most cities in the country are faced with a solid waste management crisis, only 2.4 per cent of the total investment is directed towards this sector;

(c) whether social sectors and storm water drainage are also a low priority on the investment agenda with just 2.5 per cent for projects in these areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Houses under PMAY in Madhya Pradesh**

2597. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses build in Madhya Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) 'Housing for All' scheme;

(b) the target set for construction of houses under the said scheme in that State; and

(c) the area of the houses in sq. ft. constructed under the scheme for the economically weaker sections and low-income groups?

#### **Gap between target and construction of toilets**

2598. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gap between target and actual construction of toilets both in individual household and community toilets is huge in case of North Eastern States as compared to rest of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite for filling the gap as only one year is left under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)?

#### **New barat ghars/community halls in NDMC area**

2599. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new barat ghars/ community halls proposed to be built in NDMC area of Delhi due to increase in the number of quarters and people living in these areas; and

(b) by when these barat ghars/ community halls, are likely to be completed?

#### **Acts for regulating the real estate sector**

2600. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two separate Acts for regulating the real estate sector *i.e.* one enacted by the Central and the other by State Government could co-exist;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has sought legal opinion in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Core infrastructure elements in Smart Cities**

2601. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the core

infrastructure elements in a Smart City include adequate water supply, assured electricity supply, sanitation including solid waste management, efficient urban mobility and public transport, affordable housing and safety and security of citizens, particularly women, children and the elderly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether while many of these components are also covered and funded through other programmes like AMRUT and Swachh Bharat Mission, cities were free to include them in the Smart Cities Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Felling of trees for constructing new housing projects**

2602. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of trees have been felled for constructing new housing projects in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of trees cut during the last three years in Delhi for various Government projects?

#### **Waste in Tier-I & II towns**

2603. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average quantum of waste collected per day in the country;

(b) whether this includes only urban cities and Tier-I & II towns and if so, the reasons why the wastes generated in rural areas is not included;

(c) if not the share of rural waste in the total waste collection;

(d) how the waste collected is being treated;

(e) the details of quantum of waste processed and dumped openly during the last three years; and

(f) whether the situation has improved after the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) initiative and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of flats in Noida**

2604. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 400 citizens had booked flats in the Group Housing Scheme in Sector-86, Noida after obtaining necessary approval from the authorities;

(b) whether construction of these flats was suddenly stopped in 2013 by Noida authority adversely affecting the dreams of home buyers, many of them linking senior citizens; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to take up the matter with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh particularly in view of recent judgement of Supreme Court in such cases so that the home buyers do not feel duped/cheated?

#### **Anti-encroachment drives in National Capital**

2605. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the sealing and anti-encroachment drives in the National Capital has rendered thousands of hawkers and vendors

workless forcing them and their families to starve and ultimately commit suicide;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures that Government has taken or proposes to take to protect the livelihood of hawkers and vendors of the National Capital?

**Amount spent on Swachh Bharat Mission**

2606. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on Swachh Bharat Mission during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 category/head-wise; and

(b) the details of categories/heads under which money was spent during that period?

**Homeless people in Chhattisgarh**

†2607. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people of weaker sections to whom houses were allotted under various schemes in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) the estimated number of homeless people in that State;

(c) the details of efforts being made to provide housing facility to all the people in the State by year 2018; and

(d) the outcomes of those efforts?

**Dilapidated condition of houses in Delhi**

†2608. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to deal with the accidents caused due to dilapidated conditions of houses in Delhi;

(b) the policy of the Central Government to deal with the accidents caused due to the flats constructed by the builders in NCR violating the rules and whether the Ministry is considering to take any steps to prevent it; and

(c) the number of complaints received by the Ministry for not adhering to the time limit of repairing the buildings constructed by Delhi Development Authority?

**Functioning of CPWD**

2609. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study through any private agency about the functioning of Central Public Works Department (CPWD);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the set of measures suggested by the private agency;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Statue of Baba Laxhi Singh Banjara**

2610. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee has recently

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approached Government to install a statue of Baba Lakhi Singh Banjara around Gurudwara Rakab Ganj in New Delhi;

(b) whether the request has been considered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Steps taken to cover the drain in Dwarka**

2611. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a drain (nallah) between the rear boundary wall of DDA HIG Flats, Sector-13, Pocket- B, Dwarka and Pragati Public School is open and mostly remain choked and emanates gaseous odours;

(b) whether this causes health hazard through breeding of mosquitoes affecting residents;

(c) whether residents have approached the concerned Department many times for covering it;

(d) whether the same drain passing through National Law University, Sector-14, Dwarka, has been fully covered;

(e) if so, what steps has been taken by Government to cover this nallah; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Drainage system and sewer line in Dwarka**

2612. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a drainage system and sewer lines inside the DDA LIG Flat, Sector 23B, Pkt 8 Dwarka, New Delhi- 110077 mostly remain choked and emanates gaseous odours;

(b) whether this is causing health hazard through breeding mosquitoes and affecting residents;

(c) whether residents have approached the concerned Department many times for cleaning it;

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to clean the drains and sewers;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether it is possible to handle them over to MCD and if so, the reasons for delaying?

**Grants to projects from French lending agency**

2613. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a French lending agency, would provide ₹ 800 crore for the 15 projects as a grant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the repayment of the principal and interest would be equally shared by the Central and State Governments;

(c) whether each awarded project would benefit from a grant ranging from ₹ 20 to ₹ 80 crore; and

(d) whether this is the first time any urban project would be selected through challenge mode?

**Central assistance for Karnataka under CSS**

2614. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved any funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of infrastructural development in mega cities for the Development of cities in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of projects approved by Government; and

(c) the details of disbursement of funds?

**Identification of cities in Karnataka under SCM**

2615. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and disbursed for the development of cities identified under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) in Karnataka;

(b) the details of expenditure, city-wise;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a status report on the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Transport Project**

2616. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Transport Project (ESCBS) which is started by the Ministry in association with, the World Bank; and

(b) by when it is scheduled to be started and made operational in Chandigarh, Mira-Bhayander, Bhopal and Jaipur?

**Implementation of projects under Smart Cities Mission**

2617. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 3,183 projects worth ₹ 1.45 lakh crore are in various stages of

implementation under Smart Cities Mission;

(b) whether projects worth ₹ 4,960 crore have been completed;

(c) whether work has begun on other projects worth ₹ 23,000 crore while the tendering system is in progress for the rest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Tree plantation drive in Delhi**

2618. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to undertake tree plantation drive in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cooperation has been sought from Government of NCT of Delhi to make this drive a success;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of such plantation drive carried out during the last three years and the percentage of survival of plants planted?

**Death of homeless/poor**

2619. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths of homeless/poor that occurred in the country as a result of harsh climatic conditions during the winter and summer seasons during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to expedite the creation of national emergency response system to deal with predictable climatic change and prevent

such incidents to occur in future and if so, the extent of success achieved as a result thereof?

#### **Postponement of faulty recruitment**

2620. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would ask all the universities to postpone faulty recruitment till the Supreme Court gives its verdict to the Special Leave Petition filed by Government against the Allahabad High Court order;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had asked the University Grants Commission to issue an order to this effect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Problem with courses in Ghani Khan Chaudhary Institute**

2621. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether multiple batches of students of Ghani Khan Chaudhary Institute of Engineering and Technology (GKCIET), Malda are having problems with their courses; and

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

#### **UGC regulation on graded autonomy**

2622. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institutions which have implemented the UGC regulation on graded autonomy;

(b) whether the proposal of granting graded autonomy by UGC was discussed in the Academic Council or such relevant academic bodies of these institutions, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these institutions entered in an MOU with the UGC and the Ministry on graded autonomy; and

(d) the universities and institutions which have applied for loans under Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA)?

#### **Faculty position in Central Educational Institutes**

2623. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the faculty positions in Central Educational Institutes;

(b) the details thereof, institute-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the impact that these vacancies have on the quality of education provided to the students; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that Central Educational Institutes are fully staffed?

#### **Schools running from unsafe buildings**

2624. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any study to identify schools running from unsafe buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government both in terms of policy as well

as administratively to ensure safety of school going children in this respect; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Subsidized education in IITs and IIMs**

2625. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether education in IITs/IIMs is substantially subsidized;

(b) if so, the average expenditure per student in top five IITs and IIMs; and

(c) the share of this expenditure borne by student and the institutes?

#### **Setting up of hostels and residential schools for girls**

2626. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up hostels and residential schools for girl students including those studying at the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in the educationally backward blocks in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the target would be completed by making residential provisions merely for hundred girls; and

(c) if not, by when the hostels are likely to be completed?

#### **Special training for Out of School Children**

2627. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions for Special

Training of Out of School Children (OoSC) has been mandated under section 4 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009;

(b) if so, the list of number of Special Training Centres/facilities which are being run by the Ministry, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry is not running such centres, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the list of number of children currently enrolled for Special Training, State-wise; and

(e) the list of number of children who have been enrolled into school after completion of Special Training, State-wise?

#### **Allegations against Vice Chancellors**

2628. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission is probing allegations against Vice Chancellors of many universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the students from such universities have demanded action against Vice Chancellors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Counselling system for admission process**

2629. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the universities to start an elaborate counselling system to streamline the admission process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made it clear that the seats in universities has to be filled through an informed process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Menace of Predatory/Fake Journals in India**

2630. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a list of fake or predatory journals in the country;

(b) if so, the list of predatory journals and the companies that have been identified;

(c) whether Government has prepared a comprehensive plan to deal with the menace;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Cycles, Mobile phones and laptops to students**

†2631. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of any scheme aimed at providing benefits to bright students by providing them cycles/mobile phones/laptops in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether other States would be directed to follow these schemes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Improvisation in higher education**

†2632. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the biggest challenge faced

by higher education in the country at present, is fulfilling the needs of rapidly developing technical changes which have a bearing on the economy and the creation of a work force with the required skills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of this challenge, the Central Government has made/is making any improvisation in the field of higher education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **GRCs in technical institutions**

2633. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved technical institutions which do not have Grievance Redressal Committees (GRCs), State-wise;

(b) whether any measures are being taken to ensure formation of GRCs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the actions taken against institutions which do not have GRCs during the last three years, State-wise?

#### **Expenditure on SVAROP**

2634. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientific Validation and Research on Panchagavya (SVAROP) project has started;

(b) if so, the total estimated expenditure of the project;

(c) the amount allocated and spent for the project so far; and

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(d) the details of the projects submitted under the project, so far, along with the respective research organisations/institutions, State-wise?

#### **Appointment of Shikshamitras**

‡2635. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shikshamitras had been appointed in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand through the same Government order, but while they were demoted in Uttar Pradesh, they continued to hold the position in Uttarakhand;

(b) the reasons behind such a discrepancy in these States;

(c) whether it is a fact that almost 700 Shikshamitras have died in Uttar Pradesh during last one year;

(d) by when Government would promote the Shikshamitras to the position of Assistant Teacher by making law in the Parliament; and

(e) the provisions made to compensate the family of the deceased Shikshamitras?

#### **Establishment of Gandhi Chairs**

2636. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gandhi Chairs established in the country, university-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether only 15 per cent of Chairs are in operation;

(c) the details of Chair under operation and the reasons for non-operation of other Chairs;

(d) the efforts made to make Gandhi thoughts more relevant to younger generation;

(e) the number of students and researchers registered themselves on Gandhian thoughts during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and university-wise; and

(f) how many Ph.D. degrees have been awarded, so far, on Gandhian thoughts during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and university-wise?

#### **E-learning projects**

2637. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new e-learning projects was approved by Government for the Twelfth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of the projects and whether they met their deadlines; and

(d) if not, the time by when they are likely to be completed?

#### **Creation of Indian Education Service**

‡2638. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create a service like Indian Education Service for appointment on the posts of Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Registrar in higher education institutions; and

(b) if not, the manner in which Government would ensure transparency in the appointment on higher posts in higher education institutions?

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‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Preponing of CBSE examination**

2639. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to pre-pone the 2018-19 CBSE class Tenth and Twelfth final examination and conduct it in February, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to conduct these examinations simultaneously?

**Functioning of private and deemed universities**

2640. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to review the functioning of private universities and deemed universities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up of campuses by foreign universities**

2641. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from foreign universities for setting up of their campuses in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria followed by Government therefor?

**Increasing the number of B.Ed. and D.El.Ed. colleges**

2642. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to increase the number of B.Ed. and D.El.Ed. colleges in different States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) whether all the Teachers Training Colleges fulfil the criterion?

**Eligibility condition for deemed university status**

2643. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has come out with new eligibility conditions for institutions vying for the deemed university status;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new regulations also forbid the inspection team from accepting any hospitality from the institution that has applied for the deemed tag; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Unnat Bharat Programme**

2644. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to launch a new scheme for connecting Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with the rural development processes under the Unnat Bharat Programme;

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

(c) the present status of the said scheme and the time-frame for its implementation; and

(d) the details of higher educational institutes which have adopted villages for development, State-wise/Institution-wise?

**Distance between school and NIOS examination centre**

2645. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:  
MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA:

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

(a) whether Government has any data about the examination conducted in private school other than Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) by NIOS in Gujarat and Maharashtra separately;

(b) if so, the details of the examination centre and the details of the KVs and JNVs in the same district; and

(c) the details of the distance between NIOS examination centre and the above schools?

**Kendriya Vidyalaya in Suryapet, Telangana**

2646. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Telangana made any proposal for setting up of a Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) at Suryapet District;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Ministry would set up KV at Suryapet?

**Guidelines to provide nutritious Mid-day meals**

†2647. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of children of some States including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are not provided Mid-day meals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the occasion during last three years when Government issued guidelines/suggestions to States to provide pure and nutritious Mid-day meals to children;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of Saakshar Bharat Mission**

2648. 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 sufficient for the implementation of the programme;

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

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

**Gurukul Board of  
Education**

2649. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to confer certifications on Vedic sciences equivalent to CBSE/School Board level as a precursor to setting up a Gurukul Board of Education to regulate the functioning of schools on oral vedic tradition, like Madrasas for Muslims;

(b) whether Government has approved setting up a model school Sandipani Veda Shastra Vidyalaya leading to conferment of Ved Bhushan and Ved Vibhushan certificates to students at the Xth/XIIth grade levels; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**NET not compulsory for teaching in  
University**

†2650. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to do away with the requirement of passing the NET exam for teaching in Universities;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Profit made by NIOS**

2651. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the profit made by NIOS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Sending of NIOS Regional Directors  
to other States**

2652. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the Regional Directors who were sent from NIOS Headquarter to different States of the country; and

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

**Drug addiction in educational  
campuses**

2653. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that drug addiction is spreading in educational campuses which are spoiling the students;

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

(c) the names of Universities/University campuses which have been identified by Government, so far, as places where drugs are sold and drug addiction is rampant; and

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(d) the action taken by Government to address the problem?

**De-recognition of Karnataka State Open University**

2654. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether University Grants Commission has de-recognised the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU);

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

(c) whether the Central Government would revoke the said order and take action to grant recognition to KSOU;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the recognition would be granted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Financial irregularities in educational institutions**

2655. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether as per the latest report of CAG, huge financial irregularities have been reported in premier educational institutions like Banaras Hindu University (BHU), IIM, Ahmedabad and Kolkata and IIT, Mumbai and Chennai;

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

(c) the details of inquiries initiated and responsibilities fixed in this regard, institution-wise, till date in response to the report of CAG?

**Making education suitable for industry**

2656. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the issue related to gap between education provided by academic institutions and industry required education in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to improve the situation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that education provided in the country is not suitable for directly working in industry and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any State-wise differences have been noticed in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Honorarium to cooks of MDMS**

†2657. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:  
SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

(a) number of cooks engaged in cooking under Mid-Day Meal programme, State-wise, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the amount of honorarium being paid to these cooks and since when; and

(c) whether the honorarium of cooks would be increased, if so, by when?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Students promoted without examination**

†2658. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the time by when the system of year-by-year upgradation to higher classes without appearing in examination was brought into force for classes of primary and secondary education and the number of students got promoted upto class VIIIth without appearing in examination each year owing to this system, till date, State-wise?

**Funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to Jammu and Kashmir**

2659. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to different States including Jammu and Kashmir during last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) whether more funds would be sanctioned under this scheme, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Demand and supply mismatch in higher education**

2660. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIHAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing a huge demand and supply mismatch when it comes to higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is making any serious efforts to better utilise the advent of technology, e-learning to bring down the said mismatch in higher education;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government is taking steps to coordinate with all the departments including educational institutes to work in tandem to improve the condition of higher education in the country; and

(f) if so, Government's response in this regard?

**FDI in higher education**

2661. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for relaxing norms for FDI in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Central Secretariat Manual of e-Office Procedure**

2662. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had issued the Central Secretariat Manual of e-Office Procedure (CSMeOP) in February, 2012;

(b) if so, whether the CSMeOP, in accordance with the RTI Act, requires every Ministry and Department to upload on its website, the gist of all important decisions contained in an e-file before recording it;

(c) the details of mechanism put in place for ensuring compliance with this requirement;

(d) the names of Ministries and Departments which are complying with this requirement; and

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(e) whether the CSMeOP is being revised and if so, the details thereof?

**Reversion to old pension scheme after High Court order**

2663. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 268 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 2018 and state:

(a) the reasons why Government is implementing the orders of High Court of Delhi in specific cases and not framing general guideline to revert those who had been selected/whose examinations were conducted before 01/01/2004 to old pension scheme;

(b) whether Government is aware that other officials may also move court on same ground and it would lead to undue litigation and wastage of public money; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures Government proposes on the line of judgement of High Court of Delhi to avoid further litigations?

**Recognition for skill development services**

2664. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any suggestions/requests from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and other Ministries to regularize the services of personnel working under them exclusively on the lines of UPSC's allied cadres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of officers of allied services working in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether Government would provide recognition to new service sectors like skill development; and

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

**Reversion to old pension scheme for personnel of Ministries**

2665. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken for hundreds of paramilitary forces whose recruitment process commenced/done before 2004 but joined in 2004 or after due to administrative delays, to revert to the old pension scheme as per a Delhi HC order and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry, on similar lines of CAPFs, would identify such personnel in all the Ministries and extend the benefit of old pension scheme; and

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

**Developmental assistance to neighbouring countries**

2666. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released to Indias neighbouring countries in South Asia as developmental assistance since 2014, year-wise and nation-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in allocation of funds to aforementioned nations from Budget Estimates of 2017-18 to Revised Estimates of 2017-18;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the status of ongoing projects in neighbouring South Asian nations including the number of projects completed since 2014, nation-wise?

**Opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Anoopur**

†2667. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Anoopur, Madhya Pradesh, is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, by when the sanction would be accorded and the reasons for its pendency ?

**Investigation in medical scam case**

2668. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of investigation in medical scam case in which ex-Odisha High Court Judge was arrested and the reasons why there is inordinate delay in filing chargesheet against the accused in such a sensitive case;

(b) what steps are taken by CBI to protect and safeguard the evidence so far collected and whether the process of collection of evidence in this case is still going on; and

(c) by when the CBI is expected to file the chargesheet before the appropriate court?

**Fixing tenure and salary of CIC**

2669. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering amendments to the Right to Information (RTI) Act that would allow the Government to prescribe the tenure, salaries, allowances and other terms of services of Central and State Information Commissioners; and

(b) whether Government contends that the RTI being a statutory body, unlike Election Commission (EC) and Supreme Court (SC) which are constitutional, the status and service conditions need to be rationalised accordingly?

**Cadre service allocation to UPSC probationers**

2670. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for examination based cadre service allocation to UPSC qualified probationers;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any communication from PMO in this regard;

(c) the details of present practice in this regard and of divergent plans proposed; and

(d) how the new system would pay weightage and thus respect position to the top most posts of civil servants?

**Renaming of Planning Commission**

2671. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the purpose behind changing the name of Planning Commission to NITI Aayog;

(b) the amount allocated to NITI Aayog during the Financial Years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

(c) how much cost was incurred in changing name?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



**India's position in Global Hunger Index**

2672. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's position in Global Hunger Index is getting worse with the passage of time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to substantially improve the situation and eradicate hunger from the country?

**District declared as backward in Gujarat**

†2673. SHRI RATHWA  
NARANBHAI JEMLABHAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chhota Udaipur district of Gujarat has been declared as backward district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to eradicate the backwardness of this district and the extent to which the backwardness of this district has been eradicated with the steps taken in this regard?

**Prime Minister Flagship Programme**

2674. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released on Prime Minister Flagship Programme during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether most of the funds on Prime Minister Flagship Programme are idle/unutilised;

(c) if so, the detail of utilisation of funds and the reason for under utilisation; and

(d) the steps taken to speed up the Prime Minister Flagship Programme?

**National Innovation Council**

2675. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Innovation Council is being set up to promote innovations;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives with which it is being set up;

(c) whether one of its objects is to encourage innovation and research in universities and colleges; and

(d) the details of the funding pattern for carrying out such activities?

**Funds to Karnataka under CSS**

2676. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds transferred to Karnataka under different Centrally Sponsored Scheme by respective Ministries during the last three years including the current year, head-wise and department-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any representations from the State Government for more funds for various development works;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has taken steps to grant more funds to the State Government for taking up developmental activities; and

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(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Representation of OBCs as per their population**

2677. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would enhance the percentage of representation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in proportionate to their strength from village to national level in all spheres, like boards, committees, corporations, commissions, departments, institutions, universities, services, promotion, educational and professional institutions, armed forces, etc., so that OBC people could enjoy the status of independence; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Awareness on drug addiction**

2678. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drug addiction cases reported during the last three years among the age group of 11-18 years and 19-25 years, year-wise and the details regarding the number of drug addicts among students across the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission has issued guidelines regarding drug abuse cases and to make general awareness campaign among youth;

(c) the number of counselling centres set up in the country, specially in Punjab; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to raise awareness on drug addiction?

**Increase in incidents of atrocities against dalits**

†2679. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, after the decision of the Supreme Court regarding the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities Act), a sudden increase in incidents of atrocities against dalits is being witnessed;

(b) if so, whether Government would make efforts to bring this legislation in its previous form; and

(c) whether Government is also contemplating to bring an ordinance regarding this matter?

**Increasing amount of Pre-matric Scholarship to SC and ST students**

2680. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Pre-matric Scholarship being given to Scheduled Caste (SC) students, which is at present ₹ 150 as scholarship and ₹ 750 as *ad hoc* grants, is very meagre in the context of increase in the cost of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to increase the Pre-matric Scholarship to SC students;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Supreme Court judgement on SC/ST Act**

2681. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to apprehensions of various people on the recent judgement of the Supreme Court on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is of the view that the said judgement is a dilution of certain provisions of the Act?

### **Making NISH, a centre of excellence**

2682. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a file on National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) is pending in PMO;

(b) if so, when it was received in PMO;

(c) the steps taken by Government to make this institute as a centre of excellence with international standards;

(d) whether there was a commitment to make it a university in the budget (2014-15); and

(e) the hindrances in launching such a university?

### **Old age homes in every district**

2683. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

set up a minimum of two old age homes in every district of Maharashtra and other parts of the country; and

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

### **Agreement of Rural Electrification Corporation with ALIMCO**

2684. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has signed any agreement with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) for distribution of aids and assistive devices to Divyangjans;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date on which such an agreement was signed;

(c) how many Divyangjans would be benefited under this agreement during the next three years; and

(d) which are the locations or districts of the country where these devices would be distributed, State-wise?

### **Old Age Homes in the country**

†2685. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Old Age Homes in the country, including Chhattisgarh, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from different States specially from Chhattisgarh for setting up such Homes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

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(d) the per capita and per month funds approved by Government for the people staying in such Homes; and

(e) the procedure being followed for the appointment of employees to run such Homes?

#### **Grants to various NGOs**

2686. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs getting financial aid from the Central Government, State-wise, particularly from Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the quantum of funds released as grants to various NGOs during 2017-18; and

(c) the amount of grants availed by NGOs, State-wise during 2017-18?

#### **Proposals from Madhya Pradesh under DDRS and ADIP Schemes**

†2687. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from Madhya Pradesh under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) Schemes in the year 2017-18;

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned;

(c) the number of proposals pending; and

(d) the number of proposals which would be sanctioned and by when?

#### **Welfare schemes for aged persons**

2688. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a larger number of aged persons are living in a state of poverty due to absence of regular source of income;

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

(c) the details of welfare schemes being implemented for such persons; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to provide better living standards and to improve the condition of aged persons in the country?

#### **Communication satellite with military application**

2689. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launch of another powerful communications satellite with military applications GSAT 11 has been postponed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ISRO would conduct a few more tests on the satellite as a precaution to rectify glitches;

(d) whether this is because of the loss of contact with GSAT 6A recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

#### **Launching of state of art satellites**

2690. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

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proposal to launch more state of the art satellites to further enhance operational applications and cater the needs of emerging applications;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has identified the areas/sectors requiring such enhancements?

#### **Mapping of Kharif rice area**

2691. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has done any mapping and inventorying of Kharif rice area in Jharkhand under the Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) scheme;

(b) if so, the details of all the analysis of mapping done during the last one year; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to help farmers with these analysis?

#### **MoU for flood control and disaster management in North Eastern region**

2692. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO is going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Government of Assam for the better management of flood control and disaster management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the North Eastern-Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC) exists there for the same purpose for the entire North East Region and if so, the need for another Space Centre for the same purpose?

#### **Release of caste data collected under SECC**

2693. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for continued delay in the release of caste data collected under the SECC 2011;

(b) whether there is any progress made by the expert group formed under the chairmanship of vice-chairperson of NITI Aayog to classify the caste names returned in SECC 2011 survey; and

(c) what efforts have been made by this committee for speedy conclusion of their task?

#### **Khelo India scheme under MPLADS**

2694. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any changes in the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether new schemes were added to MPLADS after May 2014 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Khelo India has been included under MPLADS and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and district-wise?

#### **Population specific requirements and data collection**

2695. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

institute a common agency for collection of price statistics as well as Consumer Price Indices (CPI) to substitute CPI-Agricultural and Rural Labourers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any report by any committee duly appointed by Government which aimed to address inadequacies in addressing population-specific requirements and data collection; and

(c) if so, the details of that Committee and the salient recommendations thereof?

#### **Rate of GDP growth**

2696. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quarterly rate of growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 2004-05 to till January, 2018 along with the methodology used to calculate it prior to the changes introduced in 2015; and

(b) the quarterly rate of GDP growth from 2004-05 to 2017-18 using the new methodology introduced by Government in 2015?

#### **National Data Bank**

2697. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted the National Data Bank relating to socio-religious communities as recommended by the Rajinder Sachar Committee report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds allocated to Gujarat for tribal welfare schemes**

†2698. SHRI RATHWA NARANBHAI JEMLABHAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of quantum of funds allocated to and utilised by the State Government of Gujarat for schemes of tribal welfare schemes during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the amount utilised along with the details of works done using these funds; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Grants-in-aid to NGOs for tribal development**

2699. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing schemes for development of tribals through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the provisions for grants-in-aid to these NGOs;

(c) whether any grants-in-aid has been given to NGOs based in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last four years; and

(e) whether these NGOs were able to utilise the grants-in-aid properly and within the stipulated time-frame?

#### **Proposal for welfare of tribals in Himachal Pradesh**

2700. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received

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by Government for various development works related to welfare of tribals during the last three years and the current year from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons why the proposals are still pending with Government;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of the proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Skill upgradation and capacity building of tribal SHGs**

2701. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched a new scheme for the skill upgradation and capacity building training for tribal self help groups (SHGs) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the main features of this scheme and the manner in which the tribals would be benefited under this scheme?

**Cultural conservation of tribal population**

†2702. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special attention has been given to the cultural conservation of the

tribal population of the country during that period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of Forest Rights Act**

2703. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of hardships faced by tribal population due to encroachment on their lands by the mining mafia and corporate houses in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the progress of implementation of Forest Rights Act;

(c) the details of funds allocated for tribal welfare to various States along with their utilisation; and

(d) whether a white paper would be issued in this regard?

**Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas upto graduation**

†2704. SHRI RATHWA NARANBHAI JEMLABHAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide education to girl students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) upto graduation which is presently provided upto class 12th, so that the girl students belonging to tribal community could take education upto graduation level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the girl students of KGBVs give up education after 12th standard out

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of compulsion as educational institutions imparting education upto graduation located far away; and

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

#### **Land rights of tribals**

2705. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to protect the land rights of tribals in the country;

(b) whether the tribals are targeted after they file their claims for land rights; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including Rajasthan and Gujarat during the last three years and the current year?

#### **Budgetary support in proportion to population**

2706. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is providing budgetary support for the development of tribals in proportion to their population particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the State Governments have fully utilised the above budgetary support;

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

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

#### **Nirbhaya Fund for forensic laboratories**

2707. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nirbhaya Fund is being utilised for building new forensic laboratories in the country;

(b) if so, the details of funds utilised for this purpose; and

(c) the details of new forensic laboratories set up, location-wise?

#### **Proposals for development of children and women in Maharashtra**

2708. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for implementation of child and women development projects in various States including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a number of project proposals have been received from Maharashtra;

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

(d) by when the proposals are likely to be approved and the reasons for their pendency?

#### **Utilisation of funds under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**

2709. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned,



released and utilised under Beti Bacho Beti Padhao (BBBP) during the last three years, State-wise specially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the statistics prove lowering of Child Sex Ratio in various districts and the Comptroller and Auditor General has found that there were no records of implementation of various activities under BBBP;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons of under-utilisation of funds under this scheme?

#### **Steps to prevent the death of children**

2710. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the steps taken by Government to prevent the death of children on account of treatable diseases in the country during the last three years?

#### **Convergence of AWCs with MGNREGS**

2711. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's decision to construct Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) proved to be an impetus in Government's endeavour to construct more and more AWCs across the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Death penalty for rape for girls below 12 years**

2712. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is facing serious opposition from social activists including Child Right Activists in its efforts to prescribe death penalty for rape of girls below the age of 12;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any suggestions/representations/memoranda in this regard; and

(d) whether Government is determined to move further in this regard or going to wait and seek more suggestions?

#### **Scheme for maternity entitlements**

2713. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:  
SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR:

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

(a) whether the National Food Security Act, 2013 mandates ₹ 6000/- as maternity entitlements to be paid per child to every pregnant women;

(b) whether the Ministry has launched a scheme for maternity entitlements to provide ₹ 5000/- per child to a pregnant women and if so, the reasons the Ministry has launched a scheme with reduced entitlement;

(c) the details of applications received during 2017-18 for claiming maternity entitlements under the scheme; and

(d) the number of women who received

such entitlements along with the amount spent on crediting entitlements, State-wise?

**Juveniles in Jammu & Kashmir jails**

2714. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the juveniles are incarcerated in different jails of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K);

(b) if so, the number and nature of cases against juveniles pending in all the courts of that State;

(c) what efforts have been made by Government for delivering justice to them;

(d) whether there are rehabilitation centres for juveniles in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Establishment of Anganwadi-cum-Creches**

2715. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi-cum-Creches established during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of children benefited from the scheme, so far, State-wise?

**Non-performing NGOs in women and child support services**

2716. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many non-

performing NGOs in the field of women and child support services in the country;

(b) whether Government has released first such list to sensitise the public and sponsors about the work done by such NGOs;

(c) whether Government has listed several criteria for classifying non performers such as blacklisting by any Ministry or autonomous body such as NABARD, National Commission for Women, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh and Central Social Welfare Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Obesity among girl children**

2717. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that girl children of the country are suffering from obesity and are deprived of basic nutrition;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any survey report on paucity of credible and authentic information on the health status of girl children;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the proposal of Government to provide adequate nutrition and contain obesity of children?

**Abuse/exploitation of children**

2718. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of sexual abuse/exploitation of children in the country has increased in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported, culprits

apprehended and punished during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the details of schemes implemented by Government to protect children from sexual abuse along with the funds allocated/ released and utilised during the said period, State-wise?

**Funds allocated to address  
malnutrition**

2719. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilised to address malnutrition among children during the last five years; and

(b) the details of progress in addressing

malnutrition during that period, State-wise?

**Medical investigation kits  
to police stations**

2720. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry proposes to distribute specially-designed kits to all police stations and hospitals to carry out immediate medical investigation into sexual assault cases;

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

(c) the names of places where forensic labs for this purpose are proposed to be set up?

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