

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 19, 2018/Ashadha 28, 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

Involvement of CPSUs in nuclear power production

†161. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals finalised and sanctioned during the last three years and current year for establishment of new atomic power plants;

(b) whether the Central PSUs are being involved in production of nuclear power and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to allow non-Government sector to enter in atomic power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of more nuclear power plants

162. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the

PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up more nuclear power plants in the country to curb the use of fossil fuels;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any survey to identify the locations for these proposed nuclear plants;

(c) whether Government has taken a decision to understand the feeling of the people of any area before Government takes steps to set up nuclear plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Nuclear Power Plants in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government has finalised site(s) for setting up Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) in Andhra Pradesh;

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

Disposal of nuclear waste

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

- (a) the details of radiation leaks reported from atomic reactors during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is any concrete policy on disposal of nuclear waste in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to set up Neutrino Observatory in Andhra Pradesh

165. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the India-based Neutrino Observatory is proposed to be located at Kothapalem village near Narsipatnam in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of aims and objectives of this project;
- (c) whether the observatory is proposed to be located at an environmentally fragile Eastern Ghats, if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (d) whether this Department is planning to go ahead in this regard?

Setting up of ten Indigenous Nuclear Power Reactors

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a

decision in 2017 to set up ten Indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors with a total installed capacity of 7,000 MW in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof including MoUs signed till date to set up the reactors;
- (c) the details of locations identified therefor; and
- (d) what is the current status of progress and by when these reactors would start generating clean energy for use?

Development missions for the North East

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

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog forum for North East and the Ministry have outlined five development missions for promoting sectors like horticulture, tourism and food processing in the region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of progress made, so far, State-wise;
- (d) whether Government has cleared any proposal for reconstruction of flood affected areas of the region; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the chances of floods which are happening almost annually throughout the region?

Building for North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre in Delhi

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

- (a) whether Government had taken a

decision to construct a building in Delhi to establish North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre for which land had been allotted;

(b) if so, the current status of construction of the building and what is the estimated date for its completion; and

(c) what would be the proposed activities of the Centre and how far it would help the people of North Eastern Region residing in Delhi?

Development of service sector in the North Eastern Region

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain focus areas including service sector development had been identified in Twelfth Business Summit for implementation in North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what initiative Government has taken towards the development of service sector in the region which was likely to generate employment opportunity for local people?

Role of officials of Indian embassies

170. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian embassies, consulates and high commissions in various countries are sensitised and made ready to provide adequate protection and troubleshooting acts for the Indians living abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the role of officials of Indian embassies;

(c) whether Government has appointed adequate numbers of attache for various ministerial jobs abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of officers who got appointed in various countries during the last three years and their area of specialisation?

Vacation of occupied areas by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir

171. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had asked Pakistan to vacate areas occupied in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any reaction from Pakistan relating to the said demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Surakshit Jao Prashikshit Jao

172. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government under 'Surakshit Jao, Prashikshit Jao' scheme to prevent overseas job-seekers from fraudulent and illegal recruitment agencies across the country including those from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the number of overseas job-seekers after the launch of this scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pilgrims stranded in Mansarovar area

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

(a) whether Government is aware that many pilgrims are stranded in Mansarovar area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to safeguard the pilgrims in that area by Government?

Diplomatic efforts to end border dispute with China

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

(a) whether it is a fact that both India and China have put their diplomacy at work to end border stand-off with each other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the embassies in both the capitals of these nations would continue to be used for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Green card applicants for USA

175. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether green card applicants of India are more in number and making their trail to get the cards for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of USA is putting restrictions on the issue of green cards to the foreign nationals and thereby

Indian aspirants are facing much difficulty in getting those cards;

(d) whether Government has made any requests for relaxation of norms for green cards on behalf of Indian emigrants; and

(e) whether the Government of USA has responded to our request and if so, the details thereof?

Ten year UAE visa for specialists

176. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UAE has announced ten year visa for specialists working in exceptional field like science, research, medicine and technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how the Ministry propagates this to talented youth to grab this opportunity at a time when US, UK, Australia, etc. are putting barriers in issuing visas;

(c) whether UAE is also opening other opportunities for our entrepreneurs along with what is mentioned in part (a) above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Arrest of immigrant Indians in USA

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians arrested in the wake of immigration policy in America

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and how many of them have got assistance from Indian embassy;

(b) whether it is a fact that after being taken Indian immigrant into custody their children have been separated from them due to which they are under severe mental agony; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Safe deportation of Indians detained in USA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian were detained in USA for illegal entry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government for their safe deportation to the country;

(d) whether Government had asked the Indian embassies in USA to provide them the consular assistance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign visits of Prime Minister since 2014

179. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has spent ₹ 355 crore on his foreign visits since 2014, as per an RTI information;

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

(c) the details of achievements and outcome of foreign visits by the Prime Minister?

Foreign visits of PM and Ministers since 2014

180. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ministers including the Prime Minister (PM) who have undertaken official/private tours to different foreign countries and purpose thereof from June, 2014 to June, 2018;

(b) the expenditure incurred for the tours and the authorities who paid for it; and

(c) the outcome of the official foreign visits of the Ministers?

One Belt One Road initiative of China

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

(a) whether it is a fact that all of India's neighbours have agreed in joining the One Belt One Road initiative of China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Exclusion of Indian from relaxed student visa rules in UK

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of United Kingdom has excluded India from relaxed student visa rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what impact it would have on the students who intends to study in UK and also for the students who are presently pursuing studies there; and

(d) whether Government has chalked out any plan to tackle such problems?

Interest of Tamils in Sri Lanka

183. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more efforts are needed for the improvement of human rights situation in Sri Lanka concerning the Tamils living there, as per a report assessed by the Human Rights Commission;

(b) whether India is committed to protect the interest of Tamil in that country;

(c) whether India's role in the Human Rights Commission had been guided by the belief that human right concerns of Tamils in Sri Lanka could be addressed in a constructive and inclusive manner; and

(d) whether India had set a time-frame for the Sri Lankan Government to act on human right concerns?

Representation against various initiatives of issuance of passports

184. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various passport officials were against the various initiatives taken by Government with regard to issuance of passport;

(b) whether Government has received many representations from them citing many aspects of issuance of passport; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Rejection of offer of talks by Pakistan

185. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has

repeatedly rejected the offer of talks made by the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is yet to hear from Pakistan why the offer made by India for talks was turned down by it; and

(d) whether Pakistan had become nothing more than a country that exports terrorism?

MoUs signed with foreign countries

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

(a) the number of MoUs signed by the Prime Minister with foreign countries since 2014;

(b) whether it is a fact that many MoUs are still on paper; and

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

Denial of access to Indian envoy in Islamabad

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan has denied access to Indian envoy in Islamabad and consular officials to visit Gurudwara Panja Sahib and to meet visiting Indian pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any protest against the denial of access to the said Gurudwara; and

(d) if so, the response received from Pakistan in this regard?

Relationship with countries of Indian Ocean

188. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any fresh initiative to strengthen the cultural relationship with the countries of Indian Ocean, especially with those having age-old cultural and trade relations with India as known from archaeological and historical data apart from Cultural Exchange Programmes;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen the relationship with Indian Ocean countries; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Payment of salary to Indian workers in Bahrain

189. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of Indian workers in Bahrain were not paid their salaries for several months by the companies where they were employed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action to help those workers getting their salaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

H-1B visas to Indian professionals

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Congress had not passed any Bills that

could put curbs on issuing H-1B visas to Indian IT professionals;

(b) whether there was no sword hanging over Indian community members employed under H-1B or L I visa categories;

(c) whether Government is conducting a dialogue with the US, at a very high level regarding this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of USA from Iran nuclear deal

191. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the decision of USA President to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its implications as far as India is concerned?

Warning of USA against oil imports from Iran

192. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has told all the countries, including India to stop their oil imports from Iran by November or face sanctions; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Abduction of Indian fishermen

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

(a) whether cases of abducting Indian fishermen and capturing their boats has come to light;

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

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

Support for citizenship rights for NRIs and PIOs

194. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Persons of Indian Origin and NRIs in foreign countries are awaiting for a long period to obtain their citizenship in those countries, especially in USA;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to extend support and help the PIOs and NRIs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Membership of India in Nuclear Suppliers Group

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in getting India's membership in Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), especially in the plenary meeting held recently at Latvia;

(b) the stand of USA and France on entrance of India in NSG club; and

(c) whether any diplomatic parleys have been held with China over the entry of India in NSG and if so, the details thereof?

m-Passport App for issuance of passport

196. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that m-Passport Seva application has been launched in very few States only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to make it mandatory for all the States so that issuance of passports could be made smooth and expedient;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of POPSs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was able to open only 60 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSs) against its decision to open 251 POPSs at the Head Post Office (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of POPSs opened, so far;

(c) whether Government had come across any difficulties in operationalising these POPSs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Boosting anti-terror efforts

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Netherlands have agreed to boost anti-terror efforts;

(b) whether Government has discussed this issue very recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is considering

to have similar talks with like minded nations as well as on the above issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Issuance of Diplomatic Passports

199. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) type of Passports issued by the Ministry to various sections of the country;

(b) the details of persons who are eligible to hold Diplomatic Passports;

(c) whether it is the discretion of the Minister to issue a Diplomatic Passport to any Indian;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in view of a large number of Diplomatic Passport holders in the country, some of the countries have started charging even from Diplomatic Passport holders which otherwise are exempted; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Simplification of process for obtaining passports

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

(a) what are the measures taken, so far, to further simplify the process of applying and obtaining Passports by the citizen of our country; and

(b) the details of new rules framed or likely to be framed as a part of Passport Revolution for the benefits of the people?

Proposal of China for a trilateral summit

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

(a) whether it is a fact that China has proposed a trilateral summit with India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the message conveyed to China of India's view regarding the said trilateral summit with India and Pakistan?

Guidelines for closure of CPSEs

202. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of CPSEs that have been declared sick and closed after the winding up of Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) on 7th October, 2015;

(b) whether all the closed CPSEs were declared sick and closed, as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on 29th October, 2015;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lowest growth in industry sector

203. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industry sector is facing the lowest growth and contribution in GDP of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Package to push eco-friendly vehicles

204. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes a nine thousand crore package to push eco-friendly electric and hybrid vehicles in an effort to reduce pollution due to vehicles; and

(b) if so, the details of incentives proposed to encourage people to go for eco-friendly vehicles and the details of infrastructure support for electric and hybrid vehicles?

Dip in net profit of PSUs

205. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the public sector undertakings have recorded loss or have dipped in net profit during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of top 25 Central PSUs whose net profit dipped during that period; and

(c) the proposal of Government to revive the organisations on business terms?

Concession for diesel/hybrid cars under FAME India scheme

206. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of Government to promote electric/hybrid automobiles in the country since hybrid cars are cleaner and fossil fuels are becoming costly;

(b) the details of concessions given to mild diesel hybrid cars under FAME India scheme and excise cuts;

(c) whether the electric and strong hybrid vehicles are neglected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Escrow account of Instrumentation Limited, Kota

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

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Instrumentation Limited, Kota are not releasing retention, operation and maintenance costs of small enterprises kept in Escrow Account during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of such amount kept in Escrow Account, company-wise and the reasons for retention of such payments; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the said enterprise for release of such payments, in view of implementation of Prime Minister's flagship scheme of Ease of Doing Business?

Holding companies for CPSEs

208. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up holding companies for CPSEs in different sectors;

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

(c) the extent to which the proposed holding companies would be helpful in improving the performance of CPSEs and their profitability?

Insulation from global economic recession

209. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to insulate the heavy industries and public enterprises from the Global Economic Recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken to reduce the number of workers in the Public Sector Enterprises, in view of Global Economic Recession; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Evaluation of closed PSUs

210. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) closed during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has done any evaluation of the closed PSUs;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to restart some of the said undertakings by providing revival packages to them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of loss making PSUs

211. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a

provision for modernisation of those undertakings which are suffering losses or are likely to become sick during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of undertakings incurring losses during the last three years and the amount of loss incurred by them;

(c) whether any loan or liability is due on these undertakings;

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

(e) the reasons for losses incurred by them?

Water supply project under AMRUT in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to enhance/augment water supply under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government has fixed any benchmark regarding water supply project for States in order to prepare State Annual Action Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Population below poverty line in urban areas

213. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated population living below poverty line in urban areas of the country, State-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted recently to find out the number of urban poor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to implement fresh schemes for urban poverty alleviation; and

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

Salient features of PMAY-U

214. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)—Housing for All scheme along with its present status;

(b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised under this scheme, during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) the details of target set and achievements made under this scheme, so far;

(d) whether Government proposes to include new Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) policy under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities in Amaravati

215. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities proposed to be created in Amaravati, the new capital city under construction/development for the State of Andhra Pradesh, which has been selected in round 3 of Smart Cities Mission; and

(b) the details of funds earmarked for creating such facilities, if any, at Amaravati?

Proposals for development of slums

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

(a) whether Government has received smart cities proposals focusing on the holistic development of slums in urban areas under the Smart Cities Mission; and

(b) if so, the details of schemes/development policies proposed for the urban poor, including housing for low income groups, city-wise and the progress made, so far?

Smart cities approved by Government

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

(a) what is the total number of smart city projects approved by the Central Government as of June, 2018; and

(b) the details of funds released by Government for these projects and the progress made, so far?

Problems of PMAY subsidy

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

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

(a) whether Government is aware that even after applying for subsidy under PMAY for construction of houses, banks are denying release of loans and discouraging the consumers saying that there is no such provisions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by Government on implementation of the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Houses constructed under PMAY

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

(a) the number of affordable houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), year-wise and State-wise, since 2015, including the number of beneficiaries who have purchased these houses, State-wise and year-wise, since then;

(b) the number of projects for in-site rehabilitation of existing slums, started and completed, under PMAY, year-wise and State-wise, since 2015;

(c) the number of credit-linked subsidy availed by beneficiaries under PMAY, year-wise and State-wise, since 2015; and

(d) the details of amount disbursed as subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction/enhancement, year-wise and State-wise, since 2015?

Redevelopment of Dharavi slum

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

(a) whether NBCC is in talks with Maharashtra Government for redevelopment of Dharavi slum;

(b) if so, the status thereof and whether anything has been finalised;

(c) whether NBCC would directly get the project or whether there would be a

tendering process that NBCC would participate in;

(d) whether any civil society organisations, working in the field of slum redevelopment, rehabilitation, urban planning etc. , would be involved in the process of redevelopment of Dharavi slum; and

(e) how this process would be different from what has been tried earlier for redevelopment of Dharavi slum?

Construction of toilets under SBM

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of toilets in cities under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) would be completed by October, 2018;

(b) if so, the number of total toilets to be constructed under SBM and the number of those completed till date, State-wise;

(c) what was the total allocation for this purpose and expenditure incurred till date; and

(d) the reasons for shortfall, if any?

Monitoring system for implementation of Smart Cities Mission

222. 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 smart cities during each of the last three years, since 2014, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding works and

performance of Smart Cities Mission during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the details of completed projects under Smart Cities Mission, year-wise since 2014, State-wise?

Facilities and services in metro cities

223. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population growth of bigger metros are in agglomerate phase;

(b) if so, the top fifteen fastest growing cities in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that by 2035, cities are projected to having double population against the present status; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government for arranging adequate facilities and services?

New metro policy for Visakhapatnam

224. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Letter of Intent has been called for Visakhapatnam Metro;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what would be the estimated expenditure for construction of this metro after change in policy by Government;

(d) the number of corridors and length of each corridor for Visakhapatnam Metro; and

(e) in what manner the new Metro Policy is applicable to Visakhapatnam which was conceived well before the new policy came into force?

Financial assistance for housing projects

225. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase financial assistance to the States for housing projects for the urban poor and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the progress of housing schemes for urban poor, particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat and in the country in general?

Financial assistance for Amaravati

226. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any financial assistance for creation of adequate infrastructure for the new capital city Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to release funds under any Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to augment/expedite the construction of capital city of Amaravati; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Delay in implementation of Smart Cities Mission

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

(a) whether it is a fact that only 8 per cent of the 3,008 projects under Smart Cities Mission has been completed and nearly 2.3 lakh crore rupees have been spent on this project;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for delay in implementation of the Mission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many proposed smart cities are facing various challenges, including insufficient funding, delays in creating the Special Purpose Vehicle and lack of interest among different stakeholders; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

Audit/review of Delhi Metro

228. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agencies have conducted any audit/review of the financial and other performances of the Delhi Metro and its operators;

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

(c) the status of various Metro projects in the country including that of Kochi and the projected time of their completion;

(d) whether any discrepancies are noted in the performance of Delhi Metro; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the persons/operators for the said discrepancies and to enforce accountability?

New technology for urban waste

229. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new technology is used/ being used to deal with the problem of urban waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some countries which have developed effective technology to convert waste to green use have offered expertise to India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether urban waste is being used in various types of works in the country; and

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

Progress of Phase-IV of Delhi Metro

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

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

(a) the progress of Phase-IV projects of Delhi Metro, including Tughlakabad-Aerocity line and Rithala-Narela corridor;

(b) whether approval of Delhi Government has come for all the lines in Phase-IV projects;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether Delhi Government has raised any objection on some of the proposed lines as unviable and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts made by Government to expedite finalization of Phase-IV projects?

Removal of Saakshar Bharat Coordinators

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

(a) whether Government is aware that 20,500 Saakshar Bharat Coordinators have been removed in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether they were removed because the Ministry has stopped giving its

financial share under Padma-Likhna to above Coordinators; and

(c) the details of amount sanctioned, approved, released and spent for Saakshar Bharat Coordinators in Andhra Pradesh during the last four years, year-wise and district-wise?

Financial assistance under Mid-Day Meal Scheme

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

(a) whether financial assistance is provided for construction of kitchen-cum-stores under Mid-Day Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether cases of irregularities/corruption/under-utilisation of funds meant for construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores have come to the notice of Government during this above period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Shortage of classrooms

233. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of classrooms in proportion to the number of students in secondary and senior secondary schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to create additional classrooms;

(c) whether Government proposes to launch a scheme to improve the quality of education at secondary level;

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

(e) whether the children, receiving primary education through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, would also be covered for secondary education as well; and

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

Status of National Mission on Teachers Training

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

(a) the status of Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training (PMMNMTT) and the progress made thereunder;

(b) whether any proposals under different components of the scheme have been placed before the Project Approval Board (PAB);

(c) whether any of such proposals have been sanctioned by PAB and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of institutions referred to as the international mentoring partners for the said school of education mentioned in the scheme, and the names of such institutions that have been narrowed down by Government, if any?

Homework for children

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Madras High Court has recently directed schools not to give homework to children upto class second;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to implement this direction throughout the country; and

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

Literacy rate

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

(a) the details of literacy rate in the country, gender-wise and State/UT-wise, along with the funds sanctioned/spent and achievements made under the National Literacy Mission during the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide special assistance to States which have literacy rate below the national average and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for improving literacy rate in States?

National Resource Centres

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to set up National Resource Centres (NRCs) in the country;

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

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

Samagra Shiksha Scheme

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

(a) whether Government has launched Samagra Shiksha Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the scheme would cover the entire country; and

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

UGC Committee on examination reforms

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

(a) whether it is fact that UGC has constituted a committee to suggest examination reforms in the institutions of higher learning;

(b) if so, by when it has been asked to give its report; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been proposed to implement its recommendations?

Merging of gurukul and modern education

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

(a) whether a new education system is proposed to be implemented by merging the gurukul education and modern education system by the Central Government and whether the progress made in this regard is as per the expectation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a subject on Idea of Bharat (Bharat Bodh) for the student of 11th and 12th classes with an objective to provide

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knowledge regarding contribution of ancient India in the field of astronomy, science and aeronautics, etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Diversion of funds meant for SSA

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

(a) whether the misuse/diversion of funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) by giving advances to works other than meant for related components under SSA in Andhra Pradesh to the tune of nearly ₹ 150 crore has come to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that this has been observed even by CAG in its report; and

(c) if so, what action the Ministry proposes to take in this regard?

Foreign faculty members in IITs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign faculty members are teaching in premier educational institutions in the country including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of terms and conditions including financial packages on the basis of which foreign faculty members have been appointed in country's premier educational institutions?

Funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to Rajasthan

243. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a letter from Rajasthan State Government to release the funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) by Project Approval Board (PAB) for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) whether the State Government has contributed its share of more than 40 per cent against SSA for payment of salary and demanded to release required funds for clearing the advance;

(c) whether Government proposes to release required funds for clearing this advance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Identification of institutes of eminence

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted an Empowered Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of former Chief Election Commissioner to identify twenty institutes of eminence in the country;

(b) if so, the details of parameters prescribed to find an institute of eminence;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee is finding it difficult to identify institutes of eminence in view of strict parameters;

(d) whether the Committee has submitted its Report; and

(e) if so, the findings thereof?

Approved secondary schools in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the details of new secondary schools that were approved under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) from 2011-12 to 2013-14 for the erstwhile undivided State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of new secondary schools that were assigned/apportioned the State of Andhra Pradesh after the bifurcation of the State?

Vacant posts in IITs and IIMs

†246. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts of Directors or Head of the Institutes are lying vacant in many IIMs and IITs of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, these posts would be filled up?

Autonomy to universities/colleges

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

(a) whether Government/University Grants Commission has decided to grant autonomy to universities and colleges and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of universities and colleges which have been granted autonomy, so far;

(c) the name of universities and colleges which have sought autonomy and the action taken by UGC so far in this regard, university/college-wise;

(d) whether Government/UGC is aware about any protests/objections from any quarter/stakeholders against granting autonomy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Draft law to replace UGC

248. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any draft law to replace University Grants Commission (UGC) and other regulatory framework for higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funding pattern proposed in the draft law for higher educational institutions/universities?

Homework for classes 1st and 2nd

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to amend the RTE Act and do away with the practice of homework to the students of 1st and 2nd classes;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is proposing to reduce the syllabus by half and if so, the details thereof?

QR code in NCERT books

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce QR code in NCERT books in near future;

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

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

Quality of higher education

251. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any survey/study to evaluate the quality of higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcomes thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of higher education in the prevailing global scenario; and

(c) if not, whether Government is planning to taken any such survey in future?

Replacing UGC with HEC

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

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) would be replaced by the Higher Education Commission (HEC);

(b) whether there is representation from SC/ST/OBC/PWD/Women in the Commission and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) to what extent Government would control academic matters and monetary grants; and

(d) whether Government has studied any education models or had any representation from education bodies before proposing the HEC?

Uniformity in education

†253. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to bring uniformity in education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the poor students are not getting chances to study in private schools;

(d) whether private schools follow the reservation roster; and

(e) if so, the details of students who

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have been given admission in schools in Delhi as per the reservation roster in the academic session 2018-19?

Revenue generated by IITs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that our IITs are generating revenue from inventions, research, consultations and patents etc.;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue so generated by top five IITs during the last three years;

(c) whether the amount so generated is proportional to their annual budgetary allocations during that period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Frequency for conducting CTET

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

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to decrease the frequency for conducting Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET);

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

(c) whether Government has exempted any class of candidates from the requirement to pass CTET to be eligible for appointment as a teacher; and

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

Seeking of Aadhaar number from employees and students of universities

256. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all universities to seek Aadhaar number from employees and students to rule out duplications;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many States were not strictly obtaining the Aadhaar number from the employees and students of colleges and universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems in schools of rural and remote areas

257. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that schools situated in rural and remote areas in Maharashtra and other parts of the country do not have basic facilities, infrastructure, such as proper buildings, toilets, drinking water, playgrounds, etc., facing shortage of teachers and operating either in the open under a tree or in dilapidated buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to improve the condition of schools in rural and remote areas of the country?

Opposition to replacing UGC with HEC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of eminent academicians are opposing Government's proposal of replacing UGC with a new Higher Education Commission (HEC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been any consultations with the academicians in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Research Park in IIT, Hyderabad

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

(a) whether Government has given approval for setting up of new Research Park in IIT, Hyderabad at a cost of ₹ 75 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any time by when the Research Park would be fully operational;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

University for differently-abled in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a university for the differently-abled students in Rajasthan; and

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

Funds under RUSA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has increased the quantum of funds to be released to Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) projects under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Project Approval Board has taken a decision in its recent meeting; and

(c) the details of RUSA funds being allocated to every project?

Tuition fee for medical courses

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has constituted a committee to regulate the tuition fee for medical courses offered by self financing deemed universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this has been initiated because of exorbitant fees being charged by deemed universities across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Vacant posts of Vice Chancellors

†263. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of Vice Chancellors lying vacant in the Central Universities; and

(b) by when these posts would be filled up?

Problems of girls/women living in university campuses

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

(a) whether Government has felt any need to review the existing arrangements, identify loopholes and inadequacies and to formulate remedial measures to address the concerns of all girls and women and of the youth who study and live in the country's numerous and diverse university campuses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lateral entry in the rank of Joint Secretaries

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has opened the Joint Secretaries' posts in Ministries for lateral entry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this has created anger among the civil service community; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to address the concerns expressed by them?

Decisions taken by Board and EC of Kendriya Bhandar

266. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Bhandar Board and Executive Committee (EC) meetings held during the last 15 months and in how many meetings Government nominated directors were absent;

(b) whether due to absense of Government nominated director(s), Board and Executive Committee of Kendriya Bhandar took arbitrary decisions;

(c) the details of decisions taken by Board and EC of Kendriya Bhandar during the last three years concerning procurement of goods and how many decisions have been taken without agenda; and

(d) the action taken to ensure presence of Government nominated Directors in Board and EC meetings of Kendriya Bhandar?

Appointment of talented individuals from private sector in Ministries

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to utilise the services of talented and motivated individuals from private sector by deploying them in some key Ministries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is finding it difficult to find officers of good quality through UPSC; and

(c) whether it has any demoralising effect on the serving IAS officers?

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Reversion to Old Pension Scheme

268. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs had sought the advice from the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare regarding reverting the para-military personnel to Old Pension Scheme whose vacancies were advertised prior to 1/1/2004 and exams were conducted in 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the guidelines framed by Government in this regard;

(c) whether other similar personnel of other Departments/Ministries would also be reverted to Old Pension Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of appointment of Lokpal

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

(a) the present status of appointment of Lokpal in the country;

(b) whether, taking into account the inordinate delay in the appointment of Lokpal in the country, the Supreme Court has recently urged the Government to fix a time-frame in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not appointing Lokpal when the Bill was passed in 2014; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for appointing the anti-graft ombudsman, Lokpal in the country?

Transparency in examination of SSC

270. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) conducts various recruitment examinations through private agencies resulting in leakage of question papers and corruption on a very large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for conducting examinations through private agencies by SSC; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take to ensure transparency and fairness in the examinations of SSC?

Entry of talented professionals for Joint Secretary

271. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to invite lateral entry of talented professionals for ten joint secretaries, posts with expertise in various areas like economic affairs, agriculture, infrastructure sectors etc.;

(b) if so, what is meant by lateral entry method of recruitment and what is the process of selection under this method; and

(c) whether Government proposes to extend this selection process to Government run educational institutions also as has been suggested by the Minister of State for Human Resource Development, if so, the details thereof?

Election for board of Kendriya Bhandar

272. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Kendriya Bhandar has, without amending bye-laws, enforced condition that the member(s) whose relatives are doing business with Kendriya Bhandar can not contest elections for the post of Delegate/Director/Chairman;

(b) if so, the details of provisions of MSCS Act, 2002 and bye-laws of Kendriya Bhandar which prohibit the member(s) of Kendriya Bhandar from contesting elections;

(c) whether CWO, DoPT has received a complaint in this regard from MPs and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether the disqualified directors of Kendriya Bhandar can participate in Board meetings and if so, the details thereof?

Procedure for purchase of goods in Kendriya Bhandar

273. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2811 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 2017 and state:

(a) whether Kendriya Bhandar has till date not laid down any specific detailed procedures for purchase of goods and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Executive Committee of Kendriya Bhandar is procuring goods arbitrarily without obtaining approval of the Board; and

(c) when the Kendriya Bhandar would lay down a specific detailed procedure for purchase of goods?

New RTI rules

274. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to amend Rule 15 in the RTI Rules which gives more powers to CIC to assign any RTI appeal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken note of the criticism of the CIC and activists and is subsequently planning to put on hold the introduction of Rule 15; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Change in civil service recruitment and allocation rules

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

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from UPSC establishment process, Government proposes to change civil service recruitment and allocation rules;

(b) if so, the total strength of UPSC civil services and the vacancies notified during the last 3 years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under special examinations and recommendations the vacancies of almost 800 posts of top services have not been filled yet; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the proposal of Government to depute or recruit for all the posts without further delay?

Allocation of services and cadre

276. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal of adding the marks of performance of a candidate in the Foundation Course in various academics while allocating their service and cadre;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that the proposed change would affect the selection procedure and is a clear indulgence in the matters of UPSC;

(d) whether Government is aware that the proposal has sparked outrage among a large section of serving and retired bureaucrats as well as aspiring civil servants; and

(e) if so, the stand of Government in this regard?

Filling vacant posts through UPSC

†277. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) total number of vacant posts of IAS, IPS and other appointments made under UPSC in other services also till date;

(b) the total number of posts for which advertisement has been put out; and

(c) by when these vacant posts would be filled?

Amount spent on food and energy subsidy

278. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary

Fund (IMF) has estimated that India could provide a universal basic income (UBI) of ₹ 2,600 a year to every person if it eliminates food and energy subsidies;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating how much amount has been spent on food and energy subsidies during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering to eliminate food and energy subsidies by providing a universal basic income, particularly to every needy people in the country; and

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

BPL people in the country

279. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been able to reduce the number of people living below poverty line considerably during the last few years; and

(b) if so, the details of the number of people living in poverty according to various studies, national as well as international agencies and the basis of measuring poverty rate in each study?

Strengthening co-operative and competitive federalism

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

(a) whether NITI Aayog is making efforts of strengthening co-operative and competitive federalism at Central, State and district level through aspirational district programme, real-time monitoring and dynamic syllabus improvement;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether undeveloped districts of the country are being developed effectively and expeditiously through the transformation of Aspirational District programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee to oversee progress of sustainable development goals

281. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a high level committee to oversee the country's progress towards UN sustainable development goals aimed at ending poverty, fighting inequalities and tackling climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a dashboard is also being developed with technical support from the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen the mechanism for monitoring progress on these global goals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in poverty rate

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

(a) whether a record decline in poverty rate in both the rural and urban areas of the country has been registered after 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether poverty has declined rapidly in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last one decade which is a record with reference to decline in the rates of poverty in other States of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restructuring of NITI Aayog

283. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the labour organizations have demanded the restructuring/reorganizing of the NITI Aayog due to its pursuance of the corporate lobby agenda;

(b) whether they have demanded the inclusion of representatives from the Labour, Women and Farmers in the Aayog; and

(c) whether the Aayog is considering their demand sincerely and if so, the details thereof?

Surveys of manual scavengers

284. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of surveys of manual scavengers conducted since 2014 and the number of manual scavengers recorded in each of these surveys, State-wise;

(b) whether the Central Government had set up a task force to find the number of manual scavengers which was supposed to submit its report on April 30, 2018;

(c) if so, whether the report has been submitted and the details of data collected through the survey, so far; and

(d) the details of funds allocated for rehabilitation of manual scavengers, State-wise and year-wise since 2010?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

New schemes for Scheduled Castes and Divyangs

285. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new schemes introduced by the Ministry for the Scheduled Castes and the Divyangs since 2014, along with the details of their implementation during the last four years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether any impact assessment study was undertaken to gauge the outcome of these schemes and if so, the details thereof; along with overall assessment of these outcomes and whether Government is satisfied with the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National survey on manual scavengers

286. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manual scavengers in the country and the details thereof;

(b) by when the task force would publish its final tally on the National Survey of Manual Scavengers;

(c) whether the survey was conducted in 170 districts of 18 States where the maximum number of insanitary latrines were demolished and converted into sanitary latrines and if so, whether the Ministry has been able to obtain data on insanitary latrines from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; and

(d) whether the survey includes data of sewer and septic tank cleaners operating without wearing protective gears?

Welfare of Scheduled Castes in Punjab

287. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of NGOs working for the welfare of Scheduled Castes in Punjab which are receiving financial assistance from Government;

(b) the details of achievements of those NGOs during the last four years and the monitoring mechanism put in place for effective utilization of resources;

(c) the number of proposals forwarded by the State Government to the Screening Committee; and

(d) the number of cases rejected by the Screening Committee?

Mechanism for identification of persons working as manual scavengers

288. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any effective mechanism to identify the persons still working as manual scavengers in the country;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to set up a mechanism in coordination with State Governments and UT Administrations to work at grass root level to identify manual scavengers and ensure their liberation and proper rehabilitation for their socio-economic development?

Rehabilitation and development of physically challenged persons

289. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousands of physically challenged persons of various nature are left with no proper care and attention and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(b) the population of physically challenged persons in the country, State-wise, as on date;

(c) whether Government has taken any effective steps to support, rehabilitate and develop them;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated therefor; and

(e) the various steps taken by Government to provide incentives and other encouragement to best performing NGOs in the country?

Rehabilitation of elderly persons

290. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 50 per cent of elders of the country are facing some kind of abuse for years;

(b) if so, whether, a study reveals that more than 80 per cent of abused elders had not reported to the concerned authorities;

(c) if so, the proposal of Government to support and rehabilitate the elderly persons of the country; and

(d) the details of support provided to set up old-age homes and the manner to monitor the proposals of Government in this regard?

Beneficiaries under National Overseas Scholarship Scheme

291. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of beneficiaries under the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC students for higher studies abroad is very low across the States including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to include more beneficiaries under the scheme across the country including Tamil Nadu in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposals from States for construction of hostels

292. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from States for construction of hostels for SC and OBC students;

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

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be approved;

(d) the funds allocated, sanctioned/ released for the purpose, State-wise; and

(e) the number of hostels constructed for SC and OBC students across the country during the last three years, State-wise?

National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC students

293. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to include more fields of study besides the existing ones under National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC students for higher studies abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Launching of replacement navigation satellite

294. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Space Research Organisation would soon launch a replacement navigation satellite fitted with corrected atomic clocks to make up for the crippled satellite IRNSS-1A;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the move became imperative after all three rubidium atomic clocks on IRNSS-1A failed in mid 2016;

(c) whether the clock for ISROs NavIC and the European Space Agency's first 18 Galileo satellites came from the same Swiss company and had developed similar problems around the same time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Review of MPLADS

295. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Members of Parliament

Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) has been reviewed during the last three years;

(b) the details of heads under which most of the amount of MPLAD Scheme has been spent for developmental works in the country, State/Union Territory-wise, during the said period; and

(c) the details regarding the number of complaints received by Government regarding the developmental works under MPLADS during the last three years, along with those addressed to out of them, State/ Union Territory-wise?

Aadhaar linkage with notified schemes

296. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the schemes for Scheduled Tribes notified under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act;

(b) whether Aadhaar has been made mandatory for these schemes;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry could make Aadhaar mandatory for these schemes in violation of Supreme Court order;

(d) if Aadhaar has not been made mandatory, whether the Ministry would assure that beneficiaries are not being asked to produce Aadhaar to avail the benefits under these schemes; and

(e) how many beneficiaries could not avail benefits of different schemes as a result of Aadhaar authentication failures or non-enrolment in Aadhaar, State-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise since, 2014?

Van Dhan Yojana

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

(a) whether the Van Dhan Yojana, under which Van Dhan Development Centres are being opened across the country so that our tribals could get the appropriate price of their forest produce, has been launched by Government for procuring forest produce on minimum support price and for their processing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the tribal rural economy is becoming stronger and there has been hike in the income of the people living in tribal areas after the launch of Van Dhan Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for Van Dhan Kendras

298. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to set up three thousand Van Dhan Kendras involving thirty thousand Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the country under a scheme of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed centres, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated to the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) for technical training; and

(d) what are the provisions of working capital for SHGs?

Funds for Eklavya Model Residential Schools

299. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sought more funds from the Ministry of Finance for its Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs);

(b) if so, the details of active EMRSs and the number of students enrolled there, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated and actual utilisation of funds for EMRSs during the last four years?

Data related to Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs)

300. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no national level data on implementation of Forests Right Act for Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs);

(b) the number of titles received and their rejection rates, by STs and OTFDs;

(c) the manner in which the Ministry proposes to clear the roadblocks such as low priority for State machinery, lack of awareness and misinformation, intra-society dynamics, lack of agency for OTFDs, lack of transparency and ineffective documentation for OTFD inclusion; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure representation of OTFDs in village level institutions?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Supplementary nutrition to
adolescent girls**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken steps to provide supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls under any Centrally Sponsored Scheme across the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to identify adolescent girls to bring them under the scheme; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries, State-wise?

Decline in sex ratio at birth

302. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sex ratio at birth saw a decline in 17 out of 2 large States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a clear need for States to effectively implement the Pre-Conception and pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 and take adequate measures to promote the value of girl child; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**UN report on most dangerous country
for women**

303. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that India was named as most dangerous for women in the world by some UN report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the UN report is not true, the action taken against those who were involved in publishing such report?

**Pre-nursery and nursery schools in
Anganwadi centres**

†304. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to recognise Anganwadi centres as pre-nursery and nursery schools;

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

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

**Direct Cash Transfer for Take Home
Ration**

305. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal by NITI Aayog for Direct Cash Transfer (DCT) in lieu of Take Home Ration (THR) to pregnant/lactating mothers under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), was rejected by the Ministry;

(b) whether there is up to 80 per cent leakage in THR distribution; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle issues such as siphoning-off of funds, poor quality food supplement as THR given to pregnant and lactating mothers and kids below 3 years or the THR not reaching out to intended beneficiaries?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Swadhar Greh Scheme

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

(a) the details of steps taken by Government under Swadhar Greh Scheme to provide economic and social security to women victims in difficult circumstances across the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the women victims are able to lead a decent, independent life after availing benefits under this scheme;

(c) whether any mechanism is in place to monitor their well being and self respect after becoming beneficiary under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Insufficient funds to Anganwadi Centres

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Anganwadi Centres working in various States are agitating against insufficient funds for providing required nutrition to children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to review the current system of delivery of nutrition to children through Anganwadi Centres and if so, the details thereof?

Awareness on women related health issues

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

(a) whether the Ministry has signed any

MoU, with WHO or other International Agencies, NGOs to create awareness on issues particularly health and social problem affecting women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated for the same during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether Government is working on micro levels particularly in rural areas to conduct Health Awareness Programmes and awareness on cervical and breast cancer and the importance of its early detection; and

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

Survey of experts on women issues

309. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Thomson Reuters Foundation in its survey of 550 experts on women issues has found India at the top as the world's most dangerous country for women;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to advise the States on improving the situation regarding security of women since this affects the perception of the country on the world stage?

Vacant posts of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers

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

(a) the number of posts of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers lying vacant, State-wise and year-wise since 2014;

(b) the average time for which a post was left vacant, State-wise and year-wise since then;

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill these vacancies;

(d) whether Government provides any additional compensation to the Anganwadi Workers who perform for the post lying vacant; and

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

Functioning of Anganwadi Centres

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Anganwadis Centres which were once functioning properly have now become a direction less institution;

(b) whether Government had announced many things in the past such as delivering nutritious items through speed post and curtailing certain items from the list of ICDS;

(c) whether such announcements were never implemented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Children homes for mentally retarded children

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

(a) whether Government has set up children homes in various States including Tripura for development and care of mentally retarded children;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of said homes set up by Government during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to some reports that the mentally retarded children are not taken care of properly in the said homes in some States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto?

Social security scheme for women prisoners

313. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:
SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

(a) the present policy formulated for the rehabilitation of women under trials and convicts in the country;

(b) whether Government has any social security scheme applicable to women prisoners and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any projects to provide sanitary napkins or menstrual cups to women prisoners for maintenance of health and hygiene and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to formulate schemes for women prisoners to protect them from vulnerable condition they face inside prison and assist their smooth integration post-release?

Schemes for improving sex ratio

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

(a) whether there has been any marked improvement in the sex ratio after 2011 in those States where the imbalance was extremely serious and if so, the State-wise details thereof 2011 to 2018;

(b) new schemes introduced by the Ministry in general and for improving sex ratio of population in particular after 2014, the details of their implementation, during the last four years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) whether any impact assessment study was undertaken to gauge the outcome of these schemes and if so, the details thereof, the overall assessment of these outcomes and whether Government is satisfied with the same?

Funds allocated under BBBP

†315. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme since its inception, till today; and

(b) the quantum of funds spent, so far, from the allocated fund and the quantum of unspent amount left?

Impact of BBBP on girl child mortality rate

†316. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage decrease in girl child mortality rate after the implementation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme; and

(b) what was the girl child mortality rate before implementation of the scheme and what is the current rate of the same?

Attack on whistleblowers and RTI activists

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

(a) whether the Ministry is collecting data about the cases of attack on Whistleblowers and RTI activists across the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases where FIRs were registered, charge sheets were filed, and trials were completed with convictions or acquittals, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to prevent such attacks; and

(d) whether the Ministry is issuing an advisory to provide better protection to them?

Clarification on utilization of Nirbhaya Fund

318. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued a clarification on the utilization of the Nirbhaya Fund after repeated reports of its under-utilization were published;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other States and Ministries were requested and reminded to send in innovative proposal that can enhance the security and safety of women, but no details have been received by the Ministry; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for welfare of anganwadis

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the anganwadi workers are faced with increasing responsibilities and work expectation while they are paid mere honoraria;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is considering to regularise workers under all Government schemes (including anganwadi workers under ICDS) based on the recommendation of 45th Indian Labour Conference;

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

(e) the details of funds contributed by the Central Government for welfare of anganwadis, State-wise and year-wise since 2014?

Women grievance cell in educational institutions

320. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Central and State Government Institutions, particularly schools and colleges, do not have Women Grievance Boxes/Women Grievance Cells to report the sexual harassment though the existing Government guidelines prescribe for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof in the light of a report stating that India is most dangerous country for women; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism in Government to check the availability of these cells in the educational institutions?

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