

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, July 26, 2018/Shravana 4, 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 — 15

Merging of education schemes

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

(a) whether the Ministry has decided
to merge SSA, RMSA and Centrally
Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education
under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it would lead to losing of
jobs by people working on contractual basis
and outsourcing under SSA, particularly
in Andhra Pradesh where more than two
hundred people would lose their jobs due
to above merger; and

(d) if so, in what way the Ministry
would protect them?

Action plan on eradication of poverty

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

(a) whether one of the main objectives
of the United Nations Sustainable
Development Goals is to eradicate poverty
from the entire world by 2030 and if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also working
on an action plan to eradicate poverty from
India by 2030, in accordance with the
objective of sustainable development goals
of the United Nations and if so, the details
thereof; and

(c) whether States are extending requisite
cooperation to supplement the action plan
and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Institutes of excellence

*93. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has declared some institutions as "Institutes of Excellence";

(b) if so, whether such status has been extended even to institutions that are at proposal stage; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Smart city projects

†*94. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smart city projects sanctioned after 2014; and

(b) the names of the cities included in these projects and the amount allocated for these projects?

Shortage of teachers

†*95. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of teachers in colleges of rural areas in comparison to the colleges of cities; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the Government would bridge this gap?

Assessing learning level of children

*96. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to assess the learning levels of children;

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

(c) the details regarding learning levels of children in Rajasthan and the relative position of the State *vis-a-vis* other States?

Fresh documentary requirement for issuance of H-1B visa

*97. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new norms recently notified by the USA mandating fresh documentary requirements for issuance of H-1B visa;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any assessment on the adverse impact of the tightening of norms on movement of Indian IT professionals and their employment at contracting USA companies; and

(c) whether Government proposes to formally take up this issue with the USA authorities to simplify the norms and reduce the burden on H-1B visa applicants and IT companies?

Monitoring of implementation of welfare schemes for SCs and OBCs

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

(a) the details of welfare schemes

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launched by Government for SCs and OBCs during the last four years;

(b) the funds allocated/released to various States for implementation of those welfare schemes during that period, scheme-wise and State-wise, including Maharashtra;

(c) whether reports of misuse or diversion of funds by the State Governments have been received during the said period;

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

(e) whether Government has any mechanism for monitoring the implementation of these schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

New Schools of Planning and Architecture

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

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what progress has so far been made towards setting up of those institutions; and

(d) whether any time-line has been fixed for starting the functioning of those institutions?

Government representative on the Board of Management of deemed universities

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

(a) whether Government wants such a provision that mandates that there shall be no Government representative on the board of management of deemed universities;

(b) whether Government proposes to remove a provision which states that no deemed university would demand or accept capitation fee or donation for admission;

(c) whether Government is considering to do away with the provisions which state that UGC could direct any upward revision of the deemed university corpus; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special benefits under Special Category Status

*101. SHRI G. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any States in the country which enjoy Special Category Status;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of special benefits accorded to them under the Special Category Status;

(c) if not, what special benefits were available to them earlier;

(d) the details of States receiving Revenue Deficit Grants and the quantum thereof during 2015 to 2020 under the 14th Finance Commission award; and

(e) whether tax incentives of similar nature were given to erstwhile Special Category States as a mandated part of industrial incentives linked to Special Category Status?

**Deemed to be Universities
Regulation, 2016**

*102. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the deemed universities may no longer need Government's nod before starting either an off campus or an off shore centre as per the changes proposed by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has brought out UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Institution of Eminence status to Jio
Institute**

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

(a) whether Jio Institute has been given Institution of Eminence status recently;

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

(c) where is the campus of the institute situated and how many courses have been offered during the last one year; and

(d) the number of faculty members and students in the institute?

**Stakeholders' consultation for new
policies**

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

(a) whether Government has evolved any policy about taking the stakeholders' consultations while preparing new policies or guidelines pertaining to the Ministry and the Department thereunder;

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

(c) what has been the record of such consultations across the stakeholders during the last three years and the details about the national level organisations involved in such consultations and accepted by the Ministry/Department during the period?

Status of Institutions of Eminence

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

(a) whether Government has granted status of Institutions of Eminence to six private and public sector institutions of higher education in 2018;

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

(c) the details of criteria adopted for granting the status to such institutions?

NEW DELHI;
The 20th July, 2018
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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