

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

#### Exploitation of atomic minerals

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

(a) whether Government has taken a serious note on exploitation of Molybdenum available near Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District in Tamil Nadu to facilitate Defence and Aviation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has done mapping of availability of atomic mineral deposits in the country;

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

(e) whether Government has granted any mining permission for PSUs or private companies for the exploitation of atomic minerals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Funds for Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project

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

(a) the quantum of funds allocated and utilised for the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project since 2014, year-wise; and

(b) the volume of traffic and value of goods that have passed through the sections of the transit project since its commencement, month-wise and section wise?

#### Decline of Indian workers in Gulf

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian

workers in Gulf are down by half since 2015;

(b) whether the number of emigration clearances granted to Indian headed to the Gulf for employment halved to 3.7 lakh in 2017 from 7.6 lakh in 2015;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether a large number of Indian workers have also returned to the country during the above period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Data bank of students going abroad**

†964. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of students studying in other countries including Australia, as on date, country-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to prepare a data bank of all students going abroad for studies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when such a data bank would be prepared;

(d) whether Government proposes to issue any guidelines for students desirous of getting admission in other countries for studies; and

(e) if so, by when?

#### **Unnatural death of Indians in foreign countries**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that Indians were killed in a suicide bomb blast in Afghanistan;

(b) whether the number of unnatural

death of Indians in foreign countries are increasing; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to safeguard Indians and their families who died unnaturally in foreign countries?

#### **Decline in number of Passport Seva Kendras**

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

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras operating in the country since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the number of persons served by these Kendras since then, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for decline in the number of Passport Seva Kendras being operated?

#### **Measures to check emigration frauds**

967. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to check and stop emigration frauds;

(b) what is the number of frauds registered during the last three years; and

(c) whether travel agents are required to furnish details of emigrants, their emergency contacts, their employer details etc. to the Ministry?

#### **Construction of new roads in Doklam by China**

968. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether China has constructed new roads in Southern part of Doklam plateau;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese authorities during the recent bilateral high level meetings;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Three pronged approach for China**

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

(a) whether Government has adopted a broad, three pronged approach to deal with increasing engagement of China in the South Asian and Indian Ocean neighbourhood; and

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

### **Extradition of Vijay Mallya**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to support the efforts of the Ministry of Home Affairs in extraditing Vijay Mallya from the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Indian asylum seekers in foreign jails**

971. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over thousands of asylum seekers from India

have been branded as illegal migrants and are in jails of different countries;

(b) if so, the details of Indians incarcerated in different countries as illegal migrants, country-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government with its counterparts to take back these Indians; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

### **Request to deport Vijay Mallya**

972. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had earlier requested United Kingdom to deport Vijay Mallya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether United Kingdom has acceded to the request of Government regarding his deporting;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Implications of USA's sanction against Iran**

(\*) 973. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America's sanctions against Iran would have any serious implications for the country;

(b) whether Government had been looking for enhanced investment in Iran in recent years in a bid to approach Central Asian markets through Chabahar Port;

(c) whether the USA's sanctions would also impact import of oil and military hardware from Russia; and

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(d) whether Government is in the process of forging proper and long-term policy initiatives to counter the USA threat and if so, the details thereof?

**Restriction on Indian IT professionals in Singapore and other countries**

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

(a) the number of IT professionals from India in Singapore;

(b) whether it is a fact that Singapore has started restricting Indian IT professionals;

(c) if so, the details thereof and how Singapore's contention is justified since it is in violation of Free Trade Agreement (FTA); and

(d) whether one after the other country is rejecting Indian IT professionals and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**Impact of USA's sanctions against Iran**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is rethinking on its investment plans in Iran in the oil sector after the fresh USA sanctions imposed on Iran; and

(b) if so, the details of oil projects in operation/under consideration at present in Iran and what changes are proposed to be made after the USA sanctions?

**Indians killed in America**

†976. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians killed during the last three years in America as a result of fatal attacks on them;

(b) whether the Indian diaspora are feeling insecure in America due to these frequent killings;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the interest of diasporic Indians is not affected in America consequent upon various steps taken/statements made by American administration about diasporic Indians following the formation of new Government in America; and

(d) whether due to increasing sense of insecurity in Indians in America, the rate of their return has increased?

**Suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan**

977. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suicide bomb attack took place near Jalalabad, Afghanistan recently;

(b) if so, the number of Indians killed or wounded and the States from which these hailed;

(c) whether any compensation has been given to the kin of those killed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the assistance being rendered to those who were injured in the attack; and

(f) whether Government has asked Afghan authorities to tighten security measures in the market place to ensure innocent Indians do not become victims of attack?

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#### **Low output of electric vehicles**

978. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether subsidy for electric vehicles has been withdrawn;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether electric vehicles are not used on a large scale by Government departments, due to low output; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safety standard of automobile vehicles**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the automobile vehicles being used in the country are not as per the standards with regard to safety;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any responsibility in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Strengthening of FAME India scheme**

980. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to strengthen the FAME India scheme further for the faster adoption of eco-friendly automobile technologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether vehicle length based classification would target reduction in vehicular congestion and CO<sub>2</sub> emission based classification would align with the overall vision of green mobility and reduction in Green House gas emissions; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Manpower need assessment of Ministry**

981. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry with all its Departments and also public sector organisations under it, has conducted any manpower need assessment for its own functioning and administration and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether, before recruiting new personnel for various positions under the Ministry and allied organisations, option for re-skilling and re-deploying existing human resources that may be underutilised, is explored as a matter of practice?

#### **Need for Centres of Excellence**

982. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any review including appreciation by foreign agency regarding four Centres of Excellence on advanced manufacturing that have been set up in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has felt any need to set up more such centres in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Latest technology for automobile industry**

983. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as the Indian automobile remanufacturing market becomes more competitive, the need for innovative technology is assuming greater importance;

(b) whether Indian auto makers need latest technology;

(c) whether Government is considering to help the auto industry to attain the latest technology and equipment to make India a truly global auto maker; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revised guidelines for closure of CPSEs**

984. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:  
DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised guidelines on time-bound closure of sick and loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises and disposal of their movable and immovable assets to reduce delays in implementation of closure plans for loss making PSUs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the surplus land obtained from the closure of such firms would be prioritized to provide affordable housing and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has laid down a uniform policy to give workers VRS in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Losses incurred by sick PSUs**

985. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sick PSUs with the losses incurred by them on monthly basis since 2014 till date;

(b) whether there has been increase in the number of sick PSUs since 2014 and if so, the details thereof along with the sick PSUs; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is giving these sick PSUs to private sector and if so, the details regarding such change in management since 2014 till date with the details of the new management?

#### **New National Auto Policy**

986. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new National Auto Policy would be introduced very soon by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new policy would give special emphasis to emission linked taxation on automobiles and a technology agnostic green mobility roadmap;

(d) whether the discussions have been held with various stakeholders to frame the policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Proposals from Maharashtra for urban development**

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

(a) the details of proposals sent by Maharashtra for urban development to the Central Government during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government has approved those proposals and if so, the details and status thereof, project-wise and city-wise?

**Shortage of General Pool Residential Accommodation**

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

(a) whether the shortage of General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRAs) has grown in the country during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, city and State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number of flats constructed for Central Government employees along with the funds spent on such construction during the said period, location, State/UT and flat type-wise?

**Status of projects under HRIDAY scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that only 52 per cent of the amount has been released to the State Governments by the Central Government for different projects under HRIDAY scheme;

(b) if so, the details of projects undertaken by the State Governments since 2015, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of status of the projects undertaken by the States until 30 June, 2018; and

(d) the total amount utilised on each project, project-wise, State-wise and year-wise since 2015?

**Construction of dwelling units for urban poor**

†990. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the latest details of number of dwelling units constructed and the facilities like drinking water, roads and healthcare provided for urban poor along with the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise?

**Utilisation of funds for AMRUT scheme**

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

(a) the details of allocations and actual utilisation of funds under AMRUT scheme since its inception, year-wise;

(b) whether the percentage of completion of projects is proportionate to the proposed investments under AMRUT; and

(c) whether Government has identified solutions for improving the pace of implementation in order to achieve the

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targets in a timely manner and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Construction of affordable housing**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the target for sanctioning of construction of affordable housing under the Housing for All scheme would be achieved by mid 2019 against the proposed deadline of 2022;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the total number of houses to be sanctioned under the scheme is 11 million and by now Government has sanctioned the construction of about 4.5 million units;

(c) whether Government is sanctioning upto 3-5 lakh units every month; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Facilities provided to beneficiaries under PMAY**

†993. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed and allotted under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and the names of banks by which loan amount have been sanctioned along with the amount of loan and the number of its beneficiaries, State-wise; and

(b) whether PMAY has been implemented effectively and if so, the details of facilities provided to the beneficiaries?

#### **Shelter for urban homeless**

994. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court appointed Committee concluded that 90 per cent of urban homeless do not have shelter;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor inspite of Government starting the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) in 2013 to set up Shelter Homes for the poor;

(c) the details of cities covered under NULM and the performance of construction of Shelter Homes in those cities, State-wise; and

(d) in what manner the Ministry is planning to go ahead in view of Committee's above findings?

#### **Renting out of Government flats**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that Government residential flats/premises are given on rent to non-Government employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of last survey conducted in this regard?

#### **Amendment to RERA Real Estate Regulation Law**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ruled out any amendment to the Real

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Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 despite demand by the builders' lobby for changes in certain provisions of the Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has set a June 30 deadline for States to amend the dilutions in the notified rules to bring all incomplete projects under regulation;

(d) whether the June 30 deadline has also been set as the deadline for establishing permanent regulators, starting website and tribunals, as prescribed in the law; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Present status of Land Pooling Policy**

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

(a) the present status of Land Pooling Policy in Delhi;

(b) whether the Policy is likely to be implemented in zones J to L, P1 and P2 of Master Plan of Delhi, 2021, as notified on September 5, 2013;

(c) whether DDA has finalised the areas in which the Policy would be implemented in P1 Zone and if so, the details thereof along with the names of villages/locations covered therein;

(d) whether DDA proposes to upload representations received for revised Policy and regulations on its website for transparency; and

(e) by when the Policy is likely to be finalised and implemented?

#### **Cities selected under HRIDAY**

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

(a) whether Government has launched the Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) in 2015 for overall development of heritage cities across the country; and

(b) if so, the details of cities selected under this scheme?

#### **Avoidance of loans for affordable housing schemes**

999. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even one house has been built against the set target of 1.97 lakh under PMAY-U in Mumbai;

(b) whether it is also a fact that banks are avoiding loan as gross NPAs of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), focusing on the affordable housing segment, have shown an above average increase in delinquencies with gross NPAs at 4-5 per cent; and

(c) whether the FICCI-CBRE report has estimated a shortage of houses for the urban population at two crore which it said could take upto eight to ten years to overcome?

#### **Toilets constructed in Madhya Pradesh**

1000. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government claims that a large number of toilets have been

constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) across the country;

(b) if so, the number of toilets constructed in the cities of Madhya Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated to the State under SBM and the funds actually utilised by the State, till date; and

(d) whether any audit of its fund utilisation by the user agencies towards construction of these toilets has been conducted and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Objections in proposed Modified Land Pooling Policy**

1001. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public hearing on suggestions and objections on Land Pooling Policy was held by DDA between 2nd to 4th July, 2018;

(b) if so, whether majority of respondents objected to lower FAR, consortium clause, contiguous land clause and EDC proposed in modified Policy;

(c) whether all contentious issues raised before Board of Enquiry and Hearing would be incorporated in Board's report;

(d) whether DDA would make regulations simple and flexible for wider participation of stakeholders and smooth implementation of the Policy; and

(e) whether meeting of DDA Board would be called soon to finalise the Policy to avoid any further delay?

#### **Migrants in cities under JNNURM**

1002. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of poor in the country, at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that this number includes the migrants;

(c) if so, the total number of this category in various metropolitan cities and cities covered under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(d) what type of occupation they generally follow;

(e) whether the Ministry has held any fruitful discussion with the Ministry of Labour and Employment for providing social security to these people; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lowering of FAR under Land Pooling Policy**

1003. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cited lack of resources like water as a reason for lowering FAR under Land Pooling Policy in Delhi;

(b) whether Government would consider giving higher FAR under the Policy, in view of rising population growth and continuing migration towards city as land is limited and to address future needs vertical growth of the city is needed which would only be met by higher FAR; and

(c) whether Government would consider making resources available through efficient technology and alternate

mechanisms instead of lowering FAR in the Policy which has been opposed by majority of stakeholders?

#### **Amenities in R. K. Puram**

1004. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of specifications and scale of amenities laid down by Government for General Pool Residential Accommodations (GPRAs) (Type IV);

(b) whether the laid down amenities have been provided in R. K. Puram, New Delhi;

(c) whether CPWD has received complaints concerning non-availability of laid down amenities from the allottees;

(d) if so, the steps taken to provide those amenities there;

(e) whether windows of bathrooms and lavatory of N-Block of that area have been blocked by drain pipes; and

(f) if so, the action taken to open the blockage of the windows?

#### **HRIDAY funds for heritage places**

1005. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to develop the heritage places in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and details of places that have been identified in Telangana/Andhra Pradesh under HRIDAY scheme; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked and released so far?

#### **Rehabilitation of homeless people**

1006. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey about the homeless people in the National Capital and Mumbai who subsist in the open sky;

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

(c) what action Government proposes to take to rehabilitate the homeless people in the National Capital and Mumbai?

#### **Encroachments in New Delhi Municipal Council areas**

1007. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the encroachment clearing drives have recently been launched in the national capital by the civic agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that encroachments in New Delhi Municipal Council areas, particularly at Pandit Pant Marg and nearby areas have not been cleared, so far;

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

(e) what action Government proposes to take in the matter?

#### **Demand of houses received under PMAY**

†1008. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the demand of the number of houses in lacs received from States and Union Territories under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY-U) by the Central Government;

(b) the contribution of Central Government in this regard;

(c) the details of the amount released, so far, under this scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for slow progress in this regard?

#### **Forced evictions and demolitions of houses under SCM**

1009. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2017, forced evictions and demolitions of houses have been done in 32 of the cities participating in the Smart Cities Mission (SCM);

(b) whether SCM has demonstrated a restrictive approach to urban development;

(c) whether out of the total proposed investment of ₹ 2.04 lakh crore, 80 per cent would be spent on Area Based Development which covers less than 5 per cent of the area in at least half the cities of the mission;

(d) whether a lot of money is being spent on very few places; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disruptions of metro services on Violet Line**

1010. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the metro services were disrupted on Violet Line recently as railing fell on moving train;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any safety audit has been conducted on all the lines to ensure that no such mishap occurs during the run of a train;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, how DMRC ensures that all lines are safe and would not be disrupted even during strong wind and rain?

#### **Utilisation of amount under AMRUT in Punjab**

1011. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken up by Government regarding the progress of sanctioning of ₹ 2,767 crore under AMRUT scheme for Punjab with a Central assistance of ₹ 1,225 crore;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government for the utilisation of amount of ₹ 153.24 crore released to that State under the scheme;

(c) and if no measures have been taken, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the current status of the project under the scheme in that State?

#### **Registration for ongoing projects under RERA**

1012. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of registration for ongoing projects in various States/Union Territories under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA) is behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of States/Union

Territories which have not, so far, become RERA compliant?

**Utilisation of funds under HRIDAY scheme**

1013. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the total sanctioned fund of ₹ 363.28 crore under the HRIDAY scheme, only 52 per cent of the amount has been released to the State Governments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that utilisation of the sanctioned amount under the scheme stands at just 6.5 per cent;

(c) if so, the details of funds released to the States since 2015, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) if so, the reasons for under utilisation of funds released and sanctioned under the scheme?

**Investments under Mission on Area Based Development**

1014. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure and allocations for the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) since its inception, year-wise;

(b) the percentage of selected 100 regions under SCM which have achieved Smart City status and the details of percentage of identified projects completed; and

(c) the percentage of proposed investments under the Mission to be spent on Area Based Development (ABD)?

**Utilisation of funds under AMRUT**

1015. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) two years back and about hundreds of projects are being implemented under the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of projects, funds allocated and the present status of those projects, project-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether only a small percentage of total outlay has been utilised under the mission, so far;

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

(e) by when these projects would be completed in all respects and the steps taken/being taken to expedite their completion?

**Discount on home loan in urban areas**

†1016. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing for All by 2022 scheme is being implemented by the Central Government according to the target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently made an announcement of providing several types of discount on home loan in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Status and time-line of Smart Cities Mission**

1017. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria in selecting Smart Cities under the Smart Cities Mission all over the country and the details of the Smart Cities selected so far State-wise; and

(b) the details of the projects announced under the Smart Cities Mission, the present status and time-line of completion?

### **Facility for students with special needs**

1018. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no policy for educational needs/facilities for students with special needs;

(b) if so, by when we are going to have it;

(c) how many children with special needs are out of schools; and

(d) the steps being taken to bring them to schools?

### **Self defence training for girls**

1019. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government to make self defence training compulsory for girl students in schools in the country, keeping in view the increasing atrocities against them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made by Government in this regard?

### **Course on Islamic Terrorism**

1020. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru University Registrar has refuted wild speculations on JNU starting a course on Islamic Terrorism at the University;

(b) whether General Secretary of Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind had expressed displeasure at such a proposal saying that the reported attempt is a deep-rooted conspiracy to malign the image of Islam;

(c) whether the Registrar, JNU, has also briefed the Delhi Minority Commissioner enclosing a copy of the concept paper on the proposed Centre for National Security Studies to be set up in JNU; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Autonomy to State and Central Universities**

1021. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether overregulation of Indian Universities has stifled their potential to grow and this has led to a shortage in quality institutions of higher learning;

(b) if not, the reasons for the current state of affairs in these educational institutions;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to create more autonomous institutions on the lines of IITs and IIMs and is also thinking of giving a significant degree of autonomy to the existing State and Central Universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of toilets in schools**

1022. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether there are 21,000 schools without toilets for girls and 29,000 without toilets for boys in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with details of the States having largest and least number of schools without such toilets, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has asked the State Governments to construct toilets within a specified timeframe;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome therefor, State-wise, as on date; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and released during 2017-18 and 2018-19, so far, for construction of toilets in schools?

**Conducting of NEET exam twice a year**

1023. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:  
SHRI KANAKAMEDALA  
RAVINDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct JEE (Main) and National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) twice a year for admission in engineering and medical courses, if so, the rationale behind such a step;

(b) the details of manners in which it is going to be beneficial to the student community specially aspirants from rural areas; and

(c) whether Government has held discussions with various stakeholders in this regard, before mooted such a proposal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**B. R. Ambedkar scholarship fund**

1024. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many colleges and students are agitating for not being provided B.R. Ambedkar scholarships fund;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto indicating the reasons for the delayed payment;

(c) the details of scholarships provided to students in colleges and schools in various parts of country during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for providing timely payment of scholarships?

**Steps for overall change in education system**

1025. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government to bring about the overall changes in the education system across the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any Committee has been set up to bring about uniformity in the curriculum, syllabus, examinations, etc. across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the last instance when the changes were brought about in curriculum in secondary education in the country?

#### **Professors working on *ad-hoc* basis**

†1026. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that professors working on *ad-hoc* basis in all the Central Universities, except Delhi University are paid only one fourth of the basic pay applicable to these posts whereas their workload is equal to that of regular professors;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-payment of full pay to professors working on *ad-hoc* basis;

(c) if not, the policy of Government with regard to pay of regular and *ad-hoc* professors; and

(d) the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard?

#### **Cyber bullying**

1027. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has issued guidelines on cyber bullying;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines could provide framework for our own policies; and

(d) whether parents should also be involved as they often don't get to know if there is some kind of cyber bullying?

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas in Chhattisgarh**

†1028. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Sarguja division of Chhattisgarh along with the number of seats therein, and the number of students enrolled against these seats;

(b) whether Government proposes to enhance the number of seats in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas of Sarguja division including the one at Ambikapur;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that posts of teachers in these schools are lying vacant, if so, the steps being taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

#### **Charging of fee by private schools**

†1029. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the school fee and other expenses of children of economic weaker sections are charged from the fee of other children by private schools; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop this?

#### **New reservation system for appointment in universities**

1030. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed/proposes to form an inter-ministerial committee to review a new reservation

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system for the appointment of faculty in universities;

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

(c) whether the said committee has given its report and if so, the details of the recommendations made by it and if not, the time by which it has been asked to give its report;

(d) whether Government has accepted all the recommendations; and

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

#### **Interest on educational loan**

†1031. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether interest on educational loan is payable from the date on which it is disbursed;

(b) whether only economically weaker sections of society take this loan for higher education;

(c) whether it is a fact that the interest becomes more than the principal till the time of start of repayment; and

(d) if so, whether Government, keeping in view the above fact would direct the banks to charge interest on such loans from the time when the student gets absorbed in a job and is in a position to repay the loan?

#### **Replacement of UGC with HECI**

1032. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to replace University Grants

Commission (UGC) with a new Higher Education Commission of India (HECI);

(b) if so, how is it different from UGC with no funds to dole out; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government also proposes a single regulator titled "Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA)" dissolving the three regulators was red flagged with concerns by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), if so, the details thereof?

#### **Negative marking in IITs**

1033. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that certain institutions like IIT have introduced negative marking in the examinations for admission in their institutes;

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

(c) whether Government is also aware that a number of meritorious students are adversely affected on account of negative marking for attempting question which are generally misleading; and

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to direct such institution, to dispense with the practice of negative marking and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Absenteeism of teachers in schools**

1034. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data on

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teacher absenteeism in Government schools across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of teaching posts that are vacant in Government educational institutions;

(d) the initiatives taken by Government to enroll more teachers in Government educational institutions; and

(e) the percentage of schools which have not yet fully implemented the provisions of the Right To Education Act and the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Salaries of Para teachers**

1035. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that despite economic constraints the State Government of West Bengal has recently increased the salaries of Para teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government would give its due to the State Government, so that, the working of the State Government becomes a bit easier; and

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

#### **Enlarging scope of HEFA**

1036. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to enlarge the scope of Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has funded any project undertaken by the State Universities in the State of Tamil Nadu during last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Doing B.Ed after Under Graduate Programme**

1037. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students who are pursuing Under Graduate Programme and would be a graduate next year and want to do B.Ed have to do the four year B.Ed Programme after studying bachelor's degree;

(b) whether they would have to do the four year integrated course again and would have to spend two more years; and

(c) what is the substitute for this problem?

#### **Decline in engineering seats**

1038. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to sharp decline in engineering seats in All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the percentage change in engineering seats during the period 2014 to 2018 in all the listed AICTE institutes; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to address the drop in seats?

**Uniform Common Minimum  
Programme in schools**

†1039. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to implement a Uniform Common Minimum Programme in all schools from 2019-20 onwards to have value based education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Graduates from Engineering  
Colleges**

†1040. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of graduates passing out from private and Government engineering colleges every year; and

(b) the details of graduates who are able to get jobs?

**Digital drive of CBSE**

1041. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE's ongoing digital drive is currently acclaimed as worth emulation by State Examination Boards and even UPSC;

(b) whether the digital drive saved 50 lakhs reams of paper for CBSE and also ₹ 100 crore spent on paper and printing; and

(c) whether around 1.5 crore examinees take tests every year and the present digital drive by CBSE covers evaluation, affiliation, examinations, teacher awards and digital lockers?

**No Retention Policy**

†1042. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:  
SHRI P. L. PUNIA:

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

(a) whether there is any plan to do away with "No Retention Policy";

(b) if so, by which session the same would be implemented;

(c) whether the opinions of the respective State Governments have been taken into account; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Reference of freedom fighters and  
social reformers in NCERT books**

†1043. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is hardly any reference made about freedom fighters, Gandhian Social reformer like Tana Bhagat and the Birsaits, the followers of Bhagwan Birsa Munda from State of Jharkhand, in the history books and curriculum of NCERT; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to include life and works of the said great personalities of Jharkhand in NCERT curriculum and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Outflow of money on account of  
students going abroad for higher  
education**

†1044. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian

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students go abroad for higher education every year resulting in outflow of huge amount of money from the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the amount could have been spent in the country itself if the higher educational institutions of the country are upgraded to global standards which would not only strengthen educational institutions but also serve the best interest of the students; and

(c) if so, the details of efforts made by Government in this regard during the last four years alongwith the result thereof?

#### **Discontinuation of moderation process**

1045. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding moderation process that has been followed by CBSE and other Boards in marks evaluation;

(b) whether Government has directed CBSE and State Boards to discontinue the moderation process which was intended to bring level playing field in evaluation process;

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

(d) the effect of the moderation process on cut-offs in prominent universities; and

(e) what would be the result of discontinuing moderation on university cut-offs?

#### **Frequency of NET examination**

1046. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is

contemplating reducing the frequency of National Eligibility Test to once every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding reasons for holding NET only once in a year;

(d) whether Government has consulted any University Teachers Association in the matter; and

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

#### **Problem in appearing for National Level Entrance examinations**

1047. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several thousands of students from different States appearing in National Level Entrance examinations are facing difficulties due to linguistic problems and several region-based socio-political issues;

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

(c) whether Government has any plans to chalk out any remedial measures to address these issues while conducting the National Level Common entrance exams through the National Testing Agency (NTA);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to provide a common and level playing field for students appearing for exams conducted by NTA?

#### **Arbitrary fee hike by schools**

1048. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether spurred by the promulgation

of a recent ordinance by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, Government proposed to bring a regulation to check arbitrary fee hikes by private schools;

(b) whether the ordinance has mandated all private schools in the State to consult the empowered panel headed by Divisional Commissioner wherein parents and school managements are also represented on fee hikes which are capped at eight per cent; and

(c) whether the Central Government is also looking at restrictive items like charging admission fee and changing school uniforms every year?

#### **Ban on mobile phones in schools**

1049. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French lawmakers recently approved a ban on the use of mobile phones in public schools, considered a detox law for the younger generation increasingly addicted to the internet;

(b) whether the move was in response to the growing anxiety among many parents over the amount of time their children spend glued to their smartphone screens and the rising incidences of online bullying;

(c) whether this move provides a legal right to school children to disconnect from the digital pressures during their school days; and

(d) whether Government would consider enacting a similar legislation?

#### **Less number of scholarship/fellowship**

1050. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of scholarship/fellowship awarded under the National Science and Technology Human Resource Development is very less;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that many IIT, IISc, IIMs students are not interested to join fellowship programme;

(d) whether the National Science and Technology Human Resource Development could not be implemented due to inadequate allocation of funds; and

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

#### **Evaluation of public school teachers**

1051. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is considering a proposal for evaluation of public school teachers based on their overall classroom management skills and output based on student performance levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof and mechanism adopted to evaluate their performance;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering incentivisation as a break-up of the total salary component of such public school teachers to improve the standard of teaching;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to monitor implementation of National Council of Teacher Education guidelines by various State Governments; and

(e) if not, whether Government plans a

monitoring mechanism for the effective implementation of said guidelines?

**Plan to reduce burden of school bags**

1052. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come out with any concrete plan to reduce the weight of the school bags for small kids and upto middle school level keeping in view its physical and mental impact on the students and small children;

(b) whether Government is planning to set-up another new panel to study on this issue and solve the problem as the previous panel failed to do so;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Admission procedure in private schools**

1053. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the private schools in Mumbai and Delhi does not adhere to the admission procedures and agreements made by them while taking land from the State Governments;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against these schools;

(c) the basic criteria these public schools have to follow in admission while dealing with students of BPL and other lower strata of society families; and

(d) the number of BPL and other lower class students admitted by the leading ten

private schools of Mumbai and Delhi, year-wise during the last three years?

**University for minority**

†1054. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set aside the decision of the previous Government in which a decision of opening five minority universities in the country was taken;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of minority universities in the country at present and by when the new universities would be set up?

**Reduction in allocation for education**

†1055. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drastically reduced the allocations for education;

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

(c) the details of the amount allocated/ sanctioned during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to allocate funds for education as per international standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of teachers**

†1056. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether a large number of untrained teachers are employed for teaching in the country due to which the process of teaching children is getting adversely affected;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the details about shortage of teachers in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the reasons of shortage of teachers for a long time; and

(e) the steps taken by Ministry in this regard?

**Principle of equity in primary education in rural areas**

1057. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to implement the principle of equity in primary education in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to prepare an action plan to strengthen the infrastructure and quality of primary education in rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Literacy rate among women in Rajasthan**

1058. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make any efforts for improvement in the literacy rate among women in the country particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of existing schemes for this purpose;

(c) whether funds earmarked for setting up of educational complexes in low literacy pockets for improvement of literacy among women were sanctioned for projects in districts which were not part of the identified districts;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of identified districts for which the projects were sanctioned; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve literacy among women in the country?

**Shortcomings in Mid-Day Meal scheme**

†1059. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) the details of shortcomings observed with regard to quality of Mid-Day meals being served in schools across the country, including Delhi during last three years and the steps taken to address the same;

(b) the details of the number of children falling ill and died after having the Mid-Day meals cooked carelessly in the country during last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken in this regard during the last three years?

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**Commercialisation of education**

†1060. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) whether giving preference to private institutes in the selection of institutes of excellence in education sector is a step towards commercialisation of education by Government;

(b) the steps being taken by Ministry to ensure that higher education is not completely commercialised, so as, to protect the interest of poor students;

(c) whether Government would take steps towards fixing fees with respect to all courses and make it compulsory for all Government institutes including private educational institutes, not to charge excessive fees from poor students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Suicide in schools/colleges**

1061. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the data of student suicides in school and college campuses State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is collecting or recording data regarding the reasons behind these suicides; and

(c) whether the Ministry is promoting counselling sessions for students?

**Reservation in admission**

†1062. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: the existing provision for providing reservation to students belonging to reserved categories for admission in educational institutions fully or partially funded by the Central or State Government, and the institutions which are not providing reservation in admissions to the reserved categories, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Credit facilities to educational institutes**

†1063. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of approval of credit facility to educational institutes through Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA), the details thereof, institution-wise;

(b) the method of functioning of HEFA and the current status of availability of funds with HEFA; and

(c) the future proposal for fund mobilisation and institutional credit facility and the targets set for year 2018 in this regard?

**Entrance exam for engineers**

1064. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans that IITs tone down their entrance exams for engineers;

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

(c) the response of the IITs in this regard?

#### **Setting up of Central University in Dehra**

1065. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 34 hectares of land has been transferred in the name of Central University of Himachal Pradesh at Dehra, district Kangra, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this land is not enough for setting up of a Central University;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and whether Government has asked State Government to transfer more land for establishment of the Central University; and

(d) further steps taken by Government to expedite the process of setting up the University?

#### **Survey on inefficiency of bureaucracy**

1066. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed direct lateral entry from private sector to the posts of Joint Secretary and above in the name of efficiency in the administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the inefficiency of bureaucracy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, in what manner Government

concluded that Indian bureaucracy is inefficient?

#### **Implementation of reservation in promotion for employees**

1067. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all its departments and the State Governments to implement reservation in promotion for employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the move comes following a recent verdict by the Supreme Court in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds released to backward districts under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act**

1068. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to backward districts of Andhra Pradesh since 2014 identified under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the details of works undertaken in each such district during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) the number of works that have been completed and that which are yet to be completed;

(d) whether any social or other audit has been conducted to find out the quality of work; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Review of important schemes  
implemented in the country**

1069. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the progress of implementation of the Central Government schemes of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of funds allocated to various schemes during the last three years and the status thereof;

(c) whether the schemes have been implemented as per the guidelines laid down or any deviations have been observed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of remedial measures taken by Government in case of deviations?

**Blue print of National Health Stack**

1070. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has come with a blue print of the National Health Stack (NHS), a shared digital healthcare infrastructure, with a view to implement the Centres flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat and other public healthcare programmes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Controlling drug addiction among  
children**

†1071. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE

AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug addiction is increasing among school children;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the number of children consuming drugs and the reasons responsible for inclination of children towards drug addiction;

(c) the action plan of Government to curb drug addiction among children; and

(d) the details of number of children belonging to poor, medium and upper strata of the society involved in such addiction?

**Jail term for those who abandon their  
parents**

1072. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the jail term to six months from the existing three months for those who abandon or abuse their elderly parents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to widen the definition of children to include adopted children or step children, son-in-laws and daughter-in-laws, grand children and minors represented by their legal guardians; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rise in manual scavengers**

1073. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been four-fold rise in the number of manual scavengers in 12 States of the country, as reported by an inter-ministerial task force;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

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number of cases registered and the number of workers practicing scavenging during 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to address the rising cases of manual scavengers?

**Financial assistance to SC/OBC women under MSY**

1074. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to women belonging to Scheduled Castes(SCs)/Other Backward Classes (OBCs) under Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has constituted/proposed to constitute any separate cell to implement the Yojana in hilly States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, etc.; and

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

**Allocations under SC/ST Sub Plan**

1075. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocations made in the budget is proportionate to their share in population under the SC/ST Sub Plan for SCs/STs;

(b) the details of such allocations made in the years 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

(c) the quantum of funds that has been utilised so far under this scheme?

**National Overseas Scholarships for SCs**

1076. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bulk of National Overseas Scholarships (NOS) for Scheduled Castes (SCs) is going to one or two States;

(b) if so, whether it is against the SC students from other States; and

(c) if so, whether there could be more rational distribution of NOS, State-wise by increasing its number?

**Technological interventions in lieu of manual scavenging**

1077. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural households in the country where at least one member is engaged in manual scavenging;

(b) the number of dry latrines that have been constructed under Government schemes which still require manual cleaning;

(c) the number and the details of lives that have been lost due to manual scavenging during the last three years; and

(d) the details of initiatives and technological interventions adopted in lieu of manual scavenging?

**Launching of campaign against drug-abuse in Punjab**

1078. DR T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Punjab is facing the challenge of drug abuse amongst millions of youth;

(b) if so, whether Government has initiated any community project to tackle drug menace and to launch campaign against drug abuse in the State;

(c) whether the National Centre for Drug Abuse and Prevention would be directed to visit that State for providing training to the staff for counselling and rehabilitation of drug addicts in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not what other initiatives have been taken by Government for the State?

#### **Hostels for students of SCs and OBCs**

1079. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels constructed, so far, for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes along with the number of proposals pending in this regard, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and released for those hostels during the last one year and the current financial year along with the time-frame for completion of pending hostel projects, State-wise;

(c) the number of students including girl students enrolled in those hostels during the last three years; and

(d) whether any additional coaching arrangement is made for the students studying in those hostels and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revamping of PoA Act**

1080. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is proposing to revamp the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act (PoA Act);

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the revamping of the Act would be done by bringing an ordinance, in case the Supreme Court decides otherwise;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has consulted the State Governments in this matter and if so, the details of response of State Governments on revamping of the Act?

#### **National Overseas Scholarship Scheme**

1081 DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries under the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme being implemented for Scheduled Caste students for higher studies abroad, for Ph.Ds and post-doctoral studies;

(b) whether the Scholarship provided to students are declining year by year due to lack of proper guidance and awareness about the Scheme among students;

(c) whether Government proposes to enhance the number of students from 20 to 30 and also the income ceiling of the parents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Avoidance of using Dalit for SCs**

1082. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has asked the State and Central Government departments to avoid using the nomenclature Dalit for the people belonging to Scheduled Castes in official dealings and transactions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a directive was already issued way back in 1982 in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Inclusion of PoA Act in Ninth Schedule of the Constitution**

1083. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to bring a legislation to include the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act (PoA Act) in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Targets set under Accessibility India Campaign**

1084. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether targets and deadlines set under the Accessibility India Campaign have been revised;

(b) if so, the details of original targets and deadlines and revised targets and deadlines, along with the reasons for the revision;

(c) the manner and number of railway stations and Government buildings proposed to be made accessible and the current status thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether directions have also been issued for other public buildings like restaurants to be made accessible and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Establishment of SVNIRTAR**

1085. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation, Training and Research (SVNIRTAR) is having only a few campuses in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to establish SVNIRTAR on pan-India basis including in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Research in prosthetic limbs**

1086. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for research in prosthetic limbs;

(b) whether any advances in prosthetic technology have been made during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these advances have been adopted by persons with disabilities in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to import prosthetic technology from other countries?

**Transparency in selection of students for various scholarships**

1087. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is encouraging students from various sections of the society to continue education by providing scholarships and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and details of students in each class from 1st to 12th standard who have received scholarships from Government, during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) the details of annual income limit of parents required to make the students eligible for scholarships, category-wise; and

(d) whether Government has put any mechanism in place to ensure transparency in the selection of students for scholarships and if so, the details thereof?

**VDP vis-a-vis living standards of SC concentrated villages**

1088. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified institutions for providing technical resource support for helping in preparation of Village Development Plan (VDP);

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

(c) to what extent physical and social infrastructural gaps in Scheduled Caste concentrated villages has been reduced on the basis of VDP during the last three years and the current year, district-wise; and

(d) whether Government proposes to

introduce any new scheme to improve living standards of the Scheduled Caste concentrated villages?

**Increase in expenditure on social security schemes**

1089. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 1.4 per cent of India's GDP is spent on social security schemes and it is lower than most countries in Asia;

(b) if so, the details of steps Government would take to increase the percentage of expenditure on social security schemes; and

(c) the allocations made and expenditure incurred towards social security schemes since 2014, scheme-wise and year-wise?

**Classification of backward people**

†1090. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is giving serious consideration to the classification of backward, most backward and extremely backward people;

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

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

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**Launching of rockets and satellites**

1091. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rockets and satellites launched by ISRO during the last five years; and

(b) the details of specific roles assigned to these rockets and satellites launched and whether ISRO and the country have been benefited from it?

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

(c) by when the above would come into effect;

(d) whether Government would also release comparable data for previous years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reasons for delay in releasing back-series data following the change in the methodology for calculating GDP in 2015?

**Linking of space research with contemporary needs**

1092. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved and laid down any policy about linking space research related Government establishments to the contemporary development needs of the lives of the people in general and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is any practice of appealing Government departments for promoting use of space technology for governance and public administration and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Change in base year**

1093. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:  
DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to change the base year for calculation of GDP and retail inflation to 2017-18 and 2018 respectively;

**Revision of norms for preparation of GDP**

1094. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Monitoring of Central Schemes**

1095. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mechanism to monitor the implementation of Central Schemes;

(b) what are the bottlenecks in effective implementation of Central Schemes in the country; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to remove such bottlenecks and improve the implementation of Central Schemes?

#### **Hostels for students in Chhattisgarh**

†1096. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls' and boys' hostels for students, belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh, area-wise;

(b) whether Government has implemented any centrally sponsored scheme for the construction of hostels for such students and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated to Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year under this scheme and the amount spent by Government, out of the amount allocated; and

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from that State for construction of new hostels and if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Remarriage of widows under TSP**

1097. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any scheme to encourage remarriage of widows under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)/under any plan in socially backward areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when such a scheme is likely to be implemented?

#### **Extension of time-limit of reservation for Scheduled Tribes**

†1098. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the people belonging to Scheduled Tribes, including the Meena tribe, have been benefitted, as a result of reservation of posts for them, as on date;

(b) by when the benefit of reservation provided to them would come to an end;

(c) whether Government proposes to extend the time-limit of reservation for the people of Scheduled Tribes for the next ten years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the time-limit for reservation is likely to be extended for them by Government?

#### **Upliftment of Scheduled Tribes**

1099. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present schemes for economic upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and whether there is any proposal for introducing new schemes;

(b) the number of people benefited by these schemes;

(c) the long term effect of these schemes;

(d) whether these schemes improve the quality of life for a short period only; and

(e) whether any study has been conducted by Government regarding impact of these schemes in improving the quality of life and if so, the details thereof?

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**Petitions from tribals displaced by  
National Water Projects**

1100. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received petitions from diverse tribal villagers who have been displaced by National Water Projects during the last 60 days;

(b) whether the affected and displaced tribals have not received either financial compensation for their land lost or got replacement of land;

(c) whether Government has considered their petitions to redress their problems; and

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

**Funds for Pre and Post-matric  
scholarship scheme**

1101. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized under Pre and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Tribe students during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to enhance the scholarship amount being provided under these schemes;

(c) whether the funds under these schemes have not been released to certain States during the last three years and to North Eastern States for two consecutive years; and

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

**Benefits of schemes for Scheduled  
Tribes**

1102. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data to ascertain that the benefits of schemes implemented for Scheduled Tribes or tribals are reaching them particularly the most backward among them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

**Per capita annual income of tribals**

1103. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per capita annual income of tribal in the country, at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has formulated any special scheme/programme for the upliftment of tribal people living Below Poverty Line;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of tribals benefited therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government for their upliftment and enhancing their income?

**Database of tribes**

1104. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

database of total number of tribes and their percentage in the country, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of Schemes launched by Government for their welfare?

#### **Transfer of land to Bhilai Steel Plant**

†1105. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the titles of land belonging to tribals and Scheduled Castes of district Kanker, Tehsil Antagarh, village Kalgaon, village Faraskot, Tehsil Bhanupratappur and district Narayanpur have been exchanged with the land belonging to the people of general category of district Durg in violation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and the same land was illegally allotted to Bhilai Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry with regard to the irregularities committed in transfer of the land belonging to tribals and Scheduled Castes to Bhilai Steel Plant in violation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006?

#### **Cases registered under POCSO Act**

1106. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 during 2016-17 and from 2017 to this date, State-wise?

#### **Mahila Shakti Kendra's in Chhattisgarh**

†1107. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN

AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved a new scheme called Mahila Shakti Kendra for empowering rural women through community participation and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(b) the details of Kendras likely to be established in Chhattisgarh under the scheme, area-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated to that State so far and the amount spent out of this?

#### **Ujjawala scheme for victims of trafficking**

1108. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) implementing the Ujjawala Scheme for rehabilitating victims of trafficking since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of NGOs that have withdrawn from the scheme since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the quantum of fund released under the scheme since 2014, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme since 2014, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Monitoring of Child Care Institutions through Aadhaar data**

1109. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report on Child Care Institutions with different NGOs and the children therein;

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(b) whether Government has regular monitoring systems on the child data and protection of child rights;

(c) whether Government has issued directives to link Aadhaar to track child as integrated database; and

(d) if so, the total number of Child Care Institutions in the country and the numbers of children registered with Aadhaar in those institutions?

#### **Online harassment of women**

1110. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps against the online harassment of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases taken care of in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the report submitted by the National Commission for Women in this regard?

#### **Safety of women and children in Karnataka**

1111. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) the details of funds allocated to Karnataka for carrying out projects relating to safety of women and children; and

(b) whether the Ministry has a database of money being spent on projects relating to safety of women and children being implemented in that State?

#### **Strengthening of POCSO Act**

1112. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps the Ministry has taken after submission of a change.org petition which had 1,85,742 signatures on it requesting the Ministry to commit to a roadmap to protect our children by strengthening POCSO Act, drawing guidelines for safety of children in schools and ensuring overall well-being of children?

#### **Impact of BBBP on sex ratio**

†1113. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) the amount spent by Government under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme across the country during the last three years; and

(b) the change in sex ratio of boy and girl noticed during that period?

#### **Schemes for safety and social development of women**

†1114. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of schemes implemented by the Ministry for safety and social development of women, the budgetary allocations made for the schemes and the total expenditure incurred thereon, so far?

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**Audit of funds for rehabilitation and protection of children**

†1115. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government provides grants/financial assistance to State Governments for rehabilitation and protection of children like street children, the children rescued from child labour and the victims of human trafficking, particularly girls;

(b) the detail of funds released under the said items through various schemes and heads during the last four years, State-wise; and

(c) the system in place to audit and monitor the expenditure of funds allocated under the head and the details of expenditure and utilisation of the funds, State-wise?

**National Children's Tribunal**

1116. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Children's Tribunal, on the lines of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), to deal with cases of crime against children in a time-bound and expeditious manner; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of NNM**

1117. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government has taken so far to boost National Nutrition Mission (NNM);

(b) whether Government has identified various districts of different States to implement NNM; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of those districts, State-wise?

**Honorariums for Anganwadi workers**

1118. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether there is consistent demand from Anganwadi workers for hike of their honorariums and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the schemes/programmes being implemented through Anganwadis;

(c) the details of Anganwadi centres functioning and number of Anganwadi workers/helpers/supervisors employees, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of honorarium being paid to these employees?

**Indecent Representation of Women Act**

1119. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government has taken any fresh initiative to widen the scope of the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 to also incorporate new forms of communications like internet, multimedia messaging, cable television,

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skype, whatsapp, snapchat, instagram, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to have a relook at the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2012 which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in 2012; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund**

1120. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) the percentage of Nirbhaya Funds utilised since 2014, till date;

(b) the details of activities and projects taken up under Nirbhaya Fund; and

(c) whether impact evaluation has been conducted on fund utilisation?

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