

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, August 3, 2017/Shravana 12, 1939 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Inclusion of National Law Universities in the list of Institutes of National Importance

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

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Ministry to include all the National Law Universities in the list of Institutes of National Importance, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is planning to form a committee under the Ministry to conduct a single entrance examination and supervise the affairs of all the National Law Universities and if so, the details thereof?

Release of Indian fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan Navy continues to arrest Indian fishermen and they have lately arrested seven fishermen from Mandapam and confiscated their two trawlers on charges of engaging in bottom trawling, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the number of fishermen and trawlers in their custody, at present, and what measures are being taken to get them released?

Inclusion of Ayurveda in Civil Services Examination

*198. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that numerous representations have been received to include Ayurveda as an optional subject for the Civil Services Examination; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and

Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) too has raised this issue with the Department of Personnel, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and if so, what is Government's response to this demand?

Finalisation of complaint redressal mechanism

*199. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of complaints from public against TV channels and radio stations regarding alleged objectionable contents are increasing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has finalized the complaint redressal mechanism, as advised by the Supreme Court and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the period of limitation, within which a complaint could be filed, has also been defined in details; and

(d) whether the media representatives and experts on social issues would be included in the redressal committee?

Budgetary allocation for Scheduled Castes

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

(a) the details of budgetary allocations made for Schedule Castes since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the details of allocations and expenditures on all the schemes operational for their welfare since then, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether Government takes into account the proportion of Scheduled Castes in the population of the country while allocating resources for their welfare and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there have been delays in disbursing funds for welfare schemes like scholarship for Scheduled Caste students and if so, the details thereof, year-wise and scheme-wise and the reasons therefor?

ICPS for children in difficult circumstances

*201. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for improving the well being of children in difficult circumstances, if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(b) whether Government has provided financial assistance to Maharashtra for implementing the scheme and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Faculty positions in Central institutions

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

(a) the total strength of faculty *vis-a-vis* vacant faculty positions in Central universities, IITs, IIMs and NITs till date, category-wise for SC, ST, OBC and others, university and institute-wise; and

(b) the total recruitment held for the vacant positions during the last three years

till date, category-wise for SC, ST, OBC and others, university and institute-wise?

Telecast of fake news

†*203. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that fake news on a large scale are being telecast through various media in the country and such news sometimes lead to serious consequences and if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to curb fake news?

Modernisation of Prasar Bharti

*204. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor condition of Prasar Bharti and also of the recommendations made by the expert panel on its modernisation, if so, the status of implementation of those recommendations; and

(b) the steps Government proposes to take to modernise it?

Advisory Committee under the Ministry

*205. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Ministry has any Advisory Committee under its ambit, if so, the details of its composition, the nomination criteria and the positions filled up/vacant, so far, along with the details of members and their tenure and if not, the reasons therefor?

Standards of school education

*206. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) presently being spent on education in the country and plans drawn by Government to improve the same;

(b) whether Government is aware that the standard of school education in the country is low as compared to global standards and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Restricting private media channels from doing one-sided publicity

*207. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government has any plan to restrict private media channels from doing one-sided publicity of a particular party during elections and if so, what are the details in this regard?

Construction of housing units in Chhattisgarh under PMAY

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

(a) the details of targets set by Government for construction of housing units in Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the last three years;

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the details of funds allocated therefor during those years?

Infrastructure projects in Manipur

*209. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure projects under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) completed in Manipur along with the total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;

(b) the details of such on-going projects along with the time-frame for their completion and the allocations made for each of them; and

(c) the details of NLCPR projects proposed to be executed in the State and the details of funding thereof?

Child Care Centres/Institutions

*210. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered Child Care Centres/Institutions in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any information regarding the addresses of these Centres/Institutions and the number of children residing therein;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to have a database of all children in need of care and protection in the country at the earliest and for its regular updation?

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