

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, January 4, 2018/Pausha 14, 1939 (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)

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Drop out in schools

†*181. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of boys/girls who dropped out of schools in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any survey has been carried out to find out the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of schemes being implemented to impart school education and the amount spent thereon during the last three years and the outcome thereof?

Repeal of Habitual Offenders Act

*182. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking into

consideration the recommendations made by the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes to repeal the Habitual Offenders Act; and

(b) the initiatives taken by Government for upliftment of Denotified Tribes?

Panel for sub-categorisation of OBCs

*183. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a panel headed by Justice Rohini to look into sub-categorisation of OBCs and if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition of the panel; and

(b) if so, the details of the terms of reference of the panel and by when it has been asked to submit its report?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National Policy for upliftment of disabled persons

*184. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a National Policy for upliftment of disabled persons;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken to promote employment opportunities among disabled persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of basic infrastructure in North Eastern Region

†*185. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated by Government towards development of basic infrastructure of North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) the initiatives undertaken by Government to make road transport and air traffic more accessible in the regions bordering China; and

(c) the progress made, so far, towards connecting the capital cities of all North Eastern States through Railways?

Child sexual abuse in schools

*186. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiatives to chalk out a new strategy to address the issue of child sexual abuse in schools; and

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

Rehabilitation of Nomadic Tribes

*187. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nomadic Tribes rehabilitated in various States to change their Ghumantu status into stable one;

(b) the educational percentage of such tribes; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to rehabilitate them so that they could become stable at one place or village?

Release of funds for pre-matric scholarship for OBC students

*188. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government's share in respect of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC students of Odisha for the year 2015-16 has not been released yet;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the due assistance would be released?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Violation of human rights of elderly people

*189. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the human rights of elderly people are increasingly being violated because of popularity of nuclear and small families, lack of inter-generational interaction and non-existence of an inclusive social security system;

(b) if so, the details of violation of human rights of elderly people in the country, urban and rural area-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to protect the rights of elderly people in the country?

Problems in science laboratories in KVs

*190. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has made any assessment of problems in science laboratories in its schools including lack of sufficient space, safety, modern equipments, vacancy of attendants, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken therefor;

(c) whether the science laboratories of KVs, in New Delhi, have been without Lab Attendants during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, school-wise and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to fill them up; and

(e) by when the posts of lab attendants would be filled up?

Scholarships for Indian students in foreign institutions

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

(a) whether there is any scheme to award scholarships to Indian students in foreign institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indian students awarded such scholarships;

(d) whether Government would arrange student exchange programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Urban infrastructure projects in Karnataka

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

(a) whether Government has granted approvals and funds for implementing urban infrastructure projects in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated, released and utilised for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year, city-wise, including Bangalore city; and

(c) the present status of those projects and the steps taken/being taken for expediting these projects?

Construction of toilets under SBM-U

*193. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the Central share for construction of individual household toilet to ₹ 12,000 under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) {(SBM-U)};

(b) whether Government also proposes to increase the per seat cost of Community and Public Toilet, as Urban Local Bodies are not able to mobilize funds from private/corporate agencies for construction of such toilets, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has made it mandatory for private companies to contribute a fixed percentage of their CSR fund for SBM-U activities particularly for construction of Community and Public Toilets, if so, the details thereof?

**Displacement of tribals due to
Polavaram Dam**

*194. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any Census or survey of the scheduled tribes who would be displaced by Polavaram Dam in the States of Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

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

(c) the number of Koyas, Konda, Reddis and diverse other aboriginal tribes who have been affected and would be displaced in the near future; and

(d) the details of forest and other constitutional rights which are due to them?

**Contamination of Brahmaputra water
by China**

†*195. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has constructed/is constructing many dams on tributaries of Brahmaputra river due to which the water of Siyang river has got contaminated and local people are forced to drink this water which is causing diseases and other difficulties to them;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect its interest?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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