

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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 — 160

Availability of potential atomic mineral blocks

2081. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many potential atomic mineral blocks are available in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the position of exploration and mining of these minerals?

Development of radiation technology

2082. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy is developing radiation technologies for being used in agricultural

activities like crop protection and post harvest techniques;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the technology is available for farmers throughout the country?

Availability of thorium

†2083. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of radio active element thorium, available in the country along with the total capacity of radio active energy inherent in it and the results of measures taken to convert this source into energy, so far, and the action plan for final targets, thereof; and

(b) the names of countries generating energy from thorium across the world and the technical details of related metallurgical science?

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**Establishment of Neutrino Observatory
in Andhra Pradesh**

2084. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish Neutrino Observatory in Andhra Pradesh by shifting it from Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the environmental clearance has been taken to avoid any future hindrances as is now being faced in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

Consultations for civil nuclear deal

2085. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bankrupt Westinghouse would design and offer consultations to the country's civil nuclear plant deal; and

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

**Disposal of radioactive waste
materials**

2086. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that one controversy or the other arises with regard to disposal of radioactive waste materials by atomic power plants located across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has felt any need to formulate a comprehensive and foolproof policy in handling and disposing nuclear wastes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Set up of nuclear reactors

2087. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently taken a decision to set up 10 nuclear reactors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent this decision helps in increasing the atomic energy generation percentage from the present two per cent to, at least, the global average of eleven per cent; and

(d) the quantum of capacity addition can India has with this and how much time would it take to set up ten nuclear reactors?

War Museum in Manipur

2088. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of Japan to set up a War Museum in Manipur; and

(b) if so, whether Government has agreed and identified the place therefor?

Amount spent by India in Afghanistan

2089. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total quantum of money invested and spent by India in Afghanistan during the last ten years;

(b) the details of quantum of money proposed to be spent in Afghanistan during the next few years; and

(c) the details of other kinds of support provided to Afghanistan by India and the funds earmarked for the purpose in the current fiscal?

Credit to Bangladesh

2090. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to provide credit to Bangladesh during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the purposes identified for funding?

Pilgrims to Mansarovar and Pakistan

2091. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims stranded during the pilgrimages to Mansarovar and Pakistan;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures Government proposes to take for its early solution; and

(d) whether Government proposes to ease the procedures in connection with pilgrimages?

Desi Global Positioning System

2092. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed its very own desi Global Positioning System (GPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cost of developing this system;

(d) whether Government has evolved any strategy to popularise the desi navigation system as American GPS dominates the navigation system market across the world;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which this GPS would be made operational and set to hit the market?

Opening of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs)

2093. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to open 149 new Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in the country; and

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

MoU with Portugal

2094. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed an MoU with Government of Portugal for co-operation in the field of public administration and grievance reforms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to Mansarovar pilgrims

†2095. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims registered with the Ministry for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra during this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the pilgrims,

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set to travel through Nathu La pass, were denied a permission by China to move ahead and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of pilgrims affected by this development and the quantum of compensation and refund given to such pilgrims?

Isolation of Qatar by Arab countries

2096. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction to the crisis in Gulf due to isolation of Qatar by Arab countries;

(b) whether this situation has affected India politically as well as economically in the context of India's cordial and intimate relations with the entire Gulf countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken in the interest of lakhs of Indians who are working there and having business relations with Gulf countries?

Re-development of Silk Route along with Sri Lanka

2097. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Sri Lankan Government to re-develop the 'Silk Route' for trade exchange hub;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a combo business hub therefor; and

(c) the details of ongoing bilateral ties and projects with Sri Lanka?

Issuance of Passports through post offices

†2098. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to issue passports through post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States where issuing of Passports through post offices has been started; and

(d) by when this process would be undertaken across the country and whether any time-limit has been prescribed for that?

Human trafficking to China and Gulf countries

2099. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that human trafficking to China and Gulf countries has been increasing during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor in spite of the Ministry taking several steps;

(c) whether CBI is investigating those cases; and

(d) if so, the details of agencies against whom cases have been booked and States from which people are illegally being sent to above countries?

Construction of dam on Indus river by Pakistan

†2100. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that, despite objection raised by India, Pakistan is working on the construction of dam on the Indus river with the help of China;

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

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

Indian fishermen in foreign custody

2101. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian fishermen and their fishing boats in the custody of Pakistan and Sri Lanka at present, State-wise; and

(b) the details of steps taken by Government with respect to consular access, early release and repatriation of these fishermen?

Navigation in South China sea

2102. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India along with United States of America has called for freedom of navigation in the South China sea; and

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

Indians missing in Iraq

2103. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reasons for delay

in return of 39 Indians missing in Iraq since June 2014;

(b) the details of the steps Government has taken or is taking to ensure their early return; and

(c) whether Government has provided any compensation to the family, keeping in view that they were the bread earners of their family?

Passport laws to exempt infants

2104. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring a change in passport laws to exempt infants from being physically present for a biometric finger print;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received any representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funding pattern for Dharamshala Smart City project

2105. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a request from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to enhance the funding pattern for Dharamshala Smart City project from the present 50:50 ratio to 90:10, if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government is aware that the State Government had received a letter from the Ministry of Finance wherein it was conveyed that the funding to be received

under Smart City project would be on a 90:10 fund sharing basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, along with the steps taken by Government to facilitate the completion of the project?

Population density of ABD areas

†2106. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present population density of Area Based Development (ABD) areas of cities getting benefit under the Smart Cities Mission and the estimated increase or decrease in population density after implementation of the project, the details thereof;

(b) the time-limit set to complete the above ABD, phase-wise and by when this project would be completed; and

(c) whether water, power, gas and municipal taxes would be revised and if so, the details of estimated rise or reduction thereof, city-wise?

Difference between JNNURM and Smart Cities Mission

2107. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the Smart Cities Mission differs from Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM); and

(b) the steps Government has taken in the Smart Cities Mission to address significant gaps in JNNURM and to ensure statutory planning, better transparency in governance and citizen participative

democracy, including amending Part IX A of the Constitution?

Urban homeless families

2108. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of urban homeless families, State-wise;

(b) the number of houses provided to such people during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the targeted year by which every such family could expect a house?

Growth of unauthorised colonies

†2109. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorized colonies, at present, in Delhi;

(b) the number of unauthorized colonies that came up during the last three years;

(c) the facilities being provided in such colonies so that its dwellers may not have to live a pathetic life;

(d) whether it is a fact that due to unhygienic condition of sanitation in these colonies, mosquitoes breed in large numbers; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to control the growth of unauthorized colonies?

Treatment of sewage in Delhi

2110. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that only 61 per cent of sewage is treated in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such plants required to make it hundred per cent; and

(c) the details of long term plannings/ schemes in this regard?

Shortage of Sewage Treatment Systems

2111. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of even big cities do not have adequate Sewage Treatment Systems;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what have been the targets and achievements of AMRUT and Swachh Bharat Mission in this regard; and

(d) the time-line fixed, if any, for achieving the targets of the Missions?

Construction of metro projects with private participation

2112. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of metro projects under the Ministry;

(b) the number of projects completed and those opened to public;

(c) the number of metro projects under construction along with their names and details; and

(d) whether any metro project has been completed with private participation and if so, the details thereof?

Foreign investment in metro projects

2113. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total internal investment in metro projects;

(b) the total foreign investment therein; and

(c) the names and investment details of countries which participated in different metro projects in the country?

Effect of merger of Ministries

2114. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for merger of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation with the Ministry of Urban Development;

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

(c) whether, due to such merger, the implementation of poverty alleviation schemes would be affected and if so, in what manner it is proposed to be dealt with?

Creation of Land Pooling Cell in DDA

2115. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a roadmap for implementation of Land Pooling Policy in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the scheme envisages a single window clearance system for various kinds of clearances needed for construction licenses;

(c) whether a special Land Pooling Cell is proposed to be created within the DDA to handle the land pooling process, licensing issues and sanction of building plans; and

(d) if so, by when this cell would be created and whether adequate manpower would be provided to this cell to handle the land pooling process and for smooth implementation of the policy?

Making cities slum free

2116. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to launch schemes for making cities slum free across the country, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the names of cities of Haryana and Maharashtra which are likely to be made slum free during the next five years?

Nexus between builders and real estate agents

2117. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of nexus between builders and real estate agents who have cheated people in different parts of the country;

(b) the action taken by Government against such builders and agents;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to curb cheating of innocent buyers at the hands of builders and real estate agents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

More cities under Smart Cities Mission

2118. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has added more new cities under the Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the Mission;

(c) whether it is a fact that the smart cities, which have been announced in the previous years, are yet to be developed or still lack basic amenities; and

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

Construction of houses by Government

2119. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constructed 21.30 lakh houses during the last two years;

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

(c) the schemes under which these houses were built and the contribution of the Central Government in construction of these houses; and

(d) the total number of houses envisaged to be built during the next two years?

Action against CPWD officials

2120. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has sacked many officials of Central Public Works Department (CPWD);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has taken action against 462 such officials during the last three years;

(c) whether an internal panel of Government had recommended action against these officials after reviewing cases of a total 715 officials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of toilets

2121. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Swachh Bharat Mission a total of 1.04 crore individual household toilets would be constructed by October, 2019; and

(b) if so, the number of cities and villages that have, so far, been declared as total open defecation free under this Mission?

Dwelling units under Housing for All

2122. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the number of cities/ towns in Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana which have been selected for construction of dwelling units under the Housing for All scheme;

(b) the eligibility criterion laid down by Government to provide dwelling units under the scheme;

(c) whether marginalized section, poor, distressed and minority community have been given preference and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any relaxation has been given to make the scheme more flexible and practical and if so, the details thereof?

Low cost housing to EWS

2123. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to provide low cost housing to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is affected by high cost of land;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to solve the said problem; and

(c) the number of houses being constructed, so far, under the said scheme indicating the amount that has been sanctioned therefor, State-wise?

Implementation of PMAY

2124. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for monitoring the performance of the scheme and for promotion of the scheme to reach the needy people?

Land for construction of toilets in Delhi

2125. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Government has made a request to the Ministry for providing land for building toilets in Delhi;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to construct toilets near India Gate lawns, outside Parliament House, Nirman Bhawan and various other Government buildings for use of public while visiting these offices;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken to construct toilets in these areas along with water supply?

Policies for affordable houses on private land

2126. 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 proposed policies to allow building affordable houses on private land;

(b) whether it is also a fact that, under this model, private developers would provide land;

(c) whether Government authorities would grant subsidies on stamp duty and charges for external and internal developments besides allowing higher FAR; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for new KVs/NVs in Maharashtra

†2127. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals/requests from the State Government of Maharashtra to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

Deaths and dropout cases in IITs

2128. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the number of deaths and dropout cases in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, the details of such instances reported during the current year, institution-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the students are encouraged to join de-stressing and other motivational/psychological activities for the total personality development and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant faculty posts in Delhi University

2129. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated the process to fill the vacant faculty posts in Delhi University in the recent past;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the panel set up for the same, if any; and

(d) the details of criteria, minimum academic points to be eligible for interview,

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category-wise and the pattern of examination, if any?

Agreement on three language formula

2130. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the meeting of the State Education Ministers, which concluded on the 30th of April, 2017, failed to reach an agreement on the three language formula;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a committee was constituted consisting of Education Ministers of some of the States to evolve a common agreed language formula; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry would share the outcome of the report submitted by that committee?

Quota of OBCs in higher education

2131. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the 27 per cent quota of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in public-funded institutions of higher education has not been achieved despite the enactment of Central Institutions (Reservations in Admission) Amendment Act, 2008;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that institutions comply with the provisions of the Act?

Installation of jammers in school premises

2132. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

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

(a) whether Government has directed schools, both private and Government schools, to install jammers in school premises keeping in view the rise of sexual crimes on students and increasing number of reports of porn-sites viewed by students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases of crimes registered in CBSE affiliated schools in the metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there were suggestions to put such jammers in school buses also; and

(e) what steps Government proposes to take to extend such preventive measures to schools not affiliated to CBSE?

Review of textbooks

2133. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to undertake a review of all school text books;

(b) whether Government is considering to include GST and demonetisation in the revised textbooks, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the review of all textbooks taught from Class I to XII was meant to apprise school children of recent developments?

Quality of education in rural areas

2134. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent students of Class VIII in rural areas of our country can not read or understand simple English sentences, as per the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER);

(b) whether the number of students in rural areas who can read and understand simple English has also dropped by 15 per cent during the last seven years;

(c) whether Government proposes to give priority to increase the quality education and enhance the skills of teachers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the improvement in quality of education in rural areas is likely to be made?

Development of ITIs as formal schools

2135. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has accepted the proposal to develop ITIs like formal schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a separate board is being

constituted to look after ITI curricula and issue certificates accordingly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

KVs in rented accommodations

2136. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of Kendriya Vidyalayas are running in rented houses in various States of the country, due to scarcity of land and funds to construct new buildings, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reduced the standard conditions of land for establishment of such schools, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present land requirement for establishment of such schools in rural and urban areas, State-wise?

Courses in Disaster Management

2137. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the educational/training institutes that are offering courses in Disaster Management in the country;

(b) the number of students passed out from such institutes during the last five years ending July, 2016;

(c) whether Government has any provision to utilize the services of such qualified disaster managers during national/State disasters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu

2138. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any such school has been set up in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Banning pre-nursery schools

2139. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the minimum age for admission to primary schools is proposed to be increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to ban toddler/pre-nursery schools which were causing behavioural changes in infants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Admission in KVS on recommendation of MPs

†2140. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the minor errors like errors in the names, middle names or surname of the child or the father are corrected at the level of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan in

ten cases recommended by MPs for admission to KVs;

(b) whether some children are deprived of admissions due to prolonged time taken in such corrections; and

(c) whether such errors would be corrected if the recommending MP directly conveys such errors to the concerned Principal?

Teachers training institutes in Maharashtra

†2141. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of authorised teachers training institutes till May, 2016 in the country including Maharashtra, State-wise, Government and private institution-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that as per Government rules, none can earn profit for running educational institutions but the main objectives of private institutions is to earn money only; and
- (c) the actions taken by Government against such institutions for not following the rules?

Uniform system of marking

2142. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is planning to introduce uniform system of marking all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has directed all the boards including the State boards to disclose their moderation policy so that a uniform system of marking could be developed across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Schools without electricity

2143. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 37 per cent of Indian schools do not have electricity connections till March, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rural schools of Eastern and North Eastern States are the worst affected;

(c) if so, the report of the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) in this regard; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard and the progress thereof?

Free Wi-Fi in Central Universities

2144. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to make Wi-Fi available for free in all Central Universities by the end of July, 2017 across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that while

some institutions already provide Wi-Fi, Government has set deadlines for the remaining institutions to provide free access to their students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enrolment of students in central institutions

2145. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total student strength in various central universities, IITs, IIMs and NITs till date, category-wise for SCs, STs, OBCs and others, university and institute-wise;

(b) the total number of students enrolled in research degrees *viz.* M. Phil and Ph.D in various central universities, IITs, IIMs, and NITs till date, category-wise for SCs, STs, OBCs and others, university and institute-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government during the last three years to increase the enrolment of SC/ST students at the reasearch level studies in various universities and institutions?

External assessment for students of 5 and 8 standards

2146. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has decided to introduce external assessment for classes 5 and 8 students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether making appearances before

the external assessment board compulsory for the students to get promotion is in violation of section 30 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act and if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism for CISCE to check that the affiliated schools are following prescribed curriculum and if so, the details thereof?

Funds under SSA and RMSA

2147. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds released from April, 2016 onwards under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA); and

(b) the total funds utilized, so far district-wise?

Non-adherence to student-faculty ratio

2148. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of non-adherence to student-faculty ratio, as per AICTE norms, has been reported from accredited institutions during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Non-adherence to prescribed pay scales for teachers

2149. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of non-adherence to AICTE prescribed pay scales for teachers are reported from accredited professional institutions during the last three years;

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

(c) whether any concrete steps have been taken to address such non-adherence?

NEET in regional languages

2150. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD:

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

(a) whether Government has advised the States to be prepared for conducting the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) examination in regional languages;

(b) if so, the questions in NEET examination would be asked from books of which education board; and

(c) whether Government has informed the same to the students?

Quality of higher education

†2151. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to ensure quality of public and private institutions working in the field of higher education along with the analytical details of their effective implementation; and

(b) the details of top 20 world class public/private institutions functioning in

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the field of education and technical education in the country and the latest details of Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), providing financial assistance, in the upgradation of educational institutions?

Quality of education at primary/secondary levels

2152. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government is aware that the quality of education at primary and secondary levels in Government schools is very poor and therefore children from poor families only are attending Government schools due to cheap fee structure and if so, the details thereof?

Study of functioning of schools in rural areas

2153. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has made any study with regard to the functioning of Government/Government aided schools particularly in rural areas in respect of performance of teachers, principals, management, facilities available, teacher students relationship and causes of dropouts and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof?

Grants higher education to Odisha

2154. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cumulative dues with regard to higher

education grants by Government to the State of Odisha have reached up to more than ₹ 200 crore;

(b) if so, by when these dues would be cleared; and

(c) the reasons behind accumulation of such huge dues of grants?

Status of Institutes of National Importance for NISER

2155. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any request from the State Government of Odisha to grant the status of Institute of National Importance through an Act of Parliament to the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard?

UGC scholarships for students

2156. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who got University Grants Commission (UGC) scholarships each year from 2014 to 2017, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many students have not been paid scholarships during the last few months; and

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

**Unhygienic and poor food quality
under MDMS**

2157. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
KUMARI SELJA:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to
review its Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)
to address the increasing complaints of
unhygienic and poor quality food served
to students under the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with
the number of such complaints received by
Government during each of the last two
years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of efforts being made by
Government to improve MDMS in future?

Releasing funds for Model Schools

2158. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State
Government of Andhra Pradesh has
requested the Ministry to release funds to
the tune of ₹ 164.88 crore towards staff
salaries of Model Schools in that State;

(b) whether the State Government of
Telangana and Jharkhand have also
requested the Ministry to release funds for
Model Schools in those States and if so,
the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has considered
the above requests and if so, the details
thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor along
with the status thereof?

Privately owned technical institutions

2159. SHRI SAMBHAJI
CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of privately-
owned technical institutions have come up
during the last ten years or so, offering
courses in various disciplines so much so
that the number of admission seekers are
fewer in comparison to seats available;

(b) whether AICTE has any mechanism
to advise these institutions to increase or
decrease the number of seats for various
courses each year depending upon the
market requirement to avoid
unemployment of educated youth; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism to
compile data on employment of passed out
students, at least for initial five years?

**Toilet facilities in girls' schools of
Karnataka**

2160. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centrally aided
schools being run in the country and the
number of such schools in Karnataka, apart
from the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) the number of girls' schools run by
Government there and whether there have
sufficient infrastructure and toilet facilities;
and

(c) if not, by when Government proposes to provide the required infrastructure and proper hygienic toilets in all the girls' schools run and aided by Government?

Admission of girls in IIMs

2161. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of girls admitted in IIMs during the last five years, year-wise and IIM-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that admission of girls in IIMs is coming down and it has witnessed a three year low this year and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider creating supernumerary seats as is being done in case of IITs and if not, the reasons therefor?

Gross enrolment ratio in Nagaland

2162. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted an assessment or investigation of reasons for the drop in the Gross Enrolment Ratio from 71.62 per cent in 2015-16 to 61.80 per cent in 2016-17 in Nagaland; and

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

Impact assessment study for separate toilets for girl students

2163. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any impact assessment study of its ambitious project of providing separate toilets to girl students in all Government schools and if so, the details of conclusions drawn by the study; and

(b) whether there is conclusive decline in the number of girl students after the provision of separate toilets; and

(c) what are the details of this impact, if assessed, so far, State-wise?

Policy for education of Divyang people

2164. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of special measures taken by Government after May, 2014 to ensure that deprived and marginal sections of the society are brought in the mainstream of school education; and

(b) whether Government has any well laid down policy for the education of Divyang people and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Education through digital medium

2165. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the education is going to be digital soon with Government's programme in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) platform would provide quality education and it could be accessed by anyone anytime; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Physical education in syllabus

†2166. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to include physical education in syllabus in the near future;

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

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

Provisions for transfer of woman teachers of JNVs and KVs

2167. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any specific provisions for transfer of woman teachers working in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) across the country;

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

(c) the details of its impact on quality of education and functioning of schools?

Discrimination against SCs/STs in campus

2168. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discrimination against Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe students inside the campus has increased during the last three years;

(b) the total number of cases of such

discrimination reported by Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe students in colleges and universities every year during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure such incidents of discrimination do not take place in future?

Recruitment of staff for Asha project

2169. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of recruitment of staff for the Asha project during the last one year;

(b) whether Government is aware that Asha staff are being replaced without any notice in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); and

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

Regional staff in NIOS

2170. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the recruitment of regional staff in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of rules related to recruitment?

Discrimination in recruitment and promotion of teachers in AMU

2171. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government is aware of gross violation of University Grants Commission (UGC) rules and discrimination in recruitment and promotion of teachers in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in the matter?

Guidelines for minimum competency of children at primary level

2172. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has issued guidelines for minimum competency to be attained by children, to boost education in elementary classes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the details of mechanism available to test check that the minimum competency is attained by children at primary and middle level; and

(c) whether the proposed new education policy would include these aspects in detail?

KV teachers sharing work of second shift school

2173. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) teachers of second shift are given charge of stock of first shift when they go on long leave;

(b) if so, whether academic work of

such teachers like Work Experience Teacher (WET), librarian of second shift get adversely affected by holding charge of stock of first shift;

(c) if so, the details thereof in Delhi region;

(d) whether, inspite of orders regarding deputing sub-staff in library, most KVs are not adhering to the guidelines;

(e) if so, the details thereof in Delhi region; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Classroom inclusive books by NCERT

2174. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT has unveiled books to make classroom inclusive, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether trial run of 40 booklets with digital versions is already over, if so, the details thereof?

Seats available in undergraduate programmes

2175. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of seats available in the undergraduate programmes is less than the number of students clearing the Class XIIth examinations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps Government has taken to ensure that every student who wishes to study in a regular set-up would be accommodated in the university space without wasting any precious year of their life; and

(c) the details of students since 2014 who applied in regular colleges for graduation and those who got admitted?

Dropout rate after 10th

2176. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of students since 2014 year-wise, till date for the country and for the State of West Bengal who are appearing and passing classes 10th and 12th examination taking admission in colleges/universities, both regular and correspondence and completing graduation;

(b) the stage/level where the Ministry has observed maximum dropout;

(c) the key reasons of the dropouts observed; and

(d) the details of steps Government is taking to reduce the dropout at each level?

Regulation of private coaching institutions

2177. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the States to regulate private coaching institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the details of response received by Government from the States;

(c) whether Government proposes to set a regulatory body to regulate the functioning of coaching institutions and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard, so far?

Free DTH set-top boxes in naxal-hit areas

2178. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati has decided to distribute free of cost Direct to Home (DTH) set-top boxes in the naxal-hit areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of such DTH set-top boxes proposed to be distributed, State-wise and the total expenditure likely to be incurred for this purpose?

Modernisation of Akashvani and Doordarshan

‡2179. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has modernised Akashvani and Doordarshan to make them popular, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the extent to which their efficacy and quality of broadcast/telecast has gone up such modernisation?

Norms for film certification

2180. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the aim and objectives of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and the established norms for certification;

(b) whether Government has noticed that CBFC has asked the producers of a

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documentary made on Nobel Laureate Mr. Amartya Sen to strike off the words 'cow', 'Gujarat', 'Hindutwa', etc. from his voice track, if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Categorisation of TV channels

2181. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any deliberations or is going to take any action for categorisation of TV channels, fixing their telecast time and framing code of conduct for contents of various serials and other telecasts;

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

(c) whether the proposals to mitigate the exploitation of consumers through advertisements is also included in the above measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Submission of fake caste certificates

†2182. SHRI RAM VICHAR
NETAM:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all the Ministries and Departments to collect information about candidates who have secured Government jobs on the basis of fake caste certificates and report the same for initiating their dismissal from service, if so, the details

thereof, Ministry/Department-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have been asked to send a consolidated report to the Department of Personnel and Training in this regard latest by July 15, 2017, if so, the response thereto; and

(c) the action taken by Government against such persons and responsible officers?

Lateral entry in Civil Services

2183. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to introduce lateral entry in Civil Services, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would come forward to fill up the existing vacancies in a time bound manner instead of opting for lateral entry in Civil Services, if so, the details thereof?

Decline in appointments through direct recruitment

2184. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether total appointments in Central Government jobs through direct recruitment has declined by 89 per cent during 2015 in comparison to 2013;

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

(c) the details of total number of appointments during 2016 and 2017 till date, in Central Government through direct recruitment, year-wise and Ministry/Department-wise?

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Revamping of direct recruitments

2185. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government has taken any decision to revamp procedure of direct recruitment for IAS/IPS/IFS and other allied services in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Employment of women and girls in Government organisations/agencies

2186. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any specific plan to provide employment to women and girls, in Public Sector Units (PSUs) and Government departments and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to have a centralized pool of employable candidates to facilitate entry of women/girls in various Government organisations/agencies; and

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

Induction of outsiders in Ministries

2187. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge shortage of officers at the middle rung of bureaucracy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether, to address this issue, Government proposes to induct outsiders in the Ministries dealing with economy and infrastructure;

(c) whether the lateral entry of outsiders in civil services would be based on a matrix of experience and academic eligibility; and

(d) whether academicians, corporate executives and social workers who would be chosen would have no access to positions in regulating Ministries like Home, Defence and Corporate Affairs?

Reorientation of social sector subsidies

2188. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog proposes to re-orient social sector subsidies;

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

(c) the details of social sector subsidies, at present?

Targets set under MDGs for SCs and STs

2189. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has achieved various targets set under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

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

(c) the performance of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the targets set under MDGs, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government during the last three years and the outcome thereof to ensure achievement of targets set under MDGs?

Improving condition of people living in extreme poverty

2190. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) India's Position among countries with regard to the people living in extreme poverty; and

(b) the various steps undertaken to improve the position?

Digi Dhan Melas

2191. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has so far awarded ₹ 60.9 crore as prize money to over 3.18 lakh consumers and 21,000 merchants under its two lucky draw schemes; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the two schemes were unveiled on December 25, 2016 and remained open till April 14, 2017; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that about twenty four Digi Dhan Melas have been held across the country so far to popularise digital transactions?

CSS in Maharashtra

2192. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) being implemented in Maharashtra;

(b) the funds provided to those schemes

during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the number of schemes completed during this year and the number of schemes in which work is going on and the time by which these are likely to be completed?

Eradication of poverty

†2193. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the way a number of developing countries including China used economic liberalisation for eradicating poverty, India has not succeeded as per the expectations;

(b) whether, in spite of high average economic growth during 2004 to 2014, the decline in poverty was not as expected; and

(c) whether a new vision and new schemes have been implemented for eradication of poverty after 2014?

Assessment of problems of agriculture and poverty

†2194. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog had been directed by the Prime Minister to assess the seriousness of problems of agriculture and poverty in the country and accordingly prepare a report on their solution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report has been prepared and handed over to the Prime Minister; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Affairs of NSDC

2195. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI RIPUN BORA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has failed to discharge its responsibilities and deviated from its original roles and functions;

(b) if so, the review reports of the Sharada Prasad Committee in this regard;

(c) the details of employment generated in the country through skill development since 2015 and projected job opportunities during the next five years, sector-wise; and

(d) the details of Government financing and job placement since 2015, State-wise?

Progress of India-Germany Skill Development Venture

2196. SHRI ANIL DESAI:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India-Germany Skill Development Venture signed in August, 2016 is on track to achieve its targets; and

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

Skill development of tribal/forest dwellers

2197. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide education for upliftment of a large section of uneducated persons particularly tribals/forest dwellers under the skill development scheme;

(b) if so, the details of work carried out, syllabus-wise, programme-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of people who have been benefited under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details of expenditure incurred under this programme, State-wise and year-wise; and

(e) whether any study has been conducted for assessing the impact of these skills on their indigenous skills that are consistent with their socio-cultural milieu?

GST and Yoga teaching modules

2198. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has trained and imparted skill development to 28 lakh youth across the country;

(b) whether a programme module has been added to create a cadre of GST practitioners and yoga trainers across the country;

(c) what has been the response from the youth to addition of GST and yoga teaching modules;

(d) whether additional modules would be created to cater to specific skills for tribals in remote areas; and

(e) the details of proposals to help tribals in acquiring new skills?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras in Andhra Pradesh

2199. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a number of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) in the country;

(b) if so, what are the objectives and functions of these Kendras;

(c) the number and places where Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) set up so far in the country including Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government is opening PMKKs in 514 districts across the country; and

(e) the steps taken for speeding setting up of such kendras in the remaining places?

Skill examination for ITI pass out candidates

2200. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to conduct its own skill examinations equivalent to 10th and 12th standards for those who pass Industrial Training Institute (ITI) courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind the move;

(c) whether the Ministry has been given permission by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to conduct such examinations and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when a decision in the matter would be taken?

Payment to franchisee under PMKVY

2201. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocations made under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 1 and 2 and also the details regarding payments made to franchisees during PMKVY 1 and 2, franchisee-wise;

(b) the details of franchisee centres closed during this period and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details regarding the students who have been given certificates after completion of their courses under Skill India Programme of PMKVY 1 and 2, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the details regarding MoUs rejected, approved and signed under the Skill India Programme with foreign companies during PMKVY 1 and 2, till date?

Fudging of trainee enrolment data by trainee partners

2202. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received for ownership of the franchisee of skill development centres during Pradhan

Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 1 and 2 and the total numbers of centres awarded;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has suspended seat allocation to training partners for training candidates in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana where large scale fudging of trainee enrolment data was reported and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken on the allegations of corruption by the Ministry?

Skill India initiatives and entrepreneurship programmes

†2203. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of Skill Development Mission held, so far;

(b) the number of persons trained *vis-a-vis* the target set for this purpose during the last two years;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to ensure a better co-ordination between the Skill India and promotion of entrepreneurship programmes like Start Up India and Stand up India; and

(d) the number of model skill centres set up in various districts as against the target set therefor?

Skill training to unorganised sector

2204. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures to impart skill training to unorganised sector and semi-skilled persons to make them company ready for further job opportunities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated, disbursed and spent during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and Sector-wise;

(c) whether Government is implementing any Centrally Sponsored Schemes both fully and partially funded in States/UTs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated during the last three years particularly in Tamil Nadu with the association of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) and training partners?

Job placement of trained persons under PMKVY

2205. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people skilled under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) during 2015-16;

(b) the plans to scale up this figure to reach the target of 10 million people by 2020 and budget allocated therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 12.4 per cent of the people trained under PMKVY during that year were placed at jobs; and

(d) if so, the plans to increase the number of placements?

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Upgradation of ITIs through PPP mode

2206. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Training Institutes/Centres (ITIs/ITCs) functioning at present in the country both in Government and private sector, separately, State wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to upgrade these ITIs/ITCs with the Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the country including Odisha;

(c) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose, State-wise;

(d) whether there is a proposal to upgrade these ITIs/ITCs as Centres of Excellence comparable to world standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Skill development of textile workers

2207. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to start any short-term skilling programmes for the textile workers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

PMKVY in Madhya Pradesh

†2208. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works done in various districts of Madhya Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) the details of people benefited therefrom, district-wise; and

(c) the works proposed for these districts under PMKVY and by when these are likely to be completed?

Financial assistance to EBC children

2209. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state whether Government has any plan to provide financial assistance to the children of Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) in the form of stipends for school and higher education, including hostel facilities and overseas scholarships, if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of castes in Scheduled Caste list

2210. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States are promising certain caste-groups to include them in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether any such requests have been received from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the procedure to include a caste in the existing Scheduled Caste list?

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Opening of residential/non-residential schools for children

2211. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:
SHRI A.V. SWAMY:

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

(a) the details of proposals received for opening of residential and non-residential schools for physically and mentally challenged including deaf and dumb children from various States including Odisha and Maharashtra, along with the funds allocated, released and utilised for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year, agency/organisation-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of such schools opened during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any review of the said schools and funds; and

(d) if so, the details of findings thereof along with the action taken to remove deficiencies, if any observed therein?

Rehabilitation of drug addicts

2212. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of drug addicts in the country has gone up requiring more stringent action from Government;

(b) whether Government is considering to open more rehabilitation centres for the drug addicts; and

(c) whether Government is considering to aid the State Governments in this regard?

Funds for Post-Matric Scholarships to Rajasthan

2213. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received any proposal from Government of Rajasthan to release the balance amount of Post-Matric Scholarships (PMS) for SCs and STs for 2015-16;

(b) whether Government proposes to release the pending amount;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of hostels in Rajasthan

2214. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received any proposal from Government of Rajasthan during 2014-15 for construction of eight hostel buildings costing ₹ 6.33 crore for SC and OBC categories and ₹ 6.14 crore for ST category;

(b) whether Government proposes to sanction the proposals under Central assistance for SCs, STs and OBCs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Eligibility criteria for senior citizens

2215. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to adopt uniform age criteria of sixty years to define senior citizens for addressing the anomalies in extending benefits to the elderly people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of new castes in OBC category

†2216. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the dates when new castes were included in OBC category during last three years under the policy of providing 27 per cent reservation in services to the OBCs as per Mandal Commission and whether they are being provided reservation within the pre-determined quota itself;

(b) if not, whether the Ministry would consider raising number of castes in it; and

(c) the increase in number of OBCs consequent upon inclusion of more castes under the pre-determined 27 per cent reservation for the OBCs and whether steps are being taken for raising this quota according to the said increase in number?

Hostels for SC/ST/OBC students

2217. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of

Rajasthan during the last three years regarding construction of hostels for SC, ST and OBC students;

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

(c) whether Government has constructed hostels for SC, ST and OBC students in other States or issued financial sanctions to those States for this purpose during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

Welfare of transgenders

2218. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Inter-Ministerial Committee for welfare of transgenders;

(b) whether any survey/study has been conducted to ascertain the actual number of transgenders and if so, the details and findings thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared for their welfare;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry is aware that Kerala Metro has employed transgenders in various metro works; and

(f) if so, the efforts made by the Ministry to replicate the same in other areas and States?

Funds earmarked for Post-Matric Scholarships

2219. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has earmarked funds during 2015-16 for Post-Matric

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Scholarships for SC students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount released before March, 2016;

(c) the number of students qualified for scholarships during that year and those who received it and whether the part of this amount was released during 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many students received it?

Changes in MWPSA Act

2220. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring amendment to the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPSA) Act to remove the monthly ceiling of ₹ 10,000/- on the maintenance paid by children to parents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also proposes to provide doorstep free legal services to senior citizens in cases relating to maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens and if so, the details thereof?

Making cities beggar free

2221. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to make cities and towns beggar free;

(b) whether Government has taken up any initiative in this regard with the help of State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a huge demand for making shelters for beggars across the country; and

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

Status of Chandrayaan programme

2222. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of Chandrayaan programme launched earlier;

(b) what is the motto of this programme and what is the total expenditure incurred/ to be incurred on this programme; and

(c) what is the outcome of this programme, so far and whether it has achieved the purpose for which it was launched?

Joint project between NASA and ISRO

2223. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint project between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) named NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) is on track to be launched by the year 2021;

(b) if so, the details of partnership along with its total cost and future plan of action;

(c) to what extent this partnership is expected to benefit ISRO; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to renew this partnership after 2021 for future joint missions?

Utilisation of MPLAD funds

2224. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous and the current fiscal years have seen Member of Parliament utilising their Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) funds to the maximum and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large amount of MPLAD funds remained unutilised during the same period and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

MPLAD works in Manipur

2225. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects or works along with the locations thereof and the amounts involved therein under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) in Manipur during the last three years, district-wise till date;

(b) whether proper auditing and outcome reports are furnished for each of the projects/works and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of works being recommended and those in progress under the scheme in the State?

Assessment of pre-nursery/toddler schools

2226. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that pre-nursery/toddler schools that affects the behaviour of children are mushrooming in the country;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made on behavioural changes in children admitted in such schools; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to ban admissions in such schools?

Popularisation of BBBP scheme

‡2227. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts selected/covered under "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" (BBBP) scheme in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the funds allocated and spent under this scheme in the State during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Government proposes to extend this scheme to all the districts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to popularise this scheme and to deal with the problems of imbalance in gender ratio?

Awareness about gender issues

2228. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes introduced to popularise gender sensitivity issues, particularly amongst the younger generation;

(b) the efforts has made to enhance awareness about gender issues amongst the

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students of schools and colleges of the country; and

(c) the details of manners in which Government proposes to deal with the gender issues in rural and remote areas of the country?

Diversion of funds under BBBP Scheme

2229. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in its recent audits has found diversion of funds released under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme by State Governments;

(b) if so, the details of diverted funds identified by CAG in its audits, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any action to recover funds diverted by the State Governments; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Audit of reports on child sex ratio

2230. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any audit of reports submitted by State Governments on sex ratio at birth under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme in other States in general and particularly in Haryana;

(b) if so, whether Haryana has inflated data to show positive improvement in child sex ratio;

(c) the details of quarterly and annual reports submitted by Haryana, district-wise and the actual status of child sex ratio at birth assessed by the auditing team; and

(d) the response of the State to such reporting and the action proposed or being planned in this regard?

Improving condition of destitute widows

†2231. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had asked the Central Government to set guidelines for improving the condition of destitute widows in the country after having a discussion on the suggestions made by the National Commission for Women regarding their condition;

(b) if so, the dates on which the meetings had been convened for its implementation and suggestions received in those meetings; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the condition of destitute widows, till date?

Vision Document, 2032

2232. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would share the details of consultations or public hearings held to take into account the issues of children and mothers while developing India's Vision Document, 2032;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Utilisation of funds under ICDS

2233. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of utilisation of funds under ICDS, with reference to budgetary allocations made during the last three years;

(b) whether SCs and STs are not getting their due benefits under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to set this discrimination right?

Problems of child marriage and under age pregnancy

‡2234. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problems of child marriage and under-age pregnancy are quite serious in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such complaints received during the last two years and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the action plans being executed by the Central Government to deal with such problems in the State?

Living conditions of children in conflict with law

2235. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to address the living conditions of children in conflict with law;

(b) if so, the reasons why there are no

guidelines to deal with a pregnant child or a child of special needs even a transgender child;

(c) the details regarding the number of child juveniles under trial in the age groups 0-5, 5-10 and 10-15 years, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by Government for providing proper juvenile facilities and basic living conditions?

Maternity entitlements under NFSA

2236. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Food Security Act (NFSA) provides for maternity entitlements;

(b) if so, the details of maternity entitlements distributed so far, since 2013, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether such entitlements are universally applicable to all pregnant women;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) in what manner Government proposes to extend maternity benefits to 96 per cent women working in informal and unorganized sector; and

(f) whether ₹ 2,700 crore allocated to the Maternity Benefit Programme during the current budget is adequate to provide benefits to more than 2.7 crore women who become pregnant each year?

Rules under Child Marriage Act

2237. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are

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supposed to formulate rules under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA);

(b) if so, the names of States which have formulated and those which are yet to formulate the same and the steps that would be taken to expedite this process in all the States;

(c) whether no Central rules have been framed under PCMA;

(d) if so, what is the mechanism in the absence of Central rules, which different States are following; and

(e) the status of implementation of PCMA in different States, the number of complaints registered and resolved, State-wise?

Framework governing adoption of children

2238. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present framework governing adoption of children; and

(b) the number of adoption applications presently pending from adoptive parents, both based in India and abroad, State-wise particularly from Rajasthan?

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Status of re-structured ICDS

2239. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of re-structured Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS);

(b) the details of total coverage under the re-structured ICDS; and

(c) whether there is any plan to change and cover all the ICDS centres under re-structured ICDS?

Assistance to States under ICDS

†2240. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States are implementing the programme of providing supplementary nutrition under ICDS by providing special breakfast and hot meals to children aged between 3 and 6 years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of additional financial assistance provided to those States/UTs for this purpose; and

(c) whether there has been any improvement in health and nutritional condition of children due to breakfast being provided under ICDS and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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