

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, December 21, 2017/Agrahayana 30, 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)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Capacity of Kudankulam nuclear power reactor

641. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kudankulam nuclear power reactor has attained its full capacity of generation of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the power sharing agreements with adjoining States;

(d) whether Government would provide hundred per cent power to Tamil Nadu from the third reactor; and

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

#### Unit-2 of Kudankulam nuclear power plant

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Unit-2 of Kudankulam nuclear power plant was non-operational for a substantial period during the year 2017;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would come forward to adopt new technology to overcome such faults in operating nuclear power plants across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Shutting down of nuclear power plants

643. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to shut down nuclear power plants of the country;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that globally, several countries have shut down their nuclear reactors during the last five years; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government to meet the energy demand challenges of the country?

**Nuclear power reactors by Westinghouse**

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

(a) whether there is no change in the plan to construct nuclear power plant at Kovvada by Westinghouse of Toshiba in spite of its bankruptcy;

(b) how AP 1000 reactors developed by Westinghouse could be compared with other reactors developed by other countries in terms of technology, cost-effectiveness and safety, etc.;

(c) what impact the price of natural gas would have on the construction of this project;

(d) whether the Department is proposing the selection of other company in place of Westinghouse to go ahead with the project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Additional funds for IGCAR**

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

(a) whether Government has allocated any additional funds for Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam to commission respective projects in Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS), IGCAR and Fast Reactor Fuel Cycle Facility (FRFCF) fast breeder reactor producing nuclear fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the current status of projects of Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI);

(d) the steps taken by Government to generate more electricity from all three units at Kalpakkam; and

(e) the distribution of power produced from Kalpakkam, State-wise?

**Research on heavy water reactor technology**

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

(a) whether Government has started its research on the Advanced Heavy Water Reactor Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the benefits of using this technology?

**Bankruptcy of Westinghouse**

647. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Westinghouse has submitted bankruptcy petition before a US Court recently in connection with its atomic project in North Carolina;

(b) whether its second project in Georgia is also in doldrums and is also on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, how the Ministry would take up Kovvada Nuclear Power Project in Andhra Pradesh which is much bigger than the above two projects; and

(d) how much land for Kovvada project

has, so far, been given by Andhra Pradesh to Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)?

**Increase in nuclear power generation**

648. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase power generation from nuclear energy in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified further locations to establish nuclear power plants in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Representation from officers of NPCIL**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nuclear Power Corporation Officers' Association has made numerous representation to Government regarding grant of pensionary and terminal benefits as per CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 to the officers of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL);

(b) if so, the nature of these representations;

(c) whether these representations have been considered by Government and hearing granted to the Association; and

(d) the details of Government's response to the points/issues raised by the Association?

**Agreement for setting up nuclear reactors**

650. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed agreements with new companies for setting up nuclear reactors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reactors to be supplied under the agreement have been installed in any other parts of the world;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons why Government is buying untested reactors?

**Extradition of Zakir Naik**

651. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Zakir Naik, wanted by Indian Government has taken refuge in Malaysia;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with Malaysian Government for his extradition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Intrusion by China after Doklam**

652. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has intruded 31 times during October and November, 2017 after Doklam issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with China; and

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

**Meeting with officials on the sidelines of ASEAN**

653. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the senior officials from the United States, Japan, India and Australia met on the sidelines of Association for South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and East Asia summits in Manila;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose of the meeting;

(c) the details of issues discussed therein and the decisions arrived at; and

(d) the details of further action taken by Government thereafter?

**Attack on fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy**

654. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in receipt of letters from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu regarding Sri Lankan Navy, attacking/harassing the fishermen of the State with impunity;

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard;

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue strongly with the Sri Lankan Government and ensured that the Sri Lankan Navy refrains from harassing Indian fishermen and ensure that such incidents do not occur in future; and

(d) the measures taken by Government in this regard as on date and the response from Sri Lankan Government thereto?

**Indian women abandoned by NRI spouses**

655. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures to protect Indian women facing abandonment or divorce or other problems from their NRI husbands;

(b) the number of complaints lodged by women in this regard during each of the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by Government on those complaints?

**Impact of withdrawal of USA from UNESCO on India**

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

(a) the details of impact on India, post withdrawal of United States of America (USA) from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO); and

(b) whether India has taken any steps to preserve the financial stability and overall integrity of UNESCO, after the withdrawal and if so, the details thereof?

**Revival of H1-B and L1 visas**

657. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has had talks with American Government regarding revival of H1-B and L1 visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of outcome of the discussions?

**Talks with Myanmar on Rohingya migrants**

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

(a) whether Government had any talks with the Myanmar Government regarding the problems of Rohingya migrants; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Indian boats and fishermen captured by Pakistan**

659. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 801 Indian fishing boats captured by Pakistan in the past are now untraceable and there is no hope for bringing them back;

(b) whether Government has taken up with Pakistan Government any new initiative to trace the above boats;

(c) whether on March 5th, 2015 the Pakistan authorities had captured 46 Indian fishermen; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to get them released from Pakistan's captivity?

**Rehabilitation of released fishermen**

660. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian fishermen

and their boats in the custody of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at present;

(b) the number of fishermen released recently from these countries;

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government to secure release of all the fishermen; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to rehabilitate fishermen and their families whose boats have been confiscated by neighbouring countries?

**Assistance to Indian people abroad**

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

(a) whether Government assists people, specifically Indians, residing overseas in times of emergency or conflict and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the manner in which these people contact Government to seek help;

(c) the number and details of people who have received help from Government when they have asked for assistance through online or social media platforms; and

(d) whether Government has extended assistance to maximum number of such people and if so, the details thereof?

**Trafficking of women in Gulf countries**

662. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports that the women, victims of human

trafficking are still trapped in some of the Gulf countries; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps for their release?

#### **Restoration of SAARC Summit**

663. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had cancelled its attendance at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit in the wake of the Uri attack, winning support from other countries similarly affected by terrorism such as Bangladesh and Afghanistan;

(b) whether even after a year, no steps have been taken to restore the SAARC process; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is taking to strengthen its role as a prime mover of SAARC?

#### **Liberal British visas to Indians**

664. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the UK Government has no plans to extend longer and cheaper visas to Indians though such visas are offered to Chinese citizens; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take up the issue with the British authorities and ask them not to link granting of liberal British visas with the issue of illegal Indians in UK?

#### **Passport Seva Kendras in Karnataka**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to open Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in Bellary, Bidar, Raichur, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Udipi and Vijayapur head post offices in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the present status thereof and by when they would become functional and start issuing passports?

#### **Bilateral dialogue with China**

666. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China were recently engaged in bilateral dialogue for maintaining peace on the border of both the countries to promote bilateral relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action plan has been drawn to ease the tension on the borders and to further improve relations between both of them?

#### **New road in Ladakh sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that China has slammed India for apparently building a new road in the Ladakh sector; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction the said outburst of China?

**Revival and rehabilitation of PSEs**

668. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) the total number of heavy industries and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) that have fallen sick during the last three years;
- (b) the number of such sick PSEs which have been revived and rehabilitated;
- (c) the reasons for slow pace of revival and rehabilitation; and
- (d) by when the process of revival and rehabilitation would be sped up?

**Reduction of jobs in CPSEs**

669. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether employment in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) has been at the lowest during 2015-16 as compared to the last four years;
- (b) if so, the reasons for reduction in jobs despite more CPSEs set up during that year as compared to previous years;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken an impact assessment to ascertain the reasons for this reduction;
- (d) whether there is an increase in hiring of contract employees and decline of permanent employees;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the measures taken by Government to ensure job security and provide alternate

sources of livelihood to the laid off workers?

**CPSEs under construction**

670. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 75 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are under construction and are yet to start functioning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the sector in which the new CPSEs are coming up; and
- (c) the time by which these CPSEs would start functioning and the expected number of employment likely to be generated, CPSE/location-wise?

**Preparation for Bharat Stage-VI vehicles**

671. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is ready with all preparations to make available Bharat Stage-VI emission norms to all the consumers using petrol and diesel vehicles by April, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any schedule to make available BS-VI compliant vehicles in NCR regions and other metropolitan cities of the country suffering from the problem of pollution; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Research and development in battery for electric vehicles**

672. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set a sales target of 5-7 million EVs and hybrid electric vehicles annually by 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a battery capacity of about 400 Gigawatt hours (GWh) each year would be required to meet this demand and if so, how the Ministry plans to meet the expected demand; and

(c) whether the Ministry has planned to invest in battery research and development ecosystem domestically, considering that lithium is an important mineral used in production of batteries and world demand is increasing and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Corporate Social Responsibilities of PSUs**

673. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the works undertaken for social welfare by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise/PSU-wise;

(b) the amount of funds spent on different works during the said period and the number of persons benefited therefrom, location-wise and PSU-wise; and

(c) whether Government has received any Social Audit Reports conducted to

track CSR funds by these PSUs and if so, the details of findings thereof?

**Diversification of portfolios by PSUs**

674. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for diversifying their portfolios to continue their business performance and positive growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government on such diversification efforts; and

(d) the proposal of Government regarding financing schemes for diversification of portfolios of PSUs?

**Violations of provisions of RERA**

675. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than six lakh houses are running behind the delivery schedule in the National Capital Region by more than two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some builders are recording new dates of delivery on the websites, in violation of provisions of Real Estate Regulation and Development Act (RERA), instead of delivery schedule mentioned in legal sale-purchase agreements;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard and to correct the position; and

(e) the penal interest accrued to buyers in case of new delivery dates given on RERA approved websites?



**Data on the street vendors**

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

(a) whether Government has any data on the total number of street vendors in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether all the State Governments have implemented and formulated the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the hawking zones are created in cities across States in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds for Jabalpur under Smart Cities Mission**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that, out of the 100 cities selected under the Smart Cities Mission, 90 cities have not utilized the funds sanctioned;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that 196 crore released under the Mission for Jabalpur is still lying unutilised with the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time-limit for utilizing it?

**Funding of city corporations**

678. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any arrangements for funding the corporations of major cities for meeting their developmental expenditure;

(b) if so, how much funding has been disbursed during the last three years, city-wise; and

(c) whether there is any monitoring machinery for proper spending?

**Houses constructed under PMAY**

†679. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and the amount spent thereunder per housing unit, State-wise and year-wise, during the last three years and the action plan to achieve the target of providing house to every household during the coming years, year-wise?

**Funds for Karnataka under Smart Cities Mission**

680. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds released by Government for the development of smart cities under the Smart Cities Mission is lying idle with State Governments;

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(b) if so, what is the total amount released for Karnataka and the amount lying idle with State Government; and

(c) the reasons for not utilizing the funds and the details of the steps taken by Central Government in this regard?

#### **Faecal sludge management**

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

(a) the measures taken to improve faecal sludge management in urban areas during the last one year;

(b) whether any steps have been taken with regard to designing effective Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agencies providing Low cost housing in urban areas**

682. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies/builders in the public and private sectors which have been given the responsibility to provide low cost housing in urban areas of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the number of dwelling units built by such agencies/builders during the last two years;

(c) the basic facilities being provided in such dwelling units;

(d) whether the agencies have been successful in providing low cost houses in cities; and

(e) if not, Government's reaction thereto and the remedial steps, if any, being taken in the matter?

#### **Action plan for urban poverty alleviation**

683. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has slipped in Urban Poverty Index at the world level;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the action plan Government proposes to formulate to alleviate urban poverty so that India's Urban Per Capita Income is increased and people are not starved?

#### **Database of all housing projects**

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

(a) whether Government has a central database of all housing projects;

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

(c) if not, by when it would have such a database?

#### **Bankruptcy proceeding against Real Estate Developers**

685. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would protect the interest of homebuyers whose

investments face uncertainty when bankruptcy proceedings are filed against Real Estate Developers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the bankruptcy law and also change the law's operational rules to protect the interest of homebuyers; and

(d) if so, by when?

#### **Grants released under PMAY to State**

686. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to release grants to State Governments to achieve the target fixed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have requested the Central Government to expedite the proposals sent by them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is also considering to carry out the scheme in rural areas, as well; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam metro rail projects**

687. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Detailed Project Reports (DPR) regarding construction of Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Metro Rail Projects have been approved by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of above projects and the share of Central Government in these projects?

#### **Enhancement in carpet area of houses under PMAY**

688. 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 cleared a proposal for enhancement of carpet area of houses for middle income group category under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana—Urban (PMAY-U);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under PMAY-U, Government aims to provide houses to all the urban poor by 2022; and

(d) whether the shortage of houses is currently pegged at more than ten million in urban areas?

#### **Effect of demonetization on realty sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that demonetization has helped in bringing down the realty prices by 5 to 10 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that launching of new projects since January, 2017 has been less across the cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Death of safai workers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many safai workers have lost their lives while cleaning sewers and drains in the National Capital and other parts of the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, year-wise, State and UT-wise;

(c) the action that Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter; and

(d) the action Government proposed to take for rehabilitation of dependents of safai workers who have lost their lives?

### Collapse of buildings

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many old buildings collapsed in Mumbai and the National Capital every year in which people are killed and seriously injured;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has issued or proposes to issue any advisory to Maharashtra and Delhi Governments to deal with the issue with all seriousness and take effective remedial measures; and

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

### Notification for implementation of LPP

692. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has met the Lt. Governor

of Delhi on 12th October, 2017 and discussed various aspects of land pooling policy (LPP) in Delhi;

(b) whether the concerns over delay in implementation of the policy were expressed and some changes were made in the policy to further simplify it for speedy execution;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether DDA has been directed to finalise the regulations in accordance with changes in a month's time; and

(e) whether DDA has finalised the regulations and if so, by when the notification for implementation of the policy would be issued?

### Beneficiaries under PMAY

†693. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has started the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the year, 2015 with an objective to provide houses to all by 2022;

(b) whether the basic objective of this scheme is to provide affordable houses to poor people living in cities, according to their purchasing capacity;

(c) whether the beneficiaries have been thoroughly identified under this scheme, State-wise/city-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Houses constructed in Bihar

†694. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheme to provide

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houses to every homeless poor of the country by 2022;

(b) the details of steps being taken to achieve this huge target alongwith the budgetary allocations, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the numebr of homeless poor in urban and rural areas of the country; and

(d) the number of houses to be constructed in Bihar and the amount allocated for this purpose and the progress made therein, district-wise?

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to provide financial assistance to urban poor for construction of houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such assistance is being given in the State of Telangana and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(d) the quantum of funds being released from Government to each State, particularly to Telangana; and

(e) the details of funds already released, so far?

#### **Dip in metro ridership**

695. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Metro has witnessed a massive dip of more than three lakh in daily ridership in October as compared to the previous month;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is the steepest month to month fall in metro ridership ever and appears to be linked with the fare hike in October, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Housing for Urban Poor in Telangana**

696. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

#### **Expenditure on primary and secondary education**

697. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the expenditure incurred on primary and secondary education in order to increase the quality of education in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the standard of education in our country has not improved despite the huge amount being spent on it; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/ being taken by Government to improve stardard of education in the country?

#### **Disabled children in regular schools**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan/

scheme to integrate disabled children into regular schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of work done under the scheme; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for integration of disabled children into common schools once they acquire the communication and daily living skills at functional level?

**Appointments made on contract/adhoc basis in Central Universities**

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

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

(a) the number of teaching posts in Central Universities of the country against which appointments have been made on contract/adhoc basis for more than three years to carry on teaching/study activities;

(b) the reasons why the Central Universities are being somehow managed by engaging teachers on contract/adhoc basis on such a large scale; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider making permanent appointment of teachers within a certain time-frame against the vacant teaching posts which are being managed through contract/adhoc arrangements?

**Winding up of Saakshar Bharat Mission**

†700. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering to wind up the Saakshar Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a threat of unemployment looms large over the 'Preraks' working on honorarium under this scheme in the State of Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh;

(d) the number of persons working on honorarium basis under the scheme in those States and the total payment being made thereon; and

(e) the details in this regard, State-wise?

**Vacancies in Central Universities**

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

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

(a) the number of vacancies for the post of teachers at Central Universities of the country and the details of steps taken to filling them up during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for which such a large number of posts are lying vacant in Central Universities;

(c) whether there has been a delay in filling up of vacant posts of teachers and thus having an adverse impact on education; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry is

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considering to take action against the officers identified for the delay?

**Kendriya Vidyalayas in every district of Uttar Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to set up Kendriya Vidyalaya in every district of the country many years back;

(b) the number of districts having no Kendriya Vidyalayas till date throughout the country and the number of districts in Uttar Pradesh, where Kendriya Vidyalayas have been set up so far;

(c) the reasons if vidyalayas have not opened so far; and

(d) by when Kendriya Vidyalayas would be opened in all the districts of the country and the details of time-frame in this regard?

**Assistance for storage of foodgrains meant for MDMS**

†703. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by Government under the Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDMS) for safe storage of foodgrains and cooking State-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiary students, persons employed under the said scheme during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government to different States including Madhya Pradesh under this scheme, State-wise?

**Incidents of beating in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

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

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

(a) whether the incidents of beating of children by senior children of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Keshav Puram, Delhi have occurred on the eve of slap day;

(b) whether, even after the complaints by parents such incidents are getting repeated and complaints of misbehaviour with concerned children have also surfaced after complaints by parents; and

(c) the details of complaints filed by the parents in Kendriya Vidyalayas of the country during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

**Model for pre-school education in 2018**

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

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

(a) whether the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) is set to come up with model for pre-school education in 2018;

(b) if so, the time-frame thereof;

(c) whether Government would take into account, the views expressed in the national consultation on sustainability in

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the context of early childhood education, before finalizing the model; and

(d) whether the opinion of experts, conducting pre-school education would also be taken into consideration before finalizing the model?

#### **Encouraging students to study in the country**

706. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian students spent ₹44,000 crore in the United States of America (USA) during 2016-17 which is higher than India's higher education budget of ₹ 30,000 crore;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that this large demand for quality higher education is met by entry of new institutions in the country; and

(c) whether the proposed New Education Policy focuses on encouraging students to study in the country?

#### **Quality education in rural areas**

707. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than fifty per cent of the rural population is young and children need quality education for their bright future;

(b) whether due to lack of good schools, they are not getting quality education and people have to send their children away from home to a city for quality education;

(c) whether fifty per cent of the people can not send their children to cities because of their financial condition; and

(d) if so, the details of measures taken to overcome this problem and to provide quality education in rural areas?

#### **Pension and arrears to employees of KVS**

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

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has not extended the revised pension and arrears as per the Seventh Central Pay Commission to its retired employees;

(b) if so, whether arrears and allowances have not even been disbursed to serving employees of KVS;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide all benefits of Seventh Pay Commission to employees and pensioners of KVS?

#### **Difference in pay scale of lecturers**

†709. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pay scales of lecturers working on *ad hoc* basis in all Central Universities have been deliberately kept different;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the pay scales of lecturers appointed on *ad hoc* basis in

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Delhi University, Allahabad University, Kashi Hindu University along with other Central Universities?

#### **Safety of students in schools**

710. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many accidents or mishaps have occurred in the schools during the last three years, in which children have been injured;

(b) whether there are any recorded incidents where an inquiry has been made in the corporeal punishment given in the schools; and

(c) whether there are any guidelines provided by Government for safety of children in schools?

#### **Ranking of Kendriya Vidyalayas**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is planning/likely to plan to rank the Kendriya Vidyalayas of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose of such plans and whether any such initiatives were taken in the past also?

#### **Replacement of UGC and AICTE with HEERA**

712. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is planning to replace University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with a new single regulator as Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA) for regulating higher education in the country;

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

(c) the difficulties being faced from existing autonomous bodies viz., UGC and AICTE; and

(d) the reasons why Government is not strengthening the existing bodies with greater vigilance and administration instead of replacing them with new agencies?

#### **Cancellation of deemed university status**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is considering to cancel the status of deemed university;

(b) if so, the details of such universities identified, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering about future of students who are studying in such universities;

(d) whether Government would allow such students to obtain degrees from other universities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Enrolment of SC/ST students in schools**

714. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of enrolment of students between the age of three and five in pre-school, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of enrolment of such students belonging to SC/ST category; and

(c) the percentage of enrolment rate of SC/ST students in 1st, 8th and 10th standard, State-wise?

#### **Enhancement of Fee by IGNOU**

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

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has enhanced the fees up to 20 per cent for all the graduation, post-graduation, diplomas and certificate courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has withdrawn the scheme for providing education to all on reasonable fees; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the steps taken by Government to reduce the enhanced fees?

#### **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Scheme**

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

(a) the detailed action plan to launch

and implement 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Scheme' to promote culture and languages of all States in the country;

(b) the details of initiatives taken by Government under this scheme;

(c) whether a timeline has been set for the implementation of these initiatives and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds allocated/proposed for this scheme?

#### **Allocation of funds to RMSA**

717. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase allocation of funds towards Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) to reach the target of universal access to secondary education and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the steps taken to increase enrolment rates and reduce drop-out rates in schools at secondary level?

#### **Safety in Schools**

718. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to address the issue of safety and compliance in non-CBSE schools on the lines of the recently released circular of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE);

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

(c) the measures proposed to be taken

by Government with respect to a stringent regulatory framework for school safety audits in the country; and

(d) the details of measures taken until now for implementation of guidelines for prevention of child abuse?

#### **District-wise report of National School Survey**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty five lakh students took part in the national school survey conducted across the States;

(b) whether the students of classes III, V and VII from Government and Government aided schools were tested for their performance in terms of learning outcomes developed by the National Council of Educational research and Training (NCERT) in maths, languages, sciences and social sciences;

(c) whether Government is considering to prepare district-wise learning and analytical reports reflecting disaggregated learning levels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Admission of female students in IITs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed all Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to admit more female students and also ensure that every campus has at least 14 per cent girls in each new batch starting from 2018;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the 23 campuses would have to abide by this directive including the Indian School of Mines;

(c) whether Government's directive is part of a larger plan to lower gender bias in IITs by increasing female representation to 20 per cent by 2026; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Three language formula**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has borrowed any of the recommendations made by TSR Subramanian Committee in framing its New Education Policy;

(b) whether, the Ministry has adopted the three language formula specified in Chapter III of the Subramanian Committee Report;

(c) whether, the Ministry has while adopting the three language formula decided to exclude other mother tongues or regional languages and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by the Ministry for implementation of the three language formula in respective States?

#### **Seats and centres for NEET**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to create more seats and

centres for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Assessment of knowledge of Indian culture and values**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas may soon have their knowledge of Indian culture and values, assessed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the principals of these schools have been asked to cooperate with the organizations that conduct such tests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-availability of quality teachers in primary schools**

†724. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of non-availability of sufficient number of teachers, teachers not attending schools and not having adequate knowledge of language and maths in most of Government primary schools across the country;

(b) whether 50 per cent students of fifth

class and 75 per cent students of third class in villages do not know addition and subtraction;

(c) if so, whether Government has called a meeting of administrators of all the States and Union Territories to deal with this national problem;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to brighten the future of children of the country?

#### **Enrolment rate of girls**

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

(a) what are the latest figures about the current school enrolment rate of girls at primary level and which are the States that have made a significant progress in this regard during the last three years;

(b) what is the current school enrolment rate of girls at secondary level and which are the States that have been continuously lagging behind in increasing the percentage of girls enrolment in secondary schools; and

(c) what is the school drop-out rate among girls and boys, at secondary level, State-wise?

#### **Stipend to students of North Eastern and hilly areas**

726. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government pays stipend to the students of North-Eastern and Hilly areas of the country;

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(b) if so, the details of students availing stipends during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that few stipends including the one provided by UGC, have been stopped by Government in the mid of the academic period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Literacy rate of women**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to increase the literacy rate of women;

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

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

#### **Restructured Saakshar Bharat Mission**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring Saakshar Bharat Mission in new form rather than closing it;

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

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

#### **Fake universities in the country**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there are a large number of fake universities and other educational institutions in the country playing havoc with the future of youth;

(b) what steps have been taken during the last one year to identify such institutions; and

(c) whether the Supreme Court has ordered any inquiry against some of the UGC officials in this regard?

#### **Reciting of National Anthem in hostels**

730. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments are asking students in hostels, educational institutions to recite National Anthem daily;

(b) whether Government thinks that such compulsion is justified; and

(c) if not, whether the State concerned would be given appropriate advice in this regard?

#### **Option for second language in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

731. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allow the official language of the State as second language in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the States;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that only Hindi is allowed as second language in Kendriya Vidyalayas?

**Drinking water and toilet facilities in Government schools**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to cover all Government and Government aided schools in the country including Maharashtra with drinking water and toilet facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of toilets built in Government schools, district-wise especially in Maharashtra?

**Co-ordinators for implementation of Saakshar Bharat Mission**

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

(a) whether Government has appointed village co-ordinators for proper implementation of Saakshar Bharat Mission by giving them training from time to time;

(b) if so, the details thereof, during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the amount spent on such training during that period?

**Initiatives for education of minorities**

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

(a) the new initiatives taken for education of minorities, especially Muslims;

(b) the details of hurdles and handicaps in proper educational development of minorities and in implementation of schemes therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to overcome them?

**Admission in Delhi University under sports quota**

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

(a) the number of students who secured admission in colleges of Delhi University during the last two years under sports quota;

(b) whether Government is aware that a large number of students obtained admission on the basis of fake certificates from organizations which are neither recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports nor by the Indian Olympic Association; and

(c) if so, Government's reactions thereto?

**National level recruitment examination for teachers**

736. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

is planning to hold a national level recruitment examination for school teachers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allocation for higher education**

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

(a) total budget allocated and spent on education during last three years, its percentage in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and action plan of expenditure to be hiked on education in terms of percentage of GDP, the details of last three years thereof;

(b) by when Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) would be set-up to increase research facilities in centrally aided institution and higher education, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount that would be provided to HEFA, the rate on which loan would be provided to teaching institutions through HEFA and ways through which this interest would be born, the details thereof?

#### **Engineering degrees through distance learning**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some open universities are/were awarding engineering degrees through distance learning;

(b) if so, whether it was permissible;

(c) if not, which regulatory body, if any,

was there to prevent this;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed; and

(e) the action taken against such universities?

#### **Impact of introducing biometric attendance**

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

(a) the details of new efforts made by Government to promote and implement better work culture in the administration of Central Government Departments during the last three years;

(b) the details regarding overall impact of biometric attendance registration system after its introduction, so far; and

(c) whether Government has introduced any new training programmes aimed at enhancing the motivation levels of the Central Government officials and employees, in general?

#### **Change in cadre policy for allocation of States for new recruits**

740. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to change the cadre policy for new recruits of All-India Services and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any change in the criteria for allocation of a particular State to a new recruit of any All-India Services and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Vacancies for SCs & STs**

†741. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts meant for SC/ST categories are lying vacant in the Ministries of Human Resource Development and Food Processing Industries;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts and by when these would be filled up; and

(c) if no measures are taken, the reasons therefor?

### **Vacancies in various Departments**

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

(a) the number of vacancies created due to retirement, resignation, etc., in various Departments of Government since May, 2014, year-wise, department-wise and group-wise;

(b) the number of vacancies filled up, out of the above, year-wise, department-wise and group-wise;

(c) the details of vacancies abolished since then, department-wise and group-wise; and

(d) the details of vacancies which are lying vacant for more than two years now, department-wise and group-wise?

### **Laxity in filing chargesheets by CBI**

743. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases registered by CBI during the last three years in Jharkhand;

(b) in how many such cases chargesheets have not been filed, till date;

(c) the reasons for failure to file the chargesheets; and

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any review regarding laxity in filing chargesheets?

### **Use of 360 Degree Appraisal System**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has adopted a new mechanism of empanelling bureaucrats under the 360 Degree Appraisal System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the feedback in this process is obtained informally, making the process susceptible to manipulation;

(d) whether the feedback received from subordinates and stakeholders are biased and lack objectivity, particularly if the officer had to discipline his subordinates or he has not been able to meet the unjustified demands of stakeholders; and

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

### **Sustainable Development Goal Index**

745. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

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been drawn towards India's low ranking in sustainable development goals index;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government plans to undertake to address the obstacles that have positioned India low in the rankings?

#### **India's ranking in Global Hunger Index**

746. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's ranking in the Global Hunger Index report during the last three years;

(b) whether a substantial proportion of the population continue to suffer from lack of food according to the said report;

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

(d) whether the Country's Global Hunger Index score is lower as compared to those of developing countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Steps to make country poverty free**

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

(a) whether Government has fixed a target of making India a poverty free nation;

(b) if so, by when the country would become poverty free; and

(c) the details of action plan proposed by Government to make the country poverty free?

#### **Scheme under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

748. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various schemes that Government is providing under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana for the welfare of elderly persons of our country;

(b) the measures that Government has taken for the fruitful implementation of this scheme throughout the country; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to introduce any more welfare schemes for the senior citizens?

#### **Controlling drug addiction**

749. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of de-addiction centres functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware of the increasing trend of addiction to drugs or other intoxicants among the children, teenagers youths and beggars in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to control drug addiction among these groups?

#### **Commission on nomadic tribes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

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has constituted a Commission to look into various aspects of nomadic tribes;

(b) if so, the details of terms of reference of the Commission;

(c) by when the Commission is likely to submit its report; and

(d) if already submitted, the details of recommendations made and action taken on each of the recommendation, recommendation-wise?

#### **Schemes for welfare of senior citizens**

†751. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:  
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH  
NAGAR:

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

(a) the number of old age homes functioning in various States of the country;

(b) the details of schemes being run by Government for the welfare of senior citizens;

(c) the details of funds released to States for these schemes during the last three years, Scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the amount utilised by the States out of the funds released and whether Government has received requests from the States for granting more funds and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise?

#### **Schemes of housing for helpless**

752. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating any scheme of housing for helpless persons in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount being sanctioned by Government to State Governments under the above scheme; and

(d) the details of programmes being implemented presently for helpless old people, helpless disabled persons, etc. and achievements made in each such programme, State-wise during the last three years?

#### **Reduction in allocation of funds for ADIP scheme**

†753. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation of funds to Uttar Pradesh has constantly been reduced since 2014-15 under the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) scheme;

(b) the details of funds released to that State during the last three years; and

(c) whether the allocation of funds has been on the lower side during all these years and it had adversely impacted the beneficiaries?

#### **Improving situation of differently abled persons**

754. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a scheme which would help in improving the condition of differently abled persons in the country;

(b) the details of action taken by Government for differently abled persons for their accessibility and mandatorily for entire society to encourage and help them in all possible manners; and

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines to State Governments to ensure that all beneficiaries get their dues under various schemes introduced for them along with arrangements made by banks and financial institutions to provide them loans in an easy and simplified manner?

#### **Regulator for Old Age Homes**

755. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to bring out a regulator to look into the working of Old Age Homes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Policy against drug abuse**

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

(a) whether Government has any data about the number of drug abuse cases reported across the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has requested

all the States to identify vulnerable districts which report high number of drug abuse cases and are underserved by the current healthcare system;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Government thereto; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to propose a national policy to fight drug addiction?

#### **Compensation to families of deceased manual scavengers**

757. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:  
SHRIMATI JHARANA DAS BAIDYA:

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

(a) the number of deaths of manual scavengers recorded during the last three years;

(b) the number of families which received compensation and whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the need for manual scavenging instead of increasing the compensation for related death;

(c) whether any progress has been made towards complete mechanization of handling sewerage and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of instances of prosecution recorded for engaging people for handling human waste manually; and

(e) whether every State has constituted the State Monitoring Committee and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**National survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use**

758. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of conducting the national survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India is assigned to the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NDDTC has not conducted any nationwide survey, till date; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the survey would be started?

**Implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

759. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana has been implemented nationwide;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any maximum beneficiaries limit under this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of such limits, State-wise and the total number of beneficiaries of the scheme in Jharkhand?

**NGOs dealing with drug addiction**

760. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of registered

NGOs dealing with drug addiction operating currently in Mizoram which are getting financial assistance from the Ministry;

(b) the number of such NGOs functioning properly and those not functioning properly;

(c) whether any action had been taken against those not functioning properly and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of criteria fixed for an NGO to avail financial assistance from the Ministry?

**Upliftment of SC/OBC women**

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

(a) whether Government has launched or proposes to launch any plan for the upliftment and development of women belonging to Scheduled Castes/Other Backward Classes;

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

(c) the number of women beneficiaries especially in Maharashtra in each of the last three years and the current year, so far, State-wise?

**Categorisation of OBCs**

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

(a) by when the categorisation of backward classes into A, B, C and D is going to be completed;

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(b) the methodology that the Ministry is going to adopt for such categorisation; and

(c) whether the Ministry has studied the classification of OBCs in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the outcome of such study?

**Construction of hostel at North Odisha University**

763. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Odisha has sent a proposal to the Ministry for sanctioning the construction of 100 seated OBC hostel at North Odisha University; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

**Database for persons with disabilities**

764. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a deadline set by the Ministry to complete the first phase to identify the disabled persons under Unique Disability Identity (UDID) card scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the reasons for delay in creation of a national database for persons with disabilities?

**Evaluation of person's disability for UDID cards**

765. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was constituted to provide standard guidelines for evaluation of a person's disability for the issuance of Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has set any criteria for creating three different slabs to measure the person's disability and allot the color coded UDID cards accordingly and if so, the details thereof, including the benefits and whether the proposed benefits would vary for different slabs?

**Launching of satellites of foreign clients**

766. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign clients are vying to launch their satellites aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle;

(b) if so, the details of satellites launched by India for foreign countries during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the details of commercial launches of foreign nations negotiated through Antrix and the total revenue earned during the last two years and the current year?

**Demand for product and services for outer space**

767. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether buoyed-up by repeated successful launches during the last five decades ISRO has planned to tap the growing international demand for products and services for outer space;

(b) whether globally, the demand for small rockets is growing and ISRO is keen to capture this market by offering cost effective solutions; and

(c) whether, given the scale of global potential for small rockets and its own financial and manpower constraint with its budget of \$1.4 billion as against NASA's \$19.1 billion constraints, ISRO is seeking industry help and support?

#### **Cost overrun of infrastructure projects**

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

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

(a) the details of cost overrun of various infrastructure projects each worth ₹ 150 crore or above, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total number of such projects which have to face cost overrun, delaying the original implementation schedule;

(c) whether the reasons were analysed for delay in execution of such projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken to monitor and expedite such projects, by removing the bottlenecks?

#### **Displacement of tribal people**

769. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of tribal people are being

displaced as a result of various construction/development projects;

(b) if so, whether Government maintains any data in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of tribals displaced as a result of such activities; and

(d) the remedial steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Impact of GST on minor forest produce**

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

(a) whether Government has assessed the impact of Goods and Services Tax (GST) levied on Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and thereby on tribal communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government proposes to take steps to incentivise sale and purchase of MFP;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Traditional accommodation for tribal groups**

771. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether traditional accommodations have been constructed and provided to the primitive tribal groups, the pre-agriculture communities and other forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the reserved and protected forests by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of initiatives being taken by Government for providing various facilities including drinking water, electricity, transport and medical facilities to the students of the said regions?

#### **Weavers in tribal areas**

772. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified the number of weavers in the tribal areas involved in traditional weaving practices;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to promote such traditional weaving;

(c) if so, whether any funds has been allocated for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rehabilitation of displaced tribals**

773. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Annual Report of the Ministry, 85 lakh tribal people have been displaced due to developmental projects and natural calamities;

(b) if so, the number of those displaced persons who have been rehabilitated, so far;

(c) the number of those displaced tribal people who were given financial compensation indicating the mode of payment; and

(d) whether any verification has been

done to confirm that the compensation paid has actually reached the intended beneficiaries?

#### **Tribal Sub-Plan in Andhra Pradesh**

774. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that a study was conducted by Social and Economic Centre which shows pathetic implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana with regard to allocations, releases and implementation of various schemes and programmes meant for Scheduled Tribes (STs); and

(d) if so, the details of planning of the Ministry to ensure that tribals get their due share?

#### **Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana**

†775. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of protected tribals has been continuously decreasing in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures being taken to address it;

(c) whether Government had started Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana in 2014 with an objective of welfare, protection and sustainable development of tribal population; and

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(d) if so, the details of efforts made under this scheme for protection of tribal population and the achievements made in this regard during the last three years?

#### **Funds for tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh**

776. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain percentage of budget of each Ministry is earmarked for the Tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount earmarked by each Ministry for the tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh during each of the last three years and current year, year-wise; and

(c) the details of monitoring mechanism to ensure judicious utilisation of fund?

#### **Child marriage**

777. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the recent Supreme Court order banning underage sex in marriage, meaning child marriage;

(b) whether Government is aware that according to a recent United Nations report, 27 per cent of girls in India are married off before they turn 18, resulting in poor Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR);

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the areas in the country where child marriage still prevails on a large scale and the measures proposed to be taken to implement the Supreme Court's order in this regard?

#### **Revised nutrition guidelines**

778. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared and issued revised nutrition guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons which necessitated for revising the said guidelines;

(c) whether it would be at par with the other developing nations which are following their nutrition levels/guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allocations under Nirbhaya Fund**

779. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and disbursed from the Nirbhaya Fund during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether a large proportion of the fund remains unutilised during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to assess the effectiveness of women safety initiatives that are funded by the fund and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further measures taken for the judicious utilisation of funds and sanction of projects under the fund for its better implementation?



### Effectiveness of POCSO Act

780. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of child sex abuse in the country are increasing every year;

(b) if so, the cases registered during each of the last three years;

(c) the cases decided/pending during the period;

(d) whether the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) is proving to be ineffective and there is a need to make it more stringent; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Setting up of Mahila Shakti Kendras

781. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:  
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Mahila Shakti Kendras across the country;

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

(c) the details of areas in which these kendras would function; and

(d) the number of kendras proposed to be set up and the time by which these would start functioning?

### Packaged foods through Anganwadis

782. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of child centres working under the Integrated Child Development Services scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that a lot of children are suffering from malnutrition in these centres;

(c) if so, whether Government has proposed to serve packaged foods through Anganwadis to these centres, to tackle the problem of malnutrition; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the status thereof, till now?

### Malnourished children in the country

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

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been placed at 100th position out of 119 developing countries in the Hunger Index in a study conducted by an international institute;

(b) the extent of decline in hunger and malnutrition in the country during the last decade and the percentage of population which is still deprived of a square meal; and

(c) the details of malnourished children in the country during the last three years and number of children who died due to malnutrition during the above period?

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**Guidelines for hostels for children by NCPCR**

784. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has issued guidelines regarding hostels for children;

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

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that children, particularly from tribal areas, living in these hostels get nutritious food?

**Facilities to children in juvenile homes**

785. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the juvenile offenders during the past three years, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the corrective steps being taken by Government to ensure adequate facilities/ infrastructure to the children living in juvenile homes; and

(c) the funds allocated/utilized for the same?

**Kanyashree Prakalpa Yojana**

786. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Kanyashree Prakalpa Yojana launched by the West Bengal Government in

October, 2013 has won the United Nations Public Service Award;

(b) if so, whether Government would take up the idea to improve the status of adolescent girls through cash transfer;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Assistance to women victims in difficult circumstances**

787. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing shelter, food, clothing and health as well as economic and social security to women victims in difficult circumstances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of beneficiaries thereof, State-wise?

**Physical verification of Anganwadi beneficiaries**

788. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the States to carry out physical verification of Anganwadi beneficiaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the States are also advised to tap funds to provide toilet and drinking water facilities in Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, Swachh Bharat Kosh and Panchayati Raj institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Mahila Shakti Kendras in Telangana**

789. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Telangana regarding establishment of Mahila Shakti Kendras in the newly established districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked for each district and the amount being released at present; and

(d) the time by which these centres would be established?

**Remuneration of Anganwadi workers**

†790. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the quantum of wages or remunerations being given grade-wise by Centre and States to Anganwadi workers, helpers and other associated staff and the details of action taken so far, to increase it and the result thereof?

**Monitoring of boys discharged from orphanage centres**

791. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government orphanage centres discharge all boys immediately after they attain the age of 18 years without any rehabilitation plan;

(b) if so, the number of boys discharged during the last 3 years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor these boys for not indulging in anti-social activities?

**Timely payment of salaries to Anganwadi workers**

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

(a) whether anganwadi workers receive average wages of ₹ 2,000-2,500 per month and their wages are not indexed to inflation;

(b) the average wages paid to Anganwadi workers since 2014, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that they receive minimum wages;

(d) whether in 2014, 1/3rd workers did not receive salaries on time and 40 per cent used personal finances to fund AWCs and if so, the reasons therefor and for delays in payment of wages, State-wise and year-wise, since 2014; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that AWCs receive adequate funding and workers their timely salaries?

**Availability of nutrition to children**

793. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any status report about the availability of nutrition to children;

(b) whether there is any deficiency in availability of nutrition to children;

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(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(d) whether any concrete measure are under consideration to address the deficit, if any, in the availability of nutrition to children; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decrease in malnourished children**

794. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of malnourished children in the year 1990 was 53 per cent which came down to 40 per cent by the year 2015;

(b) the details of programmes/schemes of Government which were responsible for drastically bringing down the percentage of malnourished children, year-wise since 2014 onwards; and

(c) whether Government has such programmes/schemes to bring down the percentage of the malnourished children and if so, the details of such programmes/schemes?

#### **Cash payment under ICDS**

795. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme along with total number of children getting mid-day meals and quantum of ration dispersed;

(b) whether under this scheme Government is planning to disburse cash *in lieu of* supplementary rations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Aadhaar cards made for children since January, 2017 till date along with total number of children under the age group of 6 to 14 years; and

(d) the details of children who have been denied mid-day meals due to lack of Aadhaar card, State/UT-wise?

#### **Rehabilitation of sexually harassed women and children**

796. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to rehabilitate all sexually harassed women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such schemes are already under implementation; and

(d) what is the number of such victims in the country?

#### **SHe-box portal**

797. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in consonance and solidarity with the global Me Too campaign, India has launched its on-line complaint portal 'SHe-box' (Sexual Harassment box) that can be accessed by women workforce in the organised sector;

(b) whether, since the launch of the portal, there have been more than 350 complaints lodged, so far, against all norms of inappropriate behaviour, not necessarily physical; and

(c) whether Government had sought the

compliance of private sector in making available relevant reports on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act and if so, the response of the private sector thereto?

**Death penalty in child sexual abuse cases**

798. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child sexual abuse cases in the country have increased tremendously during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported in various parts of country during that period; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide death penalty for the persons found involved in such heinous crimes which result in the death of victims and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Deaths due to malnutrition in Jharkhand**

799. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of infants died in Jharkhand due to being malnourished and grossly underweight;

(b) if so, their reported numbers during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to address the issues of malnutrition?

**Malnutrition among children**

800. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of malnutrition/anaemia scenario of children in India particularly in Haryana, age group-wise and how it compares with other countries;

(b) the funds provided under ICDS schemes to overcome malnutrition/anaemia problem of children in Haryana during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the percentage of malnourished/anaemic children is not coming down; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for bringing it down?

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