

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; 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

Taking over of Cancer Institute

1121. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department has taken over Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati, under its ambit;

(b) if so, what would be the further steps in the development of this premier hospital in the Cancer research centre in North-East India;

(c) whether there is any plan to set up a Cancer research unit in Jharkhand where it mines uranium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Generation of nuclear power

1122. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 years since the constitution of our Atomic Energy Commission in 1948, the total installed

capacity of nuclear power in India has reached only 6,780 MWe, comprising 22 nuclear reactors;

(b) whether with a total installed capacity of 315,426 MWe in the country, the nuclear power share is thus a minuscule 2.15 per cent of it;

(c) if so, what is the per unit cost of generating nuclear power as a return for each Rupee spent when compared with other sources and other countries; and

(d) whether any further investments in nuclear power is beneficial for the country?

Budgetary allocation to the Ministry

1123. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) how much fund/budgetary allocation has been given to the Ministry during the period 2014-15 to 2017-18; and

(b) what are the projects that have been taken up during the above period?

Increase of population

1124. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any survey to find out the sharp increase in population in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Visit of PM to Myanmar

1125. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble PM had visited Myanmar recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the discussions held with his counterpart; and

(c) the details of outcome of the bilateral discussions with regard to mutual cooperation?

Safeguarding borders by herdsmen

1126. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the reports that China has urged Tibetan herdsmen to set down roots in the border areas, safeguard the Chinese territory and develop their homes there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to make a similar request to the Indian herdsmen and motivate them to set down

roots in the northern and eastern borders of the country;

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

(e) how Government provides/proposes to provide various facilities to them to make them able to meet their daily household needs?

Chinese objection over Minister's visit to Arunachal Pradesh

1127. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has objected to the visit of the Union Minister to Arunachal Pradesh, saying that such a visit is not conducive to peace in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any objection to such reaction on the part of China; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SC/ST officers posted in missions abroad

1128. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers working in various missions abroad, mission-wise;

(b) the number of such officers from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories, mission-wise;

(c) whether the officers belonging to SC/ST categories are considered for posting in the missions;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the norms laid down in this regard;

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to post IFS officers belonging to SC and ST categories in the missions abroad as per the norms; and

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

Indians affected by hurricanes in USA

1129. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indians have been affected by recent hurricanes in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to help Indians affected by the hurricanes; and

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

Cases of trafficking through airports

1130. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases have been registered in India for trafficking of women to Gulf countries through various Indian airports for sexual exploitation during the last three years;

(b) whether any cases are registered in India for such human trafficking against any recruitment agencies or agents during the above period;

(c) if so, the details of such cases registered, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of progress in inquiry into such cases?

POPSK in Telangana

1131. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had decided to open Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) in Adilabad, Medak, Khammam, Siddipet and Nalgonda head post offices in Telangana;

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

(c) how many such POPSK selected in Phase I have become functional, so far, and by when the remaining would become functional?

Bilateral agreement with Switzerland

1132. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a bilateral agreement on automatic exchange of information with Switzerland Government on tax-related issues;

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

(c) the details of policy issues signed between the countries during the last three years?

Tunnel construction by China on Brahmaputra river

1133. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that China is planning to build a 1,000 km. long

tunnel to divert water from the Brahmaputra river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has raised this issue with the Chinese Government and if so, the reaction of the latter thereon; and

(d) the steps being contemplated by Government to stop such activities of China?

Problems faced by Indians in Gulf countries

1134. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware of problems being faced by Indians in Gulf countries, particularly in the last three years;

(b) whether Ministry is also aware that of about 10 lakh Indians working in countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, etc., more than 2 lakh are from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States;

(c) how Ministry is helping the Indians working in various Gulf countries in view of their pathetic living conditions; and

(d) the reasons Government is not pursuing an agreement with Gulf countries so that no Passport or Visa of any Indian workers should be taken by the employer?

Stoppage of pilgrims for Kailash Mansarovar

1135. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has stopped Indian

pilgrims for Kailash Mansarovar from entering its territory through Nathu-la in Sikkim;

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

(c) the outcome of the discussion in the matter taken up by Government with China?

Meeting with foreign Ministers

1136. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of recent meetings with the foreign ministers of Tunisia, Bahrain, Latvia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Denmark;

(b) whether India tried to reinvigorate economic relationship in various sectors like pharma, textiles, biotechnology, renewable energy, IT etc. with these countries; and

(c) whether Government is planning any reforms in any energy sector, civil aviation especially in the capacity building with these countries?

Post office Passport Seva Kendra

1137. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's initiative in setting up Passport Seva Kendras across the country has caught up well with more than 90 PSKs and 58 facilities at select post offices, issuing more than 3,50,000 passports during the last year;

(b) whether out of 800 odd Head Post Offices in the country, more than 240 have been chosen for the first leg of post-office-PSK project implementation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Treaty on prohibition of nuclear weapons

1138. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for India's non-participation in the deliberation on treaty on prohibition of nuclear weapons:

(b) whether India is committed to universal, non-discriminatory and verifiable nuclear disarmament;

(c) if so, the manner in which India proposes to achieve this goal; and

(d) whether India did not participate in the treaty because other nuclear weapons possessing States also did not participate, if so, the details thereof?

Defining urban areas

1139. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need of a new method to define urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that, as per census of 2011, only 32.1 per cent area falls under urban category and going by scientific definition India was 63 per cent urban in 2015;

(c) whether due to rapid urbanisations, these traditional measures are inadequate to capture the complex phenomenon, especially when we study this at the state or local level; and

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

India as sponsor of Karachi Literature Festival

1140. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was one of the sponsors of Karachi Literature Festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has financed the visit of many Indian authors and publishers to the said festival; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Release of fishermen by Sri Lankan and Pakistani navies

†1141. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian fishermen detained by Pakistani and Sri Lankan navies who were fishing in the territorial waters of the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of Indian fishermen currently kept in custody by Sri Lankan and Pakistani navies;

(c) the steps taken towards release of such Indian fishermen kept in custody of Sri Lanka and Pakistan and the number of fishermen released during the last three years; and

(d) the number of requests received at various level to get fishermen released and to bring them back to our country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Crime against Indians living in Gulf countries

1142. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of mistreatment and crime against Indians living in the Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of steps Government has taken to address the concerns of crime against Indians in these countries?

FAME- India scheme

1143. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hybrid and electric vehicles supported under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (hybrid) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) scheme;

(b) whether Government has withdrawn incentives given to mild hybrid vehicles under the scheme;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has any plans to subsidize expensive battery components of electric vehicles; and

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

All electric vehicles by 2030

1144. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is practically possible for the country to have all electric vehicles by 2030;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently decided to have an Electric Vehicle Policy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently a meeting was held between the Ministers of Road Transport and Highways, Environment Forest and Climate Change, Power, Finance, etc. in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

MoU between BHEL and foreign entities

1145. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government reviewed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered between BHEL and other foreign entities few years back in terms of financial gain that have accrued after the execution of MoUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to enter into any MoUs between BHEL and other foreign entities/companies in the coming days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouraging private investors in Affordable Housing Schemes

1146. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new policy under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode has been released to encourage private investors in Affordable Housing Schemes;

(b) the incentives that Government is proposing to provide to the private investors in this scheme; and

(c) what would be the proportion of the land and its cost between Government and the private investors for this project?

Condition of type II quarters in Kalibari Marg, New Delhi

1147. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government type II quarters situated at Kalibari Marg, New Delhi are in a crumbling state and need urgent repair for safety of residents; and

(b) if so, the action plan of the Ministry for proper maintenance and upkeep of these quarters?

Regulation of vending zones/sites

1148. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether States are mandated to regulate street vending through demarcation of vending zones and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the criteria adopted for allocation

of vending zones/sites for tehbazari/street vendors;

(c) whether any rent is charged from vendors and if so, the details of rent collected by the States during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether officials of local agencies and police are allegedly involved in harassment of street vendors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the strategy formulated/being formulated, by Government to help the States in this regard?

Setting up of STPs in cities

1149. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not prioritised setting up of sewer treatment plants in tier-I and II cities with the result that nearby water bodies and rivers are getting heavily polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the list of tier-I and II cities wherein STPs have been set up during the last three years?

Non-Tectonic System for construction

1150. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Housing for All project in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that NBCC is in the process of importing new technology called Non-Tectonic System from Hungary, US and Russia which helps in completing construction of a house in 7-10 days; and

(c) if so, the details of such technology and the status of procuring the same by NBCC?

Status of NERUDP

1151. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of completion of the North-Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP); and

(b) the amount of funds released, so far, under NERUDP?

Water and sewerage systems in cities under AMRUT

1152. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities out of the 500 covered cities that have received universal coverage of water and sewerage services under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), State-wise; and

(b) the percentage of households in these 500 covered cities that have access to a tap with assured supply of water and a sewerage connection, State-wise?

Interest subsidy applicants

1153. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a good response to Affordable Housing Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per Government estimates by August, 2018, the applications for interest subsidy would reach 50,000;

(c) whether only 36,526 applicants of economically weaker section and low income group have got the interest subsidy under the urban housing mission since June, 2015; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Progress of PMAY in Punjab

1154. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any district-wise data on the number of homeless people and those living in Jhuggis, Shanties and other unauthorised settlements in the country including the State of Punjab;

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

(c) what is the progress under PMAY (urban) during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government is contemplating the technology which would ensure speedy implementation of the yojana throughout the country?

Rights of urban street vendors

1155. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner, the Ministry is protecting the rights of urban street vendors and also regulating street vending activities in the country;

(b) whether there are any plans to issue licences/certificates to street vendors for carrying out their activities without any hindrance/harassment from the local police;

(c) the details of street vendors identified in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last four years, year-wise, State-wise and district-wise;

(d) whether there are any plans to provide them social security; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Water issues in DDA flats in Dwarka

1156. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grievances of residents of Dwarka regarding water issue was unanswered by DDA and the quality of water is also very poor with a very high TDS level along with dissolved impurities;

(b) whether the water quantity supplied to the residents is very limited; and

(c) what measures DDA is taking to get rid of this problem?

Status of DDA flats

1157. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Housing Scheme 2014, DDA has allotted EWS flat as a LIG flat and taken money of LIG flats even though these EWS flats do not meet standard of LIG norms;

(b) the plinth area of such flats in Dwarka, Narela, Rohini; and

(c) the reason why there is price difference among flats?

Status of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project

1158. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project;

(b) whether Government has any plan to connect the Ahmedabad Airport with the metro rail;

(c) whether Government has any plan to start and finish the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project within a fixed time period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation to Amritsar under HRIDAY

1159. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for utilisation of amount of ₹ 69 crore released to Amritsar under HRIDAY scheme in 2015 along with the details of its utilisation;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated during the financial year 2016-17;

(c) the quantum of funds sanctioned and allocated during the financial year 2017-18; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in implementing this project?

Survey of land of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Complex, etc.

1160. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as proposed DDA has conducted the survey of the land parcels of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Complex,

Mother's International School and Mirambika School, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the finding of the survey; and

(c) the details of allotment of land, as per Government records, pertaining to entire land which is presently in the possession of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Complex, Mother's International School and Mirambika School, Delhi?

Implementation of Housing for All under PMAY

1161. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards any reports about slow implementation of Housing for All under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in various parts of the country;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the desired target in time?

Diversion of funds meant for smart cities

1162. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL:
SHRI K. T. S. TULSI:

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

(a) the details regarding the number of smart cities developed in the country out of the 100 smart cities announced by Government during the last three years;

(b) how much fund has been released and utilised under the Smart Cities Mission; and

(c) whether the funds have been

diverted for some other causes and if so, the details thereof?

Jobs under Smart Cities Mission

1163. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details regarding the number of young individuals trained and the number of jobs created by Government by creation of smart cities in the country, State-wise?

Land Pooling Policy of Delhi

1164. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether land pooling policy for Delhi, which is expected to meet residential needs of about lakhs of people, has been pending for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation of the policy even after the notification of villages under the policy as urban areas and development areas; and

(c) whether Government is serious about implementing this policy soon, considering the growing demand for housing in Delhi, in view of high population growth and immigration which has given rise to unauthorised and unplanned development and also to achieve the goal of 'Housing for All' by 2022?

Creating special fund for loan to private builders

†1165. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is creating a special fund in order to provide cheap loans for completing the residential projects

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

being constructed by private builders that are stalled due to financial constraints;

(b) if so, by when this fund would be set up and the names of the projects that would be provided loans from this fund; and

(c) the arrangements being made by Government to ensure that the loans given to the concerned builders do not turn bad?

Misuse of RERA provisions

1166. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Real Estate Regulation Act (RERA) provisions are being misused in certain States by not framing rules, regulations, etc. under the Act;

(b) if so, what is being done to control non-use/misuse of RERA by some States; and

(c) how the control of Government is exercised where the rules and regulations are to be made by the States?

Houses for the poor under various schemes

1167. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) the details of houses constructed under various schemes and programmes like JNNURM, RAY, IAY, etc. for poor and the people below poverty line during the last three years, year-wise, State/Union Territory-wise, including Maharashtra; and

(b) the number of housing units that are

still to be constructed for poor people and the target period, along with the budgetary details required for this purpose, State/Union Territory-wise?

User charges for smart cities

1168. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to impose higher taxes or user charges for smart cities;

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

(c) whether citizens are already saddled with different kind of cesses and if so, what is Government's plan to ensure that these smart cities are made affordable for all?

Open defecation free cities under SBM

1169. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swachh Bharat Mission is lacking in accomplishing its goals of Open Defecation Free (ODF) cities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of the target of 1.04 crore toilets, only 4.6 lakhs have been constructed and are in usage;

(c) whether only 10 per cent of the total have been declared ODF cities;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details of all cities declared ODF by Government during the last two years; and

(e) the details of specific targets set and achieved in West Bengal?

Viability of metro projects

1170. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to consider economic rate of return *vis-a-vis* financial rate of return while assessing the viability of metro projects;

(b) if so, the impact of this policy on the metro projects already under execution, if they become unviable;

(c) if so, the measures suggested by Government for their completion without any delay;

(d) the number of metro rail projects already under execution which will become unviable in West Bengal, under new policy; and

(e) the measures that Government is contemplating for their timely completion in West Bengal?

Salient features of PMAY under PPP

1171. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) "Housing for All by 2022" under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode along with the number of banks involved in this Yojana to provide subsidized home loan to the poor, State-wise, with reference to Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) the budget sanctioned for this Yojana during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding misuse or diversion of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Smart cities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1172. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities identified in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana as smart cities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has requested both the States to quicken the process of work under the Smart Cities Mission;

(c) the details of development projects identified in each State, city-wise; and

(d) the details of targets set and achieved since announcement of Smart Cities Mission in both these States since 2016, city-wise?

Construction of shelter under SUH

1173. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the scheme of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of shelters constructed and operational and shelters under construction in the country, State-wise and city-wise;

(c) the percentage of sanctioned shelters in the country that have been completed and are operational and whether the Ministry finds this percentage satisfactory; and

(d) the number of shelters for every 1,00,000 people in Lucknow, Varanasi, Delhi, Mumbai and Kanpur?

Safety of women in night shelters

1174. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women who are availing the facilities of night shelters provided by Government in the urban areas;

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

(c) whether Government is aware of the atrocities a woman/girl child has to face when they are taking shelter in those Government provided night shelters;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether Government is planning to implement any additional measures for the safety of women and children in night shelters and if so, the details thereof?

Administrative reforms in Ministry

1175. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any new and specific policy initiative after June, 2014 to achieve the objectives of the Ministry, if so, what are the details of these initiatives and what is the overall impact of these initiatives; and

(b) whether Government has introduced any major administrative reforms specifically to achieve the objectives of the Ministry, in its functioning after May, 2014, if so, what are their details and what has been their impact?

Degrees through distance education

1176. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has notified null and void Degree extended through Distance Education by some universities/institutions in the court, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of cases identified having professional degrees and action taken against them?

Cutting down seats for Ph.D. courses

1177. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cut down the total number of seats for Ph.D. courses and number of students per professor receiving training under Ph.D. programme in universities in the country; and

(b) if so, the total number of seats before and after reduction in each university and per professor, State-wise, along with the reasons for cutting down the seats in those universities?

Budget for MDMS

1178. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget sanctioned, released and spent on Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) under SSA during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) to what extent the main objective of providing nutritious food to children has

been achieved through MDMS particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(c) whether it is a fact that there have been demands to increase payment to cooks and provide eggs everyday; and

(d) the reasons why the Ministry is not focussing on quality and quantity the way in which it is focussing on its outreach?

Change in curriculum of CBSE affiliated schools

1179. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has changed the curriculum of primary and secondary education of CBSE affiliated schools; and

(b) whether Government is proposing to change the history textbooks in CBSE affiliated schools?

Schools for mentally challenged divyang students

1180. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sanction/open new schools for special/mentally challenged divyang students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such schools at present, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering to fix some quota for admission of such children in schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes facilities or aid to such students to help in

getting education in easy way and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant seats in engineering colleges

†1181. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 51 per cent of seats have remained vacant in engineering colleges during the year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such Government and private colleges which are affected;

(d) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to redress it?

Objectives of Vishwajeet Scheme

1182. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Vishwajeet Scheme;

(b) the reasons why the scheme is proposed to be made applicable to only top seven IITs;

(c) the constraints in approving and sending the same to the Ministry of Finance for financing;

(d) why the Ministry is brushing aside the Director, IIT, Delhi's view that the scheme would help IIT, Delhi to be one of the top 100 institutes in the world in the coming 2-3 years; and

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(e) how Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) would be compared to the scheme and how much money has been accrued, so far, in HEFA?

Deadline for teacher's training

1183. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the proposal to extend the deadline for teacher's training till 2019;

(b) whether many State Government have demanded for extension of teacher's training;

(c) whether out of a total number of 66.41 lakh teachers at the elementary level, 11 lakh are still untrained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Irregularities in SSA

1184. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale irregularities in implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) have come to the light in Jharkhand, including a scam involving ₹ 388 crore;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry is considering a special audit of SSA by CAG in the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

TSP for Mid-Day Meal Scheme

1185. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the State of Odisha for the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) whether the funds have fully been utilized for the purpose it were allocated; and

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

Unemployed engineers

1186. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 60 per cent of the eight lakh engineers graduating from technical institutions across the country every year remain unemployed, according to the All India Council for Technical Education;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Three language formula in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1187. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three language formula is being implemented in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) which are the current languages from the eighth schedule of the Constitution which are taught in KV's under the three language formula?

Shortage of teachers

1188. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of teachers in educational institutes in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is not any centre of excellence in teacher education in the country and there is also very poor coverage of in-service training for teachers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve this situation?

protests and violences in Central Universities

†1189. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of incidents of protests and violences have taken place in various Central Universities in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the anti-national elements have been found behind such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether these incidents have also taken place at Banaras Hindu University recently?

Reservation for EWS students

1190. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

any detailed study for implementation of 25 per cent reservation for EWS students in private schools and if so, the difficulties therein; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to improve the disbursement procedure to be adopted by concerned Governments to quickly reimburse to private schools?

Irregularities in MDMS

1191. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irregularities reported in Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether ₹ 100 crore under MDMS has been siphoned off to a private builder in Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has inquired into the alleged scam and fixed responsibilities in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of persons involved therein; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Research work in universities

1192. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of research work done in the Central Universities, so far;

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

(c) how far the existing policy has

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helped in accelerating research work in Central Universities in comparison with global standards;

(d) whether Government contemplates any revision in the existing policy framework; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Admissions under RTE

1193. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have notified admissions for children from Economically Weaker and Disadvantaged Sections as mandated by the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 in their respective State rules;

(b) if not, the details of the States and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the number of children studying in schools under Section 12 (1) (c) of the Act during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of new admissions thereunder during that period?

Fee reimbursement

1194. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of claims submitted by States in their AWP&B for reimbursement of costs incurred with respect to admissions under Section 12(1)(c) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether States have reimbursed the costs incurred to schools for implementation of that Section;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether there are any proposals pending for fee reimbursement as stipulated under the Section with the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Teaching faculties recruited in JNU

1195. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teaching faculties recruited in JNU between January, 2016 to October, 2017, department and category-wise;

(b) the criteria and process of selecting the appointed candidates; and

(c) whether area/subject expertise was considered a criteria or the candidates were appointed on inter-disciplinary subject base?

Teaching posts in Nagaland University

1196. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teaching posts in Nagaland University, department-wise;

(b) the number of teaching vacancies in the University as on date, department-wise;

(c) the details of permanent teaching faculties appointed in the University since 2010;

(d) whether there has been regular advertisement for filling the vacancies; and

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

Research options in the stream of colleges/universities

1197. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the colleges and universities are struggling to appoint teachers and to bring in more research options in the streams; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including of any study/assessment done during the last two years?

Expenditure on education

1198. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has spent 16 per cent less than the original allocated amount of ₹ 82,771 crore on education during 2014-15; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Intake in courses in colleges and universities

1199. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intake of any course in colleges is restricted by regulation of the concerned universities and the same is not applicable to university run courses and whether this is not an anomaly;

(b) whether deemed universities indiscriminately introduce new courses and increase the intake strength; and

(c) what mechanism is in force to oversee such actions, in order to maintain the quality of education?

Making institutes world class

†1200. 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 make institutes of higher education world class;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps in this regard; and

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

Appointments in Delhi University

1201. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Commerce, University of Delhi has appointed teachers on *ad hoc* basis in the beginning of current academic session;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some new teachers have been appointed by the Department in addition to the existing teachers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, out of the new appointees, all of them are students of present Head of Department of Commerce and if so, whether it does not amount to favouritism; and

(d) if so, what action Government is proposing to take against the responsible person?

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Innovation programmes

1202. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of innovation programmes being undertaken in the universities, Central as well as State, across the country;

(b) the details of students who are involved in the innovation programmes; and

(c) the details of funds spent in these programmes?

Girls' hostels in Assam

1203. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Assam Government for setting up of girls hostels in economically backward blocks of the State;

(b) if so, the details including its present status and by when these proposals are likely to be approved; and

(c) the status of such proposals received from other States during the last three years, State-wise and proposal-wise?

Accreditation of colleges

1204. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many universities, deemed universities, and colleges are accredited by the NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) in Kerala; and

(b) how many colleges have got 'A' Grade NAAC accreditation in the state and the names of such colleges?

Girl students utilizing NSIGSE

1205. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether SC/ST girl students have utilized the National Schemes of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) in a big way;

(b) how much funds have been distributed under this scheme during the last three years;

(c) how many girls were benefited;

(d) whether many girls in Kerala were not benefited due to tough conditions; and

(e) whether Government would raise the amount of one time scholarship sanctioned to 9th standard students?

Literacy rate

1206. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that India's literacy rate is well below the world average and India currently has the largest illiterate population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government has taken to eliminate illiteracy from the country?

Aadhaar Card for Mid Day Meals

1207. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made Aadhaar number mandatory to avail mid day meals in schools and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has data of children availing mid day meals who have Aadhaar Cards and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the data of children availing mid day meals who do not have Aadhaar Card yet; and

(d) the manner in which Government is planning to ensure that mid day meals are served in schools to children without forcing them for Aadhaar enrolment and excluding them for not having Aadhaar number?

Implementation of AEP

1208. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of Government and private schools implementing the Adolescent Education Programme (AEP), State-wise;

(b) whether programme includes modules on Comprehensive Sexuality Education and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether India has affirmed the sexual and reproductive rights of adolescents at United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and if so, whether it is obliged to provide free and compulsory comprehensive sexuality education to adolescents;

(d) whether twelve State Governments have banned AEP and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps to uphold its commitments under ICPD agenda?

Qualification of vice chancellors

†1209. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vice chancellors appointed in all Central Universities belong to a particular organisation if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of qualifications and backgrounds of vice chancellors appointed in Central Universities after 2014?

Scholarships to girls

1210. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken initiatives to promote enrolment of girls in higher educational and technical institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of girls issued scholarships under Single Girl Child, Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research, Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women and PRAGATI scheme for Girl Child during the last two years in the country, scheme-wise, particularly Punjab; and

(d) whether any study has been made to analyse the impact of these schemes to improve the enrolment of girls and if so, the details thereof?

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Facilities at JNVs

1211. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for each student per day under meals/refreshment in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs); and

(b) the number of JNVs in the country having concrete made academic blocks and those having arrangement of safe drinking water?

Textbooks published by NCERT

1212. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the schools under the Central Board of Secondary Education would compulsorily have textbooks published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT);

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure quality in the contents of NCERT books and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has updated the contents of NCERT books during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any Member of Parliament has recommended to provide wholesale agency of NCERT in Maharashtra?

Amount spent on Central Universities

1213. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds spent by Government on each of the 43 Central Universities;

(b) whether future funding of Central Universities would be linked to their performance, as part of a plan to make these institutions more accountable;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the performance parameters fixed by Government for this purpose?

Seats vacant in engineering colleges

1214. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of engineering seats in various colleges across the country are vacant as there is no admission in the engineering colleges and if so, the details thereof, college-wise and State-wise;

(b) the reasons for this state of affairs in colleges; and

(c) the details of measures being taken by AICTE on such engineering colleges and seats?

Release of funds to Central Government Institutions

1215. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of current status of releasing funds for institutions established in Andhra Pradesh as per AP Reorganisation Act, such as IIT Tirupathi, Institute of Scientific Educational Research, IIM Visakhapatnam, NIT Tadepalligudem and IIT Kurnool for construction of separate campus; and

(b) whether the Ministry has given its consent to release the necessary funds for construction of above institutions immediately so as to complete the work in the scheduled time and if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of Innovation Programmes

1216. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment about the Innovation Programmes being carried out in the universities in the country including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government or Government Agencies have suggested any improvements in the Innovation Programmes conceived and implemented by the universities/institutions of higher education;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Infrastructure facilities in schools

1217. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to create infrastructural facilities in all schools across the country particularly in State of Tamil Nadu by utilizing 'Primary Education Cess';

(b) whether any audit objection has been raised for utilizing 'Primary Education Cess' for creating school infrastructure which hampers infrastructural work; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Lack of programming skills

1218. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 95 per cent engineers are not fit to take up software development jobs due to poor academic background;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 4.77 per cent candidates could write the correct logic for a program;

(d) whether while more than 60 per cent candidates could not even write code that compiles, only 1.4 per cent could write functionally correct and efficient code; and

(e) whether the lack of programming skills is adversely impacting the IT and data science eco-system in India?

Draft of New Education Policy

1219. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the first draft of new National Education Policy (NEP), would be ready shortly and if so, the details thereof;

(b) who are the members of the panel for preparing the new NEP;

(c) whether the views of all stakeholders, including State Governments would also be taken into consideration before finalizing the draft and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Employability of engineering and business graduates

1220. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is preparing a Perspective Plan-2030 to address the issue of low employability of engineering and business graduates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the job offer percentage for engineering and MBA graduates during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons for low employability; and

(d) whether the curriculum would be suitably revised to keep pace with fast changing technology and to equip students with required skills for job market and if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in budget for primary education

1221. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether the allocation of budget for primary education has been reduced during the last three years, as a result of which State Governments are not getting enough funds from the Central Government;

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

(c) the details of percentage of budget allocated for primary education during last three years, State-wise?

Reservation in promotion to SC and ST

†1222. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of provisions made and implemented for Reservation in Promotion regarding promotion of senior officers of all groups belonging to SC and ST categories; and

(b) the policy of continuing reservation in promotion and the measures taken to implement it till all departmental posts of Group A and B have the prescribed number of SC and ST candidates as per their respective 15 per cent and 7.5 per cent reservation respectively for social justice?

Restriction in conduct rules on investments by employees

1223. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any restrictions under relevant conduct rules on investments by Central Government employees in stock market/financial market instruments;

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

(c) whether Government is considering any proposal for giving greater freedom to Central Government employees to invest in such instruments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Pendency of RTI appeals

1224. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of central RTI appeals are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by which time the replies would be served;

(c) whether it is also a fact that lack of staff strength is the only reason of such backlogs; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government regarding appointment of staff and disposal of appeals?

Separate Act for empowering CBI

1225. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not yet decided to enact a separate Act for Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which would give more powers to the agency to take up investigations *suo moto*, make it first responder in serious crimes and have a dedicated anti-terrorism division making it a true federal probe agency like FBI in which States can not interfere;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present powers given to CBI is inadequate and it must have a separate statute for the agency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Works of CBI

1226. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, of late, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has come under judicial flak for tardy investigative work resulting in acquittal of the accused,

eroding its public image as the nation's premier investigating agency modelled on the FBI of USA;

(b) whether a few of the top/key functionaries of the agency have been charged with corruption and collusion with the accused in cases probed by CBI; and

(c) if so, the details of such cases now pending trial in High Courts/Supreme Court of India?

Class-1 officers selected by UPSC

1227. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Class-1 officers at all India level under Government, selected by UPSC;

(b) the total number of such officers belonging to SC, ST, OBC and muslim communities; and

(c) the total strength in all India services such as IAS, IPS, IRS and IFS?

Per capita income of tribal people

1228. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the per capita income of the tribal people in the various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the findings thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether per capita income of tribal people is lower than the income of general class and persons belonging to other categories;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard and the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Identification of poor families in towns and cities

1229. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has set up a committee headed by NITI Aayog members to identify poor families in towns and cities for Government-funded welfare schemes;

(b) if so, whether the committee has since submitted the report;

(c) if so, what are the highlights of the report;

(d) whether the new methodology suggested by Debroy panel deprived many urban poor from getting benefits; and

(e) if so, whether corrective measures have been taken to include all the poor people, by having a liberalized criteria and if so, the details thereof?

Rangarajan Committee to study poverty

†1230. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rangarajan Committee was set up to study poverty in the country and the Committee submitted its report in 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report and suggestion of Rangarajan Committee for implementation of schemes targeted for the poor are being given due importance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana

1231. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding number of consumers and merchants who joined Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana (DDVY) since its commencement till date, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details regarding the expenditure on the promotion of Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana (DDVY) till date; and

(c) the details of the amount disbursed to winners in Lucky Grahak Yojana and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana (DDVY) and whether Government feels that this money which is being spent is aiding its mission for people to go cashless?

Inclusion/exclusion of castes in OBC list

1232. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests from States are pending with Government for inclusion/exclusion of castes in the Central Government's list of OBCs particularly from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the procedure being followed to include the castes from BC list of States into OBC list of Central Government?

Persons benefited by old age homes

1233. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old age homes for

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senior citizens established by various State Governments across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of old age persons benefited by these old age homes during the said period, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the amount of grant released by Government to various States to provide better care to such persons, State/Union Territory-wise?

Status of places pertaining to Dr. Ambedkar

†1234. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the land and building of the parinirvan sthal of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar located at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi was taken over and the cost and method thereof and by whom it was inaugurated in the year 2003 or 2004 and the details of engraved edicts therein;

(b) the details of four bungalows which were demolished for construction of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre at Janpath and the details of Bhumi Pujan/edicts of foundation stone in the year 2003 or 2004; and

(c) the latest details of places mentioned in 'a' and 'b' above?

Constitutional status to NCBC

1235. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to provide constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to increase the number of membership from three to five; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Standards for old age homes

1236. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved and prescribed certain standards for the old age homes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to have a central legislation or executive order prescribing standards for services, facilities to be made available in old age homes in Government to private sectors in order to remove widespread disparities in services offered?

Toilets for transgenders

1237. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey on population of third gender in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any initiative to construct public toilets specially for transgenders;

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(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

SC/ST status on inter State migration

1238. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that scheduled persons who have migrated and settled in another State after 1950 do not get any benefit enjoyed by SC/ST sections of that State;

(b) whether Constitution permits any citizen to move from any State and settle in any other State and it is fair to deny this right to SC/ST people; and

(c) whether Government would adopt a sympathetic approach to them and amend the rules since, a large number of them have moved from one State to another during the last 66 years?

Proposals for social welfare schemes in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

1239. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposals for various social welfare schemes in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to approve those proposals for the benefit of rural and urban poor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Making the caste census data public

†1240. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the reasons why the caste census data was not made public after the census conducted in 2011;

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to make public the caste census with respect to all the castes including Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to revise reservation on the basis of caste census 2011 so that the benefit of reservation could be availed in proportion to the population?

Protection of rights of senior citizens

1241. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, senior citizens are being neglected and abused by their kith and kin in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken or proposes to take to ensure proper

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implementation of the law to protect parents and senior citizens?

Schemes for social defence sector

1242. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of schemes implemented in social defence sector;

(b) whether the Ministry would take into consideration the minimum wages provisions while developing cost norms for salary under various schemes/grants;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether these cost norms would include provisions for provident fund and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation according to population

†1243. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the OBC, SC and ST categories together constitute 85 per cent of the population and the rest 15 per cent constitute the general category and in this way 85 per cent population is getting 50 per cent reservation while the remaining 50 per cent reservation is going to the 15 per cent population of the general category;

(b) whether Government is proposing to provide reservation according to the population, in view of the figures that emerged after the 2011 Census; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Rules/regulations under the Act relating to cerebral palsy and autism etc.

1244. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the rules/regulations have been framed under the Act relating to cerebral palsy and autism etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with Section under which these were framed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

Schemes for senior citizens

1245. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes those have been initiated by Government in past three years for the welfare of senior citizens in the country; and

(b) under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2017 how many people have been penalised till date for the abandonment of senior citizens?

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Increase in amount of money under MPLADS

1246. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount of money under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the rationale therefor?

Evaluation of on-going projects

1247. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any evaluation of the on-going major core sector projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken for timely completion of these projects?

Distillation unit for tribal population in West Bengal

1248. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the State Government of West Bengal is setting up over twenty acre farm to produce vetiver, lemon grass and essential oils along with a distillation unit in Jhargram district of West Midnapore to help the tribal population there to gain financial independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is ready to take up this idea and establish such model farms aimed at the development of the tribal people; and

(d) whether Government would give special financial assistance to the State of West Bengal in this regard?

Inclusion of fishermen community in ST category

1249. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from Andhra Pradesh to include fishermen community in the ST category;

(b) if so, the Central Government's response thereto; and

(c) if not, whether the Central Government would consider the proposal *suo-moto* in view of demands from the fishermen community?

Guidelines regarding forest villages and revenue villages

1250. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of identification and conversion of forest and unsurveyed villages into revenue villages as per Section 3(1)(h) of Forests Rights Act, 2006, State-wise; and

(b) which States have followed guidelines of the Ministry issued on 8th November, 2013 while converting such forest and unsurveyed villages into revenue villages?

Change in criteria for inclusion in STs list

1251. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and modalities for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes under Article 342 of the Constitution;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change these criteria and modalities in view of the recent demands from some advanced communities for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the safeguards put in place by Government to protect the interests of the Scheduled Tribes in the original list against these new demands?

Forest Land Area Act in Himachal Pradesh

1252. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tribals living in forest villages in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the tribal living in forest villages are denied the privileges under the Forest Land Area Act and if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to convert such a forest villages into revenue villages in Himachal Pradesh?

Proposals for inclusion in STs list

1253. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding tribes facing problems in getting Scheduled Tribes(ST) certificates from the State authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereto, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any proposals from State Governments including Assam and other North Eastern States for inclusion of various communities in the list of STs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a number of recommendations for inclusion of tribes in the list of STs are still pending with the Government for approval; and

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

Special plans for development of Tribal areas

†1254. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special plans to provide basic facilities like power, health, roads, water and education etc. in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any special funds have been granted towards development of these areas during the last three years and current year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) whether Government has received suggestions from various States in this regard and if so, the details of suggestions received and the steps taken on them, State-wise?

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E-commerce platforms for tribal artisans

1255. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to provide e-commerce platforms to the tribal artisans to sell their products international;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry proposes to introduce such facility for tribal artisans of the country in future?

Administrative reforms in Ministry

1256. DR. VINAY P. SAHAS-RABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any new and specific policy initiative after June 2014 to achieve the objectives of the Ministry and if so, the details of these initiatives and the overall impact of these initiatives; and

(b) whether Government has introduced any major administrative reforms specifically to achieve the objectives of the Ministry, in its functioning after May 2014 and if so, the details thereof and what has been their impact?

Eradication of malnutrition in cooperation with AIIMS

1257. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action to tackle malnutrition in the country

in cooperation with All India Institute of Medical Sciences and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any evaluation of the actions taken in eradication of malnutrition in the country during the last three years;

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

(d) the measures taken by Government for effective implementation and monitoring the actions taken?

Swadhar Grih Scheme in each districts

1258. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRA-PATI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swadhar Grih Scheme for rehabilitation of women victims of unfortunate circumstances still needs strengthening, considering the size of fund allocation during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress, so far, made since the launch of the Scheme;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up Swadhar Grih fully managed and controlled by women in each district of the country to meet the requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Need for reforms in Anganwadi Centres

†1259. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extensive

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reforms are needed in Anganwadi Centres being run for children's welfare in the rural and under developed areas; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Anganwadi Centres are not getting desired results in the absence of systemic mechanism for physical verification?

Disbursal of compensation under Nirbhaya Scheme

1260. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since inception of Nirbhaya Scheme, there has been utter confusion over disbursal of compensation;

(b) if so, the coordination process among the Ministries of Finance, Women and Child Development and Home Affairs;

(c) the disbursement of funds and requests pending under the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government for speedy justice to the victims?

ASSOCHAM-EY report on malnourished kids

1261. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the largest number of malnourished kids in the world;

(b) if so, the details of ASSOCHAM-EY report thereon; and

(c) the proposals and programmes of

Government to overcome the situation and to supply adequate balanced food?

Violence against girls and women

1262. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidences of violence against girls and women, both within and outside their homes;

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

(c) whether existing laws have proved to be inadequate to curb crime against women;

(d) if so, whether Government is considering to amend the existing laws; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare schemes for Anganwadi Workers

†1263. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to announce more welfare schemes for Anganwadi Workers to protect their jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that some States are not willing to provide additional facilities to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to increase their salary and other benefits?

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Undernourished children

1264. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a pilot project, the Ministry has found that a large number of children in various districts of the country are undernourished; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to equip Anganwadis to address this problem during the last three years?

Draft National Policy for Women

1265. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come out with a draft National Policy for Women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has incorporated most of the suggestions received from general public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revision of National Policy for Women

1266. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revision of the existing 16 year old National Policy for Women would involve looking at new and emerging problems being faced by women;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the draft National Policy for Women, 2017 is being examined by a Group of Ministers;

(c) whether the draft envisages that the personal laws are required to be reviewed given its plurality in accordance with the constitutional provisions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Orphanages for women and children

1267. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides grants to NGOs for setting up of orphanages for women and children in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds sanctioned/released to various States including Karnataka during the last three years and the current year, State-wise/year-wise?

Registration of orphanages

†1268. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to get the orphanages located in various parts of the country registered;

(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?

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Maternity benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

1269. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government may allow maternity benefits for only first child instead of second, due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the preparedness of Government to mitigate the risk of malnutrition and morbidity which is higher during the second pregnancy;

(c) whether Government proposes to extend the maternity benefits to all pregnant women at the rate of ₹ 6,000 under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in all the districts of Maharashtra; and

(d) the annual target for the current year and the number of women reaping the benefits of this scheme, so far, State/ UT-wise?

Miserable condition of children

1270. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government has noted the miserable condition of children suffering from malnutrition, pollution, child marriage and school dropouts at the elementary level of education in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated/implemented schemes/ programmes for their development, protection and welfare;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released and utilized during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise, year-wise and State/ Union Territory-wise; and

(d) other steps taken/being taken by Government to protect the interest of children, particularly rural children and to improve their condition?

Women development through organic farming

†1271. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to promote the organic farming and sale of its products by women folk to ensure women development in our country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any programmes for imparting training to women on organic farming have been conducted in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has set any target towards sale of organic products manufactured by women in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for State Women Commissions

†1272. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allocated to the State Women Commissions for various welfare activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds allocated to such bodies,

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State/UT-wise and the details of funds utilised in each year for the last three years and the current year;

(c) the major activities carried out by various State Women Commissions in the said period; and

(d) whether Government has gathered information about those State Women Commissions which have not utilised the funds/under-utilised the funds and if so, the details thereof?

Mechanism to monitor NGOs

†1273. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run in North-Eastern Region for empowerment of women and development of children by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);

(b) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to monitor the work being done by NGOs there and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the beneficiaries of various schemes during the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) whether these schemes have helped in improving the standard of life of beneficiaries and if so, the method of assessment and the results thereof?

SABLA and KSY scheme in NER

1274. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA);

(b) the number of districts in the country which have Kishori Shakthi Yojana (KSY) scheme operational;

(c) the number of districts in the country especially in the North Eastern Region which are not covered under either of the schemes and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the funds allocated by the Ministry under SABLA and KSY schemes during the last three years and the current year?

Violation of women rights in Byculla jail of Mumbai

1275. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Empowerment of Women had visited the Byculla jail in Mumbai in July, 2017 to study the living conditions of women there;

(b) whether they found the place hellhole for inmates and whether jail staff are not allowing meetings with families and found stones in rice and unhygienic toilets; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to rectify rights violation that inmates faced?

Strategy against malnutrition among children and women

1276. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any strategy to combat and wipe out malnutrition among growing children and

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women particularly pregnant women in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has devised any new initiatives and policies for the development of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and for the nutrition of pregnant women in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the performance of ICDS programmes and women welfare schemes during the last three years, State-wise?

24 hour CHILDLINE CONTACT CENTRES

1277. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AWD CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for States/Union Territories to set up 24 hour CHILDLINE CONTACT CENTRES (CCC) and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of childline services existing in the country, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) the number of complaints reported during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether there is a mechanism in place to monitor and evaluate the functioning of these services and if so, the details thereof?

Sensitizing students about crimes and consequences

1278. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes committed by juveniles are on the rise in the country and minors are not aware of the nature and serious consequences of crimes under law;

(b) whether Government in consultation with State Governments proposes to bring in a mechanism to sensitize students about various forms of crimes and their consequences; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Crimes committed by minors

1279. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AWD CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of crimes committed by minors are on the rise in the country, especially in urban parts of the country;

(b) whether Government, in consultation with State Governments, proposes to initiate comprehensive study to know the reasons behind increase in crimes committed by minors;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Safety of women in public transport

1280. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

had allocated the funds to the tune of ₹ 150 crore for safety of women in public transport and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of this project along with utilisation of funds in this regards, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has made a separate head for this project in the Annual Budget and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund?

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