

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

Agreement between westinghouse and NPCIL

1921. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Westinghouse Electric Company and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) have entered into an agreement to set up six new nuclear plants in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed locations of nuclear plants, capacity, costs and proposed year of commencement?

Extraction of uranium from mines

1922. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of uranium mines in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total uranium extracted from these mines during the last three years, till date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that extraction and processing cost of uranium in the country is very high as compared to other countries?

Shortage of nuclear fuel

1923. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of nuclear fuel in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to have adequate supply of nuclear fuel;

(c) by when the country is likely to become self-dependent in this field;

(d) whether Government has signed any MoU with foreign countries for import of uranium or nuclear fuel in any form; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of uranium imported from various countries and expenditure incurred during the last three years and the current year, country-wise and year-wise?

Leakage of radioactive waste from BARC

1924. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is leakage of radioactive waste from the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) into Thane Creek and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to stop such leakage and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any study to assess the impact of radioactive waste leakage on environment and health and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Policy initiative for friendly relations with neighbouring countries

1925. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any new policy initiative after June 2014 to ensure friendlier relations with our major neighbouring countries, 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 in the functioning of our embassies or high commissions in neighbouring countries for better work culture after May 2014, if so, their details and what has been their impact?

Inclusion of Hafiz Saeed in list of terrorists by USA

†1926. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USA has not included the name of Pakistani terrorist Hafiz Saeed in the list of terrorists despite making promise of support to India in fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, whether India will again exert pressure on the USA; and

(c) if not, whether the USA continues to be a strong partner of India in fight against terrorism?

Choice of regional languages in passports

1927. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passports would be printed both in English and Hindi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether people from States where Hindi is not spoken would have a choice of English and their regional languages, in their passports?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Impact of revised Nitaqat scheme on Indian migrants

1928. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saudi Arabia has revised the Nitaqat scheme from September this year and it impacts Indian migrants a lot;

(b) the details of emigration clearances given for Saudi Arabia during the last three years, and the current year, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there were only 1.65 lakh emigration clearances for Saudi Arabia during 2016 which is less than 50 per cent as compared to previous year; and

(d) the details of people, skilled and unskilled, going to Saudi Arabia from India during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

Impact of FTA signed by Maldives with China

1929. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maldives rushing to sign up a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China recently has taken India by surprise;

(b) whether the Indian commercial intelligence setup has been caught unawares with Maldives signing its first FTA with any country and China its second FTA with any country after Pakistan; and

(c) whether India has tried to fathom the motives behind Maldives convening its Parliament for an emergency sitting and passing the FTA resolution with only 30 out of 80 senators present?

Security partnership with USA, Japan and Australia

1930. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA has offered India credibility of security partnerships with Japan and Australia, that is, Quad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any preparatory work has been done in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the time period for the same?

Partnership of Russia in Belt and Road initiative

1931. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia is a major partner in China's \$ one trillion Belt and Road initiative which India opposes;

(b) whether Russia is discussing connectivity issues in an open-minded and constructive manner with both India and China;

(c) whether the cooperation at Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) would help assuage such concerns; and

(d) if so, Government's response in this regard?

Hike in expatriate dependent fee imposed by Saudia Arabia

1932. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of

the Ministry that there is an astronomical hike in expatriate dependent fee imposed by Saudi Arabia which primarily aims to send Indian families back to India;

(b) whether it would impact 30 lakh Indians staying in Saudi Arabia;

(c) whether the Ministry is also aware that from the next year the tax would be double and by 2020 the fee or family tax would be 4,800 Riyals; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry is planning to persuade the Saudi Government to refrain from imposing such tax?

New regional grouping in place of SAARC

1933. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feels that SAARC has failed to achieve its potential because of Pakistans attitudes towards India; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider pulling out of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and consider alternative including floating a new regional grouping to meet India's geo-political and geo-strategic interests?

Swarna Pravas Yojana

1934. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swarna Pravas Yojana to impart skill development for overseas employment to the Indian youth is yet to be implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

number of persons proposed to be skilled under the scheme;

(c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) the action taken by Government for implementation of the scheme expeditiously and successfully?

Chinese visa on loose sheets for J & K residents

1935. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that few nationals from J&K are being issued Chinese visas on loose sheets of paper and not stamped on their passports;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up this issue with the Government of China to arrest this practice;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, whether this practice has been stopped by Government of China; and

(e) if not, what steps have been taken by Government to resolve this issue?

Complaints of Indian migrants in Middle East

1936. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any investigation on the poor living conditions of Indian migrant workers in the Middle East, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government plans to undertake measures to improve the living standards of these workers, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Indian Workers' Resource Centre established in the UAE till November, 2017; and

(d) the number of complaints resolved till November, 2017?

BRICS summit attended by Prime Minister

1937. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister, has attended the BRICS Summit held recently in Xiamen city in China, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the highlights of the summit and bilateral agreements that took place during the Summit, the MoUs entered into with BRICS member countries, the areas in which mutual cooperation would be extended among member countries; and

(c) the details of the meeting with President of China on Doklam issue, the measures being undertaken to solve the Doklam issue, the detail thereof?

Financial/legal assistance to women abandoned by overseas Indian spouses

1938. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced a scheme to provide financial assistance to Indian women abused/abandoned by their overseas Indian spouses, so that they can get access to counselling and legal services, with Indian Missions/Posts abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the countries where the scheme is being implemented;

(d) whether Government proposes to implement the scheme in rest of the countries also; and

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

Establishment of a Camp by China at Doklam Trijunction

1939. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has again established its camp of about 2000 soldiers at Doklam Trijunction;

(b) if so, whether India have deputed sufficient formations to combat any situation;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of diplomatic efforts, if any made by Government in this regard?

Most Favoured Nation status to Pakistan

1940. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister made a statement about reviewing of Most Favoured Nation status of Pakistan, after Uri attack;

(b) if so, whether any progress has been made by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the details of the reasons for not being able to take any action, so far?

Submission of passport in Saudi Arabia

†1941. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Saudi Arabia, crew members of Indian Airlines have to submit their passport with the immigration officer of that country during their stay over there;

(b) whether discrimination is done with the Indian crew members in Saudi Arabia by not giving them freedom of stay as is available to the crew members of other countries; and

(c) whether the Ministry will take necessary steps in this regard to bring the equality by negotiating with Government over there for persuading them not to submit passports of crew members as is done with the crew members of other countries?

Financial health of CPSEs

1942. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) has increased during 2015-16 compared to the previous financial years;

(b) whether the loss made by these CPSEs is the highest in the last four years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of measures taken to improve the financial health of these CPSEs;

(d) whether Government is contemplating disinvestment of these loss making CPSEs;

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

(f) the details of steps contemplated to provide alternate source of livelihood to laid off workers of these CPSEs?

Capital Goods policy

1943. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Capital Goods policy; and

(b) what has been the average growth of Capital Goods sector during the last three years?

Enabling ecosystem for all electric vehicles

1944. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the steps taken to create an enabling ecosystem for the wave of associated investment, regulatory changes, innovative financing and partnerships that would be required to achieve the commensurate scale up given the Government's ambitious target of replacing all new cars with electric vehicles by 2030?

Cement factory in Karnataka

1945. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) cement factory of Kurkunta in Karnataka; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is functioning under private or public entrepreneurship?

New metro rail policy

1946. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has rolled out a new metro rail policy recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact the new policy has been made to benefit the private agencies and reduce the budget from Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is aware that the proposed metro rail policy would become detrimental to the future metro rail projects and if so, the details thereof?

Direction of Supreme Court for implementation of NULM

1947. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently directed Government to assess the availability of houses for homeless and take steps for providing temporary houses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Court was not satisfied with the implementation of the National Urban Livelihood Mission and issued appropriate direction in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of BPL card beneficiaries who have been allotted permanent/temporary houses; and

(d) the details of various facilities provided to BPL card beneficiaries of the States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh?

Increase in Reform Incentive Fund

1948. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to develop housing and alleviate urban poverty in Jharkhand under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) whether Government release fund earmarked for particular city/town;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has increased the Reform Incentive Fund from ₹ 900 crore to ₹ 10,000 crore during the next three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and city-wise for Jharkhand?

Establishment of Smart City Advisory Forum

1949. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent of Smart City funds would flow to just 2.7 per cent of the city area for developing the smart cities and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether city level Smart City Advisory Forums have been established which propose to engage multiple stakeholders including the citizens and if so, the details thereof, city-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress of Smart City Development Project in Amritsar

1950. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for the progress of Smart City

Development Project sanctioned in the year 2015-16 for Amritsar;

(b) the main reasons for continuous delay in completing this project;

(c) the utilization of allocations during 2016-17; and

(d) the details of allocations made during 2017-18?

Swachhta Index 2018

1951. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether false claims about sanitation infrastructure and tier usage to improve rankings the Swachhta Index would cost municipal bodies dear;

(b) whether the next survey of Swachhta would cover 4,041 cities and towns with total population of 40 crore;

(c) whether Government has introduced the provisions for rewarding innovative practices which would get additional weightage of 5 per cent;

(d) whether the methodology and weightage for Swachh Survekshan, 2018 have been modified based on extensive consultations with city and State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Panel for implementation of RERA

1952. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a 31 member panel to advise it on implementing RERA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that many States are not implementing RERA in accordance with the Central Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in metro fares

1953. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that increasing fare twice in a single year is in violation of Section 37 of the Metro Railway (Operations and Maintenance) Act, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons why Government overlooked it and hiked the Delhi metro fares; and

(c) whether it is a fact that by hiking the fares Government has gone against the fare-fixation committee recommendations?

Shelter homes for the poor

1954. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court appointed Committee concluded that 90 per cent of urban homeless does not have shelters;

(b) if so, what are the reasons behind this in spite of Government starting National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) in 2013 to set up shelter homes for poor;

(c) the details of cities covered under NULM and the performance of construction of shelter homes in the above cities, State-wise; and

(d) how the Ministry is planning to go ahead, in view of Committee's above findings?

Public Procurement Policy of CPSEs

1955. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 131 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) have not complied with the mandatory 20 per cent procurement of inputs from local vendors during 2015-16;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measure undertaken by Government to deter CPSEs from deviating this provision in Public Procurement Policy;

(d) whether there has been an improvement in compliance of CPSEs with Public Procurement Policy during 2016-17; and

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

Alternative land for landfill sites

1956. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that due to neglect in Ghazipur landfill site, tragic incident happened causing three deaths and injuries to many persons;

(b) the action taken so far by DDA to allot alternative land for landfill site; and

(c) the details of efforts made by the Ministry to resolve the issue of landfill sites amicably, by providing alternative sites and proper disposal of municipal wastes?

Extension of Airport Express Line

1957. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation proposes to extend underground stretch from Dwarka Sector 21 to Dwarka Sector 25 on Airport Express Line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total cost involved in the project and the sources of funding; and

(d) the time by which the line would be completed?

Metro rail in Vijayawada and Vizag cities

1958. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any progress in setting up metro rail in Vijayawada and Vizag cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to overcome the hiccups in implementing these two projects?

Houses constructed in Rajasthan under PMAY

†1959. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses constructed in Rajasthan under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana since its inception till date, district-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the details of targets set under this scheme for the year 2016-17; and

(c) whether the set target has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Integrated Sewerage System in Odisha

1960. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Integrated Sewerage System for Sambalpur town and Rourkela town projects funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); and

(b) by what time these two proposals sent by Government of Odisha would be cleared?

Policy for expansion and regulation of metro rail services

1961. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a metro policy for expanding and regulating metro rail services in cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the policy seeks to ensure that metro projects are initiated for sound reasons;

(d) whether Government has also rejected proposals from the State Governments for metro rail projects stating lack of passengers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Surrendering of DDA Houses by allottees

†1962. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the houses are being surrendered by successful allottees of DDA Housing Schemes, 2017 and if so, the number of such allottees and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps for addressing those reasons;

(c) whether houses to be constructed for EWS have been converted into LIG flats which are quite small and that is also a reason for surrendering; and

(d) the number of houses which have been surrendered by the allottees in Housing Scheme, 2014?

Works by D Division of CPWD

1963. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work undertaken by the Central Public Works Department, D Division during the last two years and the current financial year, item-wise;

(b) the number of dwelling units being catered to by CPWD in Laxmi Bai Nagar, under D Division;

(c) the quantum of funds released and utilised by CPWD, D Division in renovation and other work under D Division during the last two years and the current year, item-wise; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for completion of work; and
 (e) if so, the details thereof?

National Urban Policy

1964. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to come up with a National Urban Policy;
 (b) whether it is also a fact that more than one-third of Indians would be living in urban areas during the next four years and the urban population would reach nearly 82 crore by 2050;
 (c) whether UN Habitat has mandated that all member nations should have such a policy; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

Slums demolished under Smart Cities Mission

1965. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of slums demolished in selected smart cities for developmental projects particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Delhi;
 (b) whether guidelines have been issued to State Governments to provide rehabilitation to people living in slums before land is acquired for developmental purposes under Smart Cities Mission;
 (c) the details of amount sanctioned, released and utilised, so far in these States under the Mission for rehabilitation of people living in slums; and

- (d) the details of rehabilitation projects to be started or under implementation in those cities particularly in Indore, Bhubaneswar and Delhi?

Transfer of DDA land to corporation for construction of marriage hall

†1966. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a marriage hall for Madanpur Khadar village in Delhi was proposed to be constructed on DDA land in J Block, Sarita Vihar and DDA was to transfer this land to the South Delhi Municipal Corporation there for and if so, the details thereof;
 (b) whether many meetings with the Vice Chairman, DDA was held on the issue by the member but the land has not yet been transferred and if so, the reasons therefor; and
 (c) by when the above land would be handed over to the Corporation?

Demarcation and boundary wall around DDA land near Batla House

†1967. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a demand for demarcation and boundary wall around DDA land near Batla House, Dhobi Ghat was there for many years and if so, the reasons for delay in its construction;
 (b) whether this land has been encroached due to absence of demarcation and boundary wall, and if so, the details of steps being taken to prevent it; and
 (c) whether this land is also being used as a dumping ground for garbage thereby

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

making it filthy and if so, by when the work of constructing boundary wall and park would be done?

**Recommendations of Committee
headed by Bibek Debroy**

1968. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the Committee headed by Bibek Debroy in January, 2017;

(b) the methodology for ascertaining which households would be automatically included or excluded for certain welfare benefits in urban areas;

(c) which households are eligible for State benefits; and

(d) whether Government is planning to refine the methodology so as to target larger number of actual households availing benefits?

**Prefab industry for promoting
affordable housing**

1969. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to give a big push for the prefab industry for promoting affordable housing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prefab is going to solve the housing shortage in the country;

(c) whether with prefab products a house can be built in just two hours; and

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

Extension of metro lines

1970. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved an extra 313 km of metro lines involving nine cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a total of 537 km of metro sections are under construction;

(d) whether to speed up metro expansion, Government has increased the budgetary provisions for metro projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Beneficiaries under Smart Cities
Mission**

1971. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of residents or population of respective city who are expected to benefit from these projects with regard to the Area Based Development (ABD) under Smart Cities Mission;

(b) what percentage of population of the cities would they represent;

(c) what is socio-economic status of the residents of this section of the cities;

(d) what is the Per Capita GDP of this section of the city; and

(e) the details of estimated per person expenditure for this project, city-wise?

Development of Yamuna River front

1972. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to develop Yamuna river front by Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would develop forest buffer area on the floodplain including planting of trees, etc.; and

(d) in how many phases, the project would be completed and the schedule thereof?

Deficiencies in NBCC Heights

1973. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of reports of a number of deficiencies in NBCC Heights project in Sector 89, Gurugram;

(b) the reasons for such deficiencies; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address these concerns of allottees of houses in that project?

Foreign entities under Smart Cities Mission projects

1974. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Smart Cities Mission projects which were conceived and

announced in Round (1) in January, 2016 would be completed in a pre-determined time-frame *i.e.* 2019-2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had engaged any foreign entities in completing the Smart Cities Mission projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Smart Cities Mission in various States

1975. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of projects approved in each smart city covered under Smart Cities Mission, particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh and Odisha, Delhi and Assam;

(b) the total investment proposed in each project, city-wise; and

(c) the status of implementation of the approved projects?

Evaluation of Swachh Bharat Mission

1976. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any evaluation of Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the Mission is being implemented in metropolitan cities and towns; and

(d) the steps taken for effective implementation of the Mission?

Education relating to Indian Law and Constitution

1977. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision in the national education curriculum to impart basic education relating to Indian Law and Constitution at the middle and secondary level as has been provided to students of Science, Technical, Medical and other streams;

(b) whether Government has any plan to introduce the same at the middle and secondary level which would prove to be immensely helpful to those students who chose law as his/her career/profession; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken therefor?

Teaching and learning system for disabled students

1978. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any system of suitably teaching and learning to meet the needs of different types of students with disabilities;

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

(c) the specific measures taken by Government to promote and facilitate inclusive education and skill development of differently abled children/students?

Schools in commercial buildings

1979. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken action against educational institutes, from primary schools to higher education, running from commercial buildings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Universities and deemed universities

1980. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many universities and deemed universities are there in the country;

(b) whether there are any private universities in the country;

(c) whether there are any private universities approved by Government in Kerala; and

(d) how many universities are affiliated to UGC and how many universities and deemed universities are from Kerala?

Admission of persons with disabilities in educational institutions

1981. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central universities/IITs/IIMs and other institutions of higher education have been admitting physically challenged or persons with disability as per Government policy;

(b) if so, the number of seats reserved for students under this category in each institution and the number of student actually admitted during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for maintenance of required percentage of students admitted under this category; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by Government against the institutions not following the guidelines in this regard?

Death in Sir Sunderlal Hospital, BHU

1982. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that fourteen patients have died in Sir Sunderlal Hospital under Banaras Hindu University (BHU) due to use of industrial gas instead of anaesthesia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether gas supplying agency has been supplying the same without license;

(d) if so, the basis on which contract was awarded to such an agency; and

(e) the details of action Government has taken against the guilty officials of BHU and gas supplying agency?

Sliding down of position of IISc

1983. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IISc Bangalore has slid down from its previous position in the 'Times Higher Education' world university ranking 2018;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) what measures the Ministry proposes to take to regain, retain and improve the

world ranking by such elite institutes of the country?

Encouraging regional language in primary education

1984. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make the education of regional language compulsory in primary education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Merging of colleges by AICTE

1985. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) is toying with the idea of merging two colleges in the vicinity of each other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that AICTE is also considering the proposal of buy outs to resolve the lingering issue of vacant seats in technical colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for universal education

1986. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to improve the reach of the school level education for children from classes 1 to 10 by merging two schemes meant to guarantee universal education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that funds in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan were not being utilized properly;

(d) whether the States can utilize the funds meant for the above schemes for the other older children; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Creation of Higher Education
Empowerment Regulation
Agency (HEERA)**

1987. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, of late, the performance of existing regulatory bodies in the realm of education has been found abysmal with the UGC messing up with the 'deemed university' regulatory functions and the AICTE having indiscriminately permitting creation of engineering seats without any rationale of actual demand;

(b) whether Government proposes to supersede both the regulatory bodies and create a new one called the Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA); and

(c) if so, whether Government has worked out the roadmap for HEERA and if so, the details thereof?

Gross Enrolment Ratio in Karnataka

1988. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 districts in Karnataka have been identified by UGC as educationally backward where Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education is less

than the national average of 124 per cent based on 2001 Census data;

(b) what is the present status of the above as per the 2011 Census data; and

(c) what efforts the Ministry is making to supplement the efforts of the State Government so that higher education goes up in those districts of Karnataka?

**Affiliation of colleges to private
universities**

1989. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give permission to private universities for affiliation of private/Government aided colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to ban use of the word "Universities" by private universities; and

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

**Seats for disabled students in
Central Universities**

1990. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of seats earmarked for disabled students in all the Central Universities/Institutions in the country, university-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that 84 per cent of above seats have been left vacant;

(c) what are the reasons for Central Universities/Institutions showing laxity in helping disabled youth getting admissions; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that disabled students get admission as per their rights in all universities?

Inter-State Kandriya Vidyalayas transfer facility

1991. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students of Kendriya Vidyalayas who availed the inter-State transfer facility during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) what is the ratio between the students who have availed this facility and those who have never availed the same?

Job opportunities for IITians abroad

1992. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 66 per cent of IITians have got job opportunities during 2016-17 as compared to 79 per cent in 2015-16 and 78 per cent in 2014-15;

(b) whether the above reflects stagnation or economic downturn;

(c) to what extent the protectionist steps taken by US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia and other countries impacted prospects of Indian IITians and others; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry is planning to address this issue?

Assessment of implementation of RTE

†1993. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any assessment of the implementation and of the Right to Education Act, its impact on the quality of education, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a notable decline has been recorded in the number of out of school children belonging to 6 to 14 years age group after the implementation of the above Act and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned and utilized under this act particularly in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Digitisation of academic records

†1994. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to digitize all the academic records of high and higher secondary schools in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has also planned to link Aadhaar Card with the certificates of the students, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard including Madhya Pradesh?

Computer literacy among school children

1995. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any specific policy to ensure computer literacy among school children across the States;

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

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(c) whether the Ministry has undertaken a State-wise survey of computer literacy among school children; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of such studies/surveys, with particular reference to Jharkhand?

Incidents of molestation in BHU

†1996. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether the students had to resort to protest as proper steps had not been taken in the incident of molestation of the girls in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in the month of September last year; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in view of failure and insensibility shown in addressing the problem at university administration level?

UGC panel for maintenance of standards in higher education

1997. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has constituted a panel to discuss new measures for maintenance of standards in higher education and to look at an overhaul of the present service condition and appointment rules for teachers and other staff in universities and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the UGC has also issued amended regulation on minimum qualification to appoint teachers and other staff based on 2016 amendment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality education to children

†1998. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether children from second to fifth class are very poor in reading and writing due to the failure of schools in imparting quality education to the children; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the elementary education and whether the Ministry proposes to devise a new system equipped with technology to impart more knowledge through lesser number of books?

Illiteracy rate in Gujarat

1999. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with 73.4 per cent of girls between 15-17 years in schools, Gujarat ranks 20th among 21 major States; and

(b) whether illiteracy rate in Gujarat among the rural women of 14 years and above was 36.8 per cent while it was 28.6 per cent among the urban and literacy was worst among the Scheduled Caste and

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Scheduled Tribes women, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

September, 2013; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Teachers in rural districts

2000. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teachers, both permanent and contractual employed in Government schools in rural districts of the country, State/UT-wise especially Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the ratio of teachers' absenteeism in Government schools in rural district in the country, State/UT-wise, especially Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has any scheme to incentivise the teachers posted in Government schools in rural India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Selection of IIT directors

2001. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to make the selection of incumbent IIT directors competitive if they want a second term;

(b) whether it is also a fact that under the present policy, Government has asked the incumbent director of an IIT, a few month before his term ends, if he is interested in continuing for another five years;

(c) whether Government is keen to change the current selection process and fill up directors' post only through advertisement which was the norm before

Computerised monitoring of MDMS

2002. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to fully computerize the monitoring of Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) for school children of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any arrangement for registering the complaints of Mid-Day Meal program through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether IVRS has been put in place; and

(f) if so, whether Government has reviewed its utility and if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement for research in all subjects

2003. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) encourages research in all subjects;

(b) whether it permits research and doctoral work in inter-disciplinary topics; and

(c) how many such studies have been conducted during the last three years in JNU?

Vacancies for children from EWS in private schools

2004. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of vacancies in seats reserved for children from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in private unaided schools, State-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether Government is taking steps to reduce the vacancies;

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

(d) the list of States which have implemented online applications for the reserved seats under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009; and

(e) Government's plan, if any, to increase the number of States providing online RTE application services?

Status of Centres for Study on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy

2005. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 34 'Centres for Study on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy' attached to some of the State and Central Universities had been set up under Eleventh Plan;

(b) whether these Centres are yet to be regularized;

(c) if so, what would be their status after March 2019, if the Universities do not accept the liability; and

(d) whether there is any plan to extend central assistance to the Universities for continuation of the centres?

Trained cooks-cum-helpers for mid-day meals

2006. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sent guidelines to all the State Governments to get cooks-cum-helpers trained by master trainers to cook mid-day meals in schools;

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

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that capacity of workforce at field level is built on in an ongoing basis; and

(d) what is the number of cooks who have been trained and appointed as master trainers during the last three years?

Physical activities made mandatory in schools

2007. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal of making an hour of physical activity per day mandatory in schools; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

Literacy rate of persons with disabilities

†2008. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate among persons with disabilities out of total literacy rate of the country, the rural and urban area-wise details thereof;

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(b) the literacy rate among disabled men and women respectively in rural and urban areas and the details of special action plan formulated to increase the literacy rate among such persons, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of disabled people getting admission in primary, secondary, higher secondary and higher educational institutions during the last three years and number of those who dropped out of studies midway in the country?

Anti-terrorist content in school curricula

†2009. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to include anti-terrorist contents in school curricula to create awareness about terrorism;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the alternate measures taken to create such awareness among students?

Prohibition on establishment of new engineering colleges

2010. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE is planning to introduce prohibition on establishment of new engineering colleges;

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

(c) by which academic year this decision

would come into force and if so, the details thereof?

Protection of languages

2011. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many languages are prevalent in India, spoken in different region by various community, sects and tribes etc. and how many have their own script;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of such languages have already become extinct or on the verge of extinction during the last fifty years, if so, which are those languages and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to protect these languages along with the culture and traditions interlinked with such languages?

Development of life skills and attitude in students

2012. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the existing education system does not provide for development of life skills and attitudes in students and is only concerned with high percentage of marks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to tackle this issue; and

(d) the suggestions of the public, NGOs and experts in this regard?

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National Policy on Education

2013. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether the National Policy on
Education accords priority for improvement
of standards of education at all levels for
children living in rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, whether any study has been
conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Disabled friendly infrastructure in schools and colleges

2014. SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any
guidelines to ensure availability of disabled
friendly infrastructure in the schools and
colleges in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to
ensure construction of disabled friendly
school/college buildings across the country?

Children carrying heavy school bags

†2015. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children,
specially primary school students have to

carry heavy school bags which casts ill-
effects on their development, health and
spine;

(b) whether CBSE has made some
suggestions to lessen the burden of bags on
the students from first to eight standard;

(c) if so, the steps taken, so far, by the
schools for implementation of the
suggestions of CBSE;

(d) whether Government has issued any
advisory to States for taking steps in this
direction; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Girls enrolled in primary schools

2016. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the data of girls enrolled in primary
schools across socio-economic groups of
SC/ST, minorities and in rural-urban areas
during the previous three years, State-wise;

(b) the schemes, measures and
incentives implemented by the Ministry
aimed at enhancing girls' participation and
ensuring their retention in education; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any
other steps to reduce the gender disparity
so as to achieve better gender parity index
and if so, the details thereof?

Discrepancies in format of questions for entrance exams

2017. SHRI NARAYAN LAL
PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there have been discrepancies in formats and questions of various entrance exams like NEET, CLAT, etc.;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any measures to check procedural flaws in conducting of entrance tests throughout the country and to bring greater transparency; and

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

Deputing of teachers from urban to rural areas

†2018. 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 about deputing teachers of urban areas into rural areas in view of shortage of teachers in rural areas;

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

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

Committee on deemed university

†2019. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to form a Committee on deemed universities;

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

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

Interest on education loan

†2020. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided that no interest on education loan would be charged from the students of weaker section of the society after the year 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this work was entrusted to Canara Bank but the bank is indulging in large scale irregularities while implementing this order;

(d) whether the bank has issued orders to waive off such loans arbitrarily on choice basis; and

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

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu

2021. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any requests from Members of Parliament and others to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps, if any, taken by Government on those requests?

Faculty posts lying vacant

2022. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Central Universities have more than fifty per cent of the faculty posts vacant;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that in IITs also more than 35 per cent of post are lying vacant;

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

(e) what remedial measures are adopted to fill up the faculties?

National Achievement Survey, 2017

2023. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) has conducted National Achievement Survey, 2017;

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

(c) the number of students who had been covered under the survey;

(d) whether NCERT had conducted similar survey earlier also;

(e) if so, the outcome of the said survey; and

(f) the other steps taken by Government to check the gaps in learning in Government and Government aided schools?

Corruption cases of IFFCO and KRIBHCO under CBI

2024. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the PRIME

MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is investigating cases of corruption against top management of IFFCO and KRIBHCO for quite some time;

(b) if so, the details of such cases against top officers of IFFCO and KRIBHCO, case-wise;

(c) whether the Central Vigilance Commission is also investigating cases of corruption against Managing Director and other Directors of IFFCO and KRIBHCO; and

(d) if so, the details and the status thereof, case-wise?

Status of employees of NCM

2025. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) are covered by all the rules and regulations including pensions, gratuity and leave encashment, at par with the other Central Government employees; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of Indian Medical Civil Service

†2026. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of All India Civil Services;

(b) whether Government is proposing to introduce Indian Medical Civil Service or whether any such proposal has been received; and

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

Disciplinary proceedings against IAS officers

2027. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many IAS officers are currently facing disciplinary proceedings and investigations by Central and State investigating agencies;

(b) in how many such cases, FIR have been registered and after investigation chargesheets have been filed;

(c) how many IAS officers have been retired by Government by invoking Rule 16(3) of the AIS (DCRB) Rules, 1958 since 2014; and

(d) with respect of the above, the position of IAS officers belonging to Jharkhand cadre?

Anomalies in implementation of 6th CPC

2028. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issues of anomalies in implementation of 6th Central Pay Commission (CPC) have been sorted out;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the number of such cases/complaints yet to be resolved;

(c) whether anomalies in implementation of 7th CPC is also under consideration of Government;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken up with the Ministry of Finance to sort out these anomalies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these anomalies would be resolved?

Task Force on increasing exports

2029. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on constituting a Task Force to look into increasing the exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Working group on nutrition

2030. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NITI Aayog has recently constituted a working group on nutrition;

(b) if so, who are the members of this group along with their institutional affiliations and qualifications;

(c) what was the process of selecting members of this group;

(d) whether the members were required to sign a "No conflict of interest" statement before they make any recommendations;

(e) what are the terms of reference for this group; and

(f) whether this working group had any meeting and if so, the details thereof and what have been the proceedings of the same?

Poverty eliminations working group

†2031. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a poverty elimination working group was set-up by NITI Aayog with an objective of making India poverty free;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether terms of reference for poverty elimination included the outlining of a pragmatic definition of poverty and making suggestions for improvements in strategies and programmes of poverty elimination including the existing programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Women Entrepreneurship Centres

2032. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog is proposing to open Women Entrepreneurship Centres to assist women in their projects;

(b) whether it has earmarked ₹ 10,000 crore for the sole purpose of offering support to women entrepreneurs;

(c) whether it has selected Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a regional centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps would be taken to assist women entrepreneurs in Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh through financial support and mentorship?

Resources for achievement of SDGs

2033. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 745 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st December, 2017 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken an assessment of resources needed to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

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

(c) the details of manner in which the Ministry proposes to raise the resources?

Funds under APID for Chhattisgarh

†2034. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been constant reduction in allocation of funds under Purchase/Fitting of Assisting Machines/Devices (APID) Scheme for disabled persons in Chhattisgarh from 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(b) the details of funds released under the scheme during the said period; and

(c) whether less amount of funds released for the State during these years has adversely impacted the beneficiaries?

Funds under discretion of Minister

2035. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any funds for financial assistance under the discretion of the Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria being adopted for providing assistance under this scheme; and

(d) total funds earmarked, the number of beneficiaries assisted and the amount released under this scheme during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Advertisement for post-matric scholarship in News Papers

†2036. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the News Papers in which the information of post-matric scholarship was published before academic session during the last three years by the Central Government, State-wise and year-wise and the languages in which it was published; and

(b) the details of amount of post-matric scholarship at all the higher levels of education and since when the said amount is being provided?

External members in complaints committees

2037. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to build a framework to ensure that unbiased and minimum number of external members are made part of complaints committees in every school, college and workplace and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to incentivize the students and workplace victims to lodge a complaint before the internal/external complaint committee members and if so, the details thereof?

Plans to make country beggar free

†2038. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND

EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beggars are also included under the targeted groups identified by the Ministry and various programmes are being implemented by the Central Government for the social, educational and economic development and welfare of this group;

(b) whether Government possesses authentic information regarding number of these beggars and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the number of beggars has significantly come down in the country during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government is working on any specific plan to make the country beggar free?

Skill development through NSCFDC

2039. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken through the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) for developing the skills of Scheduled Caste youth particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of youth who are profitably employed after skill development training organised by NSCFDC during the last three years in that State?

Implementation of Jadhav guidelines for allocation of funds

2040. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance directives issued on 23rd August, 2016, to follow Jadhav guidelines for allocation of

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proportionate funds for SC or ST welfare schemes, 4.63 per cent for SCs and 2.39 per cent for STs, are implemented;

- (b) in what manner it has been done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Empowering disabled persons

2041. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has adopted Incheon Strategy to empower persons with disability, as per UN objectives;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof and the details of action taken since 2012 towards fulfilment of UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disability; and
- (c) the plan proposal of Government for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Waiving of loans by NHFDC for handicapped beneficiaries

2042. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a vast majority of handicapped beneficiaries who have availed self employment and education loans at low interest rates from the National Handicapped and Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) directly or indirectly find it very difficult to repay their loans owing to severe financial constraints;
- (b) if so, whether Government would consider full waiver of existing balance amount in their loan accounts in the case of those beneficiaries who are dead; and
- (c) whether Government would also

consider waiving the balance amount in the accounts of all BPL loanees, subject to norms prescribed by Government?

NGO Funding and its Auditing

2043. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NGOs registered and in operation under the Ministry currently;
- (b) the details of funds provided for running such NGOs during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the accounts of such NGOs are audited annually by the authorized CAs empanelled with the Ministry or privately;
- (d) if not, what is the procedure for such auditing; and
- (e) the actions proposed against NGOs who do not follow the norms and do not maintain their accounts and get audits done?

Plan for eradication of begging on streets

2044. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any concrete plan for eradication of street begging by women and children in towns and cities which projects an adverse image of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether these street beggars could be rehabilitated to earn livelihood in a dignified manner under any of the schemes?

Accessibility of public places to differently abled persons

2045. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to make more public places accessible to differently abled persons under the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan ;

(b) whether during the last three years any Government buildings have been identified for not being disabled friendly in Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from State Government for making Government buildings more disabled friendly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon, including the financial allocations made for this purpose?

Foundation stone of NISD building in Dwarka

†2046. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date when the foundation stone of NISD building in Dwarka, New Delhi was laid;

(b) whether this land was full of thousands of green trees;

(c) if so, whether the permission to cut the trees was taken, if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken against the persons responsible therefor?

(d) whether the wood of trees cut has been given to any cremation house or sold out; and

(e) if so, the details of amount along with the account of Government in which it has been deposited?

Electricity subsidy to SC and ST farmers

2047. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to increase the subsidy amount and maximum age limit from 55 years to 65 years for electricity subsidy for SC and ST farmers;

(b) whether Government intends to increase the subsidy amount of ₹ 10,000/- to ₹ 50,000/- for people of BPL families of SC and ST so as to provide benefits to more such families; and

(c) whether Government intends to release ₹ 60 crore during the financial year 2017-18 under Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes Sub Plan?

Indigenous launching of satellites

2048. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the success of GSLV Mark III has paved way for indigenously launching of our own communication satellites in the future without any foreign help;

(b) whether it would be a step ahead in the direction towards launching of satellites of other countries on commercial basis; and

(c) whether the funds generated through such commercial launches would help ISRO in funding and furthering its ongoing and future projects, if so, the details thereof and list of such projects?

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Milestone achieved by space technology

2049. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of milestone achieved by Indian space technology during recent years;

(b) whether there is any aim to achieve which is Internationally not achieved by the Indian Spacecraft;

(c) the status of Spacecraft for mars and whether it would reach at the schedule time to Mars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recommendation by space agency forum

2050. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum has recommended that the established space agencies in the region should promote space applications, including rice crop monitoring, global rainfall monitoring, fire hotspot, haze monitoring and disaster management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the areas now the ISRO has been concentrating as far as the above said areas mentioned by Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency concerning the country are concerned;

(d) whether it is also a fact that ISRO shares the information it gathers with other neighbouring countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Private sector in space programme

2051. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is considering to open its doors to private sector;

(b) whether it has also issued a tender to the private industry for assembly, integration and testing of 30-35 satellites;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under this programme, 4-5 companies would be selected after evaluation and award parallel contracts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Commercial launching of satellite

2052. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries whose satellites have been commercially launched by ISRO so far;

(b) whether Government has earned any income from the said launches;

(c) if so, the details of income earned during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise;

(d) whether Government also launches satellites of private companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation for SCs/STs

2053. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the real allocation for direct

development for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 2017-18 in figures and as percentage of total allocation; and

(b) whether the Ministry has any monitoring mechanism to properly calculate, allocate and follow up the amount earmarked for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Tribes facing problems in getting Scheduled Tribes certificate

2054. 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 State authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from State Governments including Kerala and Lakshadweep 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 Government for approval; and

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

Tribal development projects in Madhya Pradesh

†2055. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of current status of action and expected action

to be taken in coming days for the cases regarding the notification on restructuring of projects for strengthening the integrated tribal development project/Mada Pocket and sanctioning an amount of ₹ 2224.27 lakhs with reference to letter sent by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh *vide* letter No.F.23/2017, 3-25/880 dated 22/07/2017 with regard to setting up training centres at research centres?

Grievances of tribals evicted from Pollavaram Dam

2056. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government has received numerous individual petitions from Scheduled Tribes complaining that due compensation and forest rights have not been given to them after being evicted for Polavaram Dam;

(b) the manner in which the Government proposes to take up the issue of Scheduled Tribes of Angaluru, Devaragundi, Mamidigondhi, Chegondapalli at Polavaram in Andhra Pradesh and denial of their rights;

(c) whether a nodal officer would be appointed particularly to raise their grievances with the competent authorities; and

(d) the pro-active steps proposed by Government to effectively address the grievous issues of unemployment created by displacement?

Marketing of tribal goods

2057. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about

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lack of facilities for marketing of goods produced by tribals;

(b) the steps taken for promotion of marketing of tribal goods in India and abroad; and

(c) the details regarding the steps taken during the last three years for promotion of tribal culture and heritage in India?

Unutilized funds from Tribal Sub Plan in Rajasthan

†2058 SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that level of funds remaining unutilized out of funds allocated under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) in the State of Rajasthan has been maximum till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has carried out any investigation by an independent agency into construction works done under Tribal Sub Plan in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Meiteis community in STs list

2059. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is received for inclusion of Meiteis community of Manipur in the list of Scheduled Tribes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the steps are being taken by Government to include that community in the list;

(c) the details of procedures followed and criteria adopted for enlisting a community in the list; and

(d) the procedures carried out and those yet to be done for the purpose?

National Nutrition Council

2060. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to establish a National Nutrition Council to tackle malnutrition crisis in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Building for Aanganwadi centres in Rajasthan

†2061. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of Aanganwadis in urban, areas of Rajasthan are running from rented buildings where the available space is inadequate and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to construct buildings for Aanganwadi centres in urban areas; and

(c) whether Government would provide assistance to construct buildings of Aanganwadi centres in urban areas and if so, the quantum of assistance and if not, the reasons therefor?

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BBBP for empowerment of rural women

†2062. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to expand the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme for the empowerment of rural women;

(b) whether any effort would be made by Government for conducting any programme on scheme towards the proper training and capacity building of women; and

(c) efforts being made by Government to ensure the survival and safety of the new born girl child?

Development of children living in orphanages

2063. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

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

(a) the number of orphanages in the country along with the number of inmates living therein, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether Government proposes any new scheme for education and development of children living in orphanages, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether suggestions have been invited from various States for the scheme and if so, the details of said scheme and suggestions received thereon; and

(d) the details of funds allotted and utilized by orphanages across the country during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Anganwadi Workers Insurance Scheme

2064. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of Anganwadi workers benefitted from Anganwadi Workers Insurance Scheme being implemented by Government for the welfare of Anganwadi workers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise?

Empowered Committee on utilisation of Nirbhaya fund

2065. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 16 proposals recommended by Empowered Committee on utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund are operationalized till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the present status of implementation of proposals; and

(c) the number of One Stop Centres functioning in the country and the assistance provided in these centres?

Therapeutic food for Severe Acute Malnutrition

2066. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has given clearance to the State Governments for providing Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM):

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(b) the number of children in the country suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM); and

(c) the evidence that Government has found in the RUTF due to which the nutrition policy of Government stands to be changed?

Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)

2067. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is in support of the use of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the decision of introduction of RUTF has been left to States, if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government has conducted any studies or pilot tests in this regard, if so, the results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether RUTF is used in other countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what alternate mechanisms have been put in place to ensure that affordable nutritious food is accessible to malnourished children?

Status of women in education and health

2068. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism is in place to assess the status of women in economic participation, educational attainment and health; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of National Nutrition Mission

†2069. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved National Nutrition Mission;

(b) if so, the details of the objectives and targets of National Nutrition Mission;

(c) the total number of districts including districts of Maharashtra wherein this mission is proposed to be implemented in first phase and by when it will be implemented in all the districts, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount allocated by Government under the said mission, the manner in which this amount would be utilised, State-wise and district-wise?

Sexual abuse and harassment in women shelters

2070. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of sexual abuse and harassment of women inmates of women shelters have been reported and if so, the details thereof, including the status of Bastar Rape Case in naxalite affected area; and

(b) the corrective measures taken to curb such incidences and monitor these shelters to curb such incidences?

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Anganwadi Centres in Manipur

2071. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Anganwadi Centres in the country, State-wise and the details thereof, district-wise in Manipur;

(b) the details of honorarium given to the Anganwadi workers, helpers and other staff in the State;

(c) the manner in which the Ministry channelise the honorarium in the State, the details thereof;

(d) whether the people working in Anganwadis do get the honorarium regularly or get them at the end of months together, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to prevent such irregularities; and

(e) the details of inspection mechanism of Anganwadi Centres to root out non-functional Centres in the State?

Nodal agency for Nirbhaya funds

2072. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry would be the nodal agency for the Nirbhaya funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has worked out schemes under the fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mechanism adopted to identify the persons who required assistance/support of Government under the Nirbhaya funds?

Children born in Swadhar Greh

2073. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any statistics of children born in 'Swadhar Greh' and 'Short Stay Homes' in the country; and

(b) whether Government has started any multi-care facilities for children born in destitute conditions, when they have no family support?

Schemes for empowerment of women in Himachal Pradesh

2074. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for empowerment of women and development of children in the country;

(b) the details of proposals received and approved/lying pending for approval from Himachal Pradesh along with the amount of budgetary allocation made, funds allocated/released and utilisation thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise;

(c) whether some schemes sanctioned by Government have not taken off in the State; and

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

Inclusion of more children under ICDS

2075. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children below the age of five who have Aadhaar registration, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to include more children under the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) scheme, curb leakages and bring transparency in its delivery system; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to replace the provisions of dry ration under ICDS with cash transfers and if so, the reasons therefor?

Phenomenon of 'online grooming'

2076. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the phenomenon of 'online grooming' of children occur over the internet where a groomer befriends and forms an emotional bond with the objective of sexual abuse;

(b) whether a UNICEF report highlighted the inefficacy of Indian laws to protect children from online abuse including grooming, limitation in the law include lack of clear-cut and uniform terminology in legislations, risk of subjective interpretation of legal provisions and absence of any legal duty on intermediaries (ISPs); and

(c) whether the Ministry has enacted clear provisions in this regard, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for One Stop Centres in Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2077. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND

CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government for establishment of One Stop Centre in various States, during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the amount asked for by the States of Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the amount released so far and the districts covered; and

(c) whether any proposal sent by these States is pending at the Centre, if so the reasons therefor?

Mobile app to monitor marriages of school girls

2078. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the State Government of West Bengal in collaboration with UNESCO is launching a mobile app to monitor marriages of school girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is ready to take up the idea and implement such apps throughout the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loan scheme under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh

2079. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loan schemes operating under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh

(RMK) during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that no loans were issued under RMK during the financial year 2015-16, if so, whether the lending resumed;

(c) if not, what measures have been taken to address the issue; and

(d) whether the annual reports for RMK scheme are available for the latest years on the scheme website, if not, what measures have been taken to address the issue?

Malnutrition among children and women

2080. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND

CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is increasing number of cases of malnourishment among children and women in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto, while taking note of high inflation rate;

(c) whether many State Governments have demanded hike in fund allocation and linking of the Government's ICDS with consumer price index; and

(d) if so, the Government's response thereto?

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