

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 7, 2019/Magha 18, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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Inclusion of Kannada in records of UNESCO

*46. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to recommend inclusion of Kannada a classical language in the records of UNESCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has carried the necessary recommendations to UNESCO in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which UNESCO would include that language in its records; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for keeping the request pending with the Central Government?

Status of school education in States

*47. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of school education in various States during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is satisfied with the performance of school education in the country;

(c) if not, what is the planning to improve the same;

(d) whether the Budget allocated for school education during 2018-19 is sufficient and if not, whether there is a need to enhance the same at the RE stage; and

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

Implementation of EWS quota in higher educational institutions

*48. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 per cent quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) would be applicable to higher educational institutions, both private and Government, from the upcoming academic session;

(b) whether there is shortage of space and staff in most of the Central Universities;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard before increasing the number of seats in these universities;

(d) whether the existing infrastructure in these institutions would be adequate for this purpose; and

(e) the number of colleges and universities in the country where this quota would be implemented?

Creation of one crore jobs per year

*49. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of finalizing New India 2022 document;

(b) if so, by what time it would be ready and what is the vision of the document;

(c) whether it would focus on job growth, in view of growth of jobless during the last three years; and

(d) the efforts made to create one crore jobs per year in the country, in view of massive unemployment of younger generation?

Implementation of AMRUT scheme in Andhra Pradesh

*50. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme in 33 cities in Andhra Pradesh including Amravati;

(b) if so, the details of activities carried out under the scheme so far in all the cities;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned for these projects; and

(d) by when the projects would be completed?

Death of Indians working in Gulf countries

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

(a) the details of deaths of Indian workers in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has analysed the causes of these deaths, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry has received complaints from the relatives of deceased workers regarding the cause of deaths and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether action has been taken to prevent such deaths, including intervention with Gulf countries' Governments and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Technological gap in public sector enterprises

*52. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the public sector enterprises are suffering from technological gap;

(b) if so, the details of such enterprises; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to adopt up-to-date technologies in their production system leading to low unit cost and high yield?

Increase in economic disparity

†*53. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic disparity is continuously increasing and the property of a few people is growing drastically in the country;

(b) the amount spent through social schemes, to eradicate poverty, during the last three years; and

(c) whether, according to experts, the current model is proving to promote disparity instead of being pro-poor?

SC/ST and OBC posts lying vacant in Central Universities

†*54. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts in the categories of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are vacant in Central Universities in the country;

(b) the number of sanctioned posts in these categories and in general category in Central Universities and the number of vacant posts out of them, category-wise;

(c) the details of the steps taken for filling them up during the last three years; and

(d) whether some communities are being deprived of benefits of reservation by not making appointments on sanctioned posts?

Demand for reservation beyond 50 per cent

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the constant demand from various States to enhance reservation beyond 50 per cent and reservation based on ratio of certain castes in the total population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any strategy to come up with a policy to curtail such demands for political gains duly keeping in view the priority to be given to really deprived classes?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Agreement for nuclear reactors with Westinghouse

*56. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-US nuclear agreement with Toshiba-owned American firm Westinghouse and NPCIL has been signed for setting up six reactors of 1,000 MW in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this company currently has financial liabilities arising out of losses to the tune of 6.1 billion dollars and a negative reputation because of significant cost overruns and if so, the details thereof?

Empowerment of women of socially and educationally backward communities

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

(a) whether there is any report available accounting for literacy and employment rates amongst the women of socially and educationally backward communities; and

(b) whether there is any separate scheme/project which is functioning at present for empowering women belonging to socially and educationally marginalized communities?

Implementation of SwadharGreh scheme

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

(a) whether Government has launched the SwadharGreh scheme to support women victims of difficult circumstances in need of institutional support for rehabilitation; and

(b) if so, what are the benefits intended under this scheme and what is the status of its implementation?

Impact of Mid-Day Meal Scheme on enrolment

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

(a) the number of schools and children covered under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised under the scheme during the above period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether enrolment in schools has increased after introduction of the scheme and if so, the extent of increase reported in each State/UT during the above period, gender-wise;

(d) whether alleged irregularities including serving of substandard meal have been reported; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken against those responsible?

Basic amenities in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

*60. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has

undertaken any projects for enhancing
basic amenities in Thoothukudi, Tamil
Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds earmarked for
this purpose since 2015, till now; and

(d) by when the projects would be
completed?

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The 1st February, 2019
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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