

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 : Cooperation; Education; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions -- 160

New co-operative policy

321 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of **Cooperation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to draft a new co-operative policy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the changes Government wishes to propose through this new policy to ensure that the co-operative sector adapts to the changes in technological and financial advancements in today's times?

Student-teacher ratio in schools

322 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current student-to-teacher ratio in different States versus the desirable ratio as required under the Right to Education (RTE) Act;
- (b) whether Government has adopted any time-bound measures to achieve the desirable student-to-teacher ratio;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that there is also an issue of excess teachers existing alongside this issue; and
- (e) if so, whether any urgent measures have been adopted to tackle this issue?

Web camera used in Kendriya Vidhyalayas

323 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the web camera used by teachers of Class X and XII in Kendriya Vidyalayas for taking online classes are not of good quality and affecting students adversely and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such teachers; and
- (c) whether Government has fixed any guidelines for teachers to provide quality education

online and if so, the details thereof?

Gender Inclusion Fund

324 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the constitution of the Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF);
- (b) the details of budget allocation and the distribution of the funds for the various objectives listed by Government in regards to the fund;
- (c) the details of measures being undertaken by Government to ensure the safety and security of school-going girls and transgenders along with addressing the local context as under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to issue directions or guidelines for public and private schools across the country in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of closure of schools in view of COVID-19 pandemic;

325 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of assessment made to find out the number of children impacted due to closure of schools in view of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some States are also closing Government schools in the name of rationalization;
- (c) if so, the details of Government schools that have been closed down in the country during the last two years and the current year, year-wise and State/UT-wise, particularly in Odisha; and
- (d) the manner in which Government ensures that online classes can reach every student of the country, State/UT-wise including Odisha?

New Navodaya schools in Telangana State

326 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to sanction Navodaya schools in newly created districts in Telangana State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pragyata guidelines on digital education for schools

327 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Central Government for enforcement of Pragyata guidelines on digital education for schools under the control of the Central Government; and
- (b) the State-wise list of the total number of students who attended online classes in schools under the Central Government?

Vacant posts lying in Central schools

328 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has increased number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in different States in the country in the last five years, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) whether all the vacant posts lying in different Central schools have been filled up, the details thereof and by when the unfilled posts would be filled up?

Sanctioned KGBVs and delay in projects

329 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) list of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) sanctioned by Government in the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) how many of them have been completed by Government within the given timeline;
- (c) whether Government has given any guidelines to the concerned authority to complete the delayed projects or is there any provision of penalty for those delaying the projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

330 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of new Kendriya Vidyalayas established by Government in the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiatives to increase the number of seats at several Kendriya Vidyalayas where the number of registrations for admission is very high;
- (c) whether any initiatives have been taken by Government for girls seeking higher education in tribal areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian students abroad for higher education

331 **# Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students who went abroad for higher education in 2019-20;
- (b) the average amount of funds spent in US Dollars by Indian students who went abroad for higher education for studies and to obtain degrees;
- (c) whether Government plans to provide facilities in our country like those provided in foreign countries for higher education so that Indian students can obtain degrees from universities for much lesser money as compared to foreign countries while staying in their own country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

India's position in world universities ranking

332 **# Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the higher education system in India is at number two in the world with respect to its vastness but despite having around 1000 universities and more

than 50,000 colleges in the country, India has not been able to make it in world university rankings; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is neither able to make progress in the field of higher education nor it is able to attract students with extraordinary talent due to interference of bureaucracy in higher education sector?

Artificial Intelligence course in schools

333 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to introduce elementary courses related to Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the school level in view of its increasing demand in multinational companies, if so, by when it is likely to be introduced;

(b) whether this course will also be introduced in State-run schools apart from Central Government schools; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Changes in curriculum to include transgender rights

334 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) when will the changes in NCERT curriculum be implemented to include the manual on 'Inclusion of Transgender Children in School Education: Concerns and Roadmap'; and

(b) whether teachers will be given a gender and sexuality training for developing a trans-inclusive approach to education?

Guidelines for opening schools after COVID-19 for parents

335 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of clear and actionable guidance for parents, children and teachers for a safe return to school in the context of COVID-19; and

(b) the plan proposed by Government for return of the drop-out students of the rural and poor parts of the country, the details thereof?

Changes to Mid-Day Meal scheme

336 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) total amount spent by Government to ensure breakfast is added to the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme in the last three years;

(b) whether Government is planning to drop breakfast from the MDM scheme;

(c) if so, the measures to ensure that children receive adequate nutrition given Government's plan despite National Education Policy (NEP's) strong recommendation;

(d) whether Government will consider cost-effective breakfast schemes for school-going children in the worst-performing districts on nutrition ; and

(e) the incentives and alternatives to encourage better participation amongst school children especially during the current pandemic since breakfast was projected as a big pull factor?

Establishment of education emergency room

337 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to set up education emergency room in every district so as to implement and monitor local plans and encourage children who were not engaged with schools over the last year to come back, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women in STEM courses

338 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of girls who have enrolled in STEM courses in colleges and or universities in the last five years;
- (b) the State-wise number of girls who have dropped out during the duration of their course;
- (c) the anticipated factors behind the discontinuation; and
- (d) the programmes Government is working upon to promote continued female participation in STEM courses?

Increasing dropouts from school during corona period

339 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of dropouts from school have increased during corona period;
- (b) the gender-wise details of school dropouts during last five years;
- (c) whether any study has been undertaken to ascertain the reasons for dropouts;
- (d) the schemes being run for providing school education and the amount of funds spent under the schemes during last three years; and
- (e) the details of increase in dropouts due to non-availability of gadgets for undertaking online education during corona period?

Setting up NSC for drafting new curriculum framework for NCERT

340 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Steering Committee (NSC) set up for drafting new curriculum framework for NCERT;
- (b) the terms of reference given to the NSC;
- (c) by when the Committee is expected to submit its report; and
- (d) whether the new curriculum framework would become operational from 2022 as announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister?

Shortage of teachers

341 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of schools are still short of teachers and a number of schools operate out of kachcha buildings and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether underprivileged children still continue to drop out due to caste discrimination, inadequate pre-schooling and sheer poverty;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Status of STRIDE

342 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective, salient features and current status of the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE), a national initiative for comprehensive welfare of the society launched by University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) whether the scheme will provide for research capacity building in diverse disciplines by assistance, teaching and guidance to young talents for finding innovative and practical solutions to local, regional, national and global problems; and
- (c) details of States and districts in the country included in the STRIDE scheme along with the steps taken by Government to ensure maximum benefits of the scheme for the students?

Medium of instruction in colleges of Andhra Pradesh

343 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued direction to make English as medium of instruction in all colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh, directly contravening the new education policy which emphasises that mother tongue should be the medium of instruction;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has issued any directive to Government of Andhra Pradesh to refrain from such activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds allocated to STRIDE scheme

344 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated towards the STRIDE scheme since its inception;
- (b) the details of the research projects and the collaborating institutions that the scheme has funded since its inception;
- (c) whether there is a measurable outcome proposed under this scheme to meet its first objective i.e. to identify young talent, strengthen research culture, build capacity, promote innovation and support trans-disciplinary research for India's developing economy and national development, if so, the details of the outcomes observed; and
- (d) if not, what measurable outcome will Government rely on to measure the merit of this scheme?

Status of research projects under the SPARC scheme

345 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been coordination on any research projects under the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) scheme with institutions in the ASEAN countries and Taiwan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds that have been sanctioned towards projects in collaboration with these countries;
- (c) whether Government is considering any coordination with Quad countries and Southeast Asian nations and Taiwan under the aegis of this scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps that Government is taking to strengthen educational ties with Southeast Asian nations and Taiwan?

Students from regional language schools for CUCET.

346 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision for students from regional language schools to appear for the Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the data of the number of students from regional language schools who appeared for the CUCET since its inception?

Vocational skill-oriented education

347 Shri M. Shanmugam:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various initiatives under the new National Education Policy (NEP) to improve quality of education across all levels from primary to University level;
- (b) the budget amount earmarked for the purpose in the last two years, year-wise; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to make education at the secondary level vocation-skill oriented so that the students after completing XIIth class can be gainfully employed?

Status of implementation of new NEP

348 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of the new National Education Policy (NEP);
- (b) the steps taken so far to implement the recommendations; and
- (c) whether the quality of education has improved after the policy was accepted?

New KVs in Uttar Pradesh

349 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request made by Government of Uttar Pradesh has been submitted to the Ministry to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) across the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the status;
- (c) the status of establishment of new Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(d) the details of work done so far and details of time to be taken to complete the project?

Alternative/traditional health system in the new school curriculum

350 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce alternative/traditional health system in the new school curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a committee is constituted in the Ministry with experts from AYUSH; and
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee?

Attacks on farmers' protest by administration

351 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the attacks on farmers protest by administration as well as public have increased during the recent times in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of farmers injured and died during the last one year in protests, State-wise; and
- (c) the action Government has taken against the officials and persons who attacked farmers who are protesting peacefully?

UAPA cases

352 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people who got arrested under UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act.) during last five years;
- (b) how many of the arrested got punished;
- (c) in how many cases the court revoked the UAPA, during last five years;
- (d) in how many cases the accused have been in jail for a period of more than one year, the details thereof based on what period they have been in jail; and
- (e) how many people are currently in jail or custody under UAPA, the details of the punished and the cases under investigation, based on what period they have been in?

Loss due to floods

353 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons killed/missing and loss of crops due to recent floods during this monsoon in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and
- (c) the relief/compensation given to the deceased and the farmers?

Data discrepancy in NCRB report

354 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the methodology undertaken for data collection and publication in the NCRB report;

- (b) the details of measures undertaken to ensure that the mechanism is robust;
- (c) the reasons behind discrepancies and unexplainable increase or decrease in cases across years as reported in the NCRB report; and
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to address gaps in the NCRB report to assist in better policymaking, if so, the details thereof?

Undertrial persons

355 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of undertrial persons in various jails across the country and the steps taken to initiate early trial for these people;
- (b) whether existing jails are adequate to house these persons who are undertrial; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken for fair accommodation?

Establishment of AHTUs

356 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is imparting training to the police and prosecutors dealing in the trafficking cases, if so the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in crimes in NCT of Delhi

357 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a steady increase in the number of crimes being registered in the capital of the country day-by-day; and
- (b) the details about the incidents of robbery, murder and gang war in NCT of Delhi during the last three years?

Killings in J&K

358 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of civilians and army personnel killed by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir from May 2014 to August 2019;
- (b) the number of civilians and army personnel killed by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir during the period from August 2019 to November 2021; and
- (c) the reasons for the enhanced terrorists attack on civilians and army in Jammu and Kashmir?

UAPA and PSA in J&K

359 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir administration has notified new rules under which employees can be dismissed from services if they or their family members are found to be 'sympathetic' to people accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Public Safety Act (PSA), if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether vigilance clearance was made necessary by the J&K administration for Government employees obtaining a passport; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Clearance for Andhra Pradesh-DISHA Bill

360 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received comments from the Ministry of Women and Child Development on the Andhra Pradesh- DISHA Bill;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will take a decision to give assent for this Bill and send it for the approval of the Hon'ble President; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana

361 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has added any facility to the existing welfare measures for freedom fighters under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to revise the Central Samman Pension in view of price rise, or provide any additional subsidy to freedom fighters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Biometric details of NRC applicants in Assam

362 Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons why the biometric details of NRC applicants who filed claims/objections to be included in the final NRC list have been locked/frozen;
- (b) whether Government has recorded the number of individuals from Assam whose biometric details were locked;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the date by when Government intends to unlock such frozen biometric details;
- (e) whether Government has taken measures to ensure individuals are not deprived of access to welfare schemes due to frozen biometric details; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Amendment to UAPA

363 Shri Rajmani Patel:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people arrested and convicted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), year-wise, during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government plans to amend the existing Act in the light of recent evidence

- about a large number of acquittals and the law being misused;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government intends to amend the UAPA law to prevent the harassment of innocent persons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in police custodial deaths

364 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of custodial deaths during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that out of all States, Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of police custodial deaths in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to rectify the situation?

Non-ratification of UN Convention against torture

365 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite the Law Commission's 2017 recommendation, Government has still not ratified the UN Convention against torture;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that India is amongst the only five countries in the world that are yet to ratify the 1987 UN Convention against Torture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Low conviction rate of police personnel in custodial death cases

366 Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the low conviction rate of police personnel for custodial deaths despite large number of cases and charge-sheets against them;
- (b) the State-wise details of custodial deaths;
- (c) the State-wise details of cases filed against police personnel for custodial deaths; and
- (d) the State-wise details of conviction of police personnel for custodial deaths?

Census 2021 with a mixed-mode approach

367 Dr. Banda Prakash:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started the exercise for Census 2021 and first census is to be conducted with a mixed-mode approach including a mobile app, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to enumerate the population based on Socio-Economic and Caste Status during the proposed Census of India in 2021 and if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether States are demanding and have forwarded their concerns to enumerate the Other Backward Class (OBC) separately with the caste and subcaste mentioned in the proposed Census 2021; and
- (d) the total number of languages that will be counted in Census 2021, the details thereof?

Rising attacks on journalists

368 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the rising attacks on journalists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of journalists injured/ killed in such attacks during the last four years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of enquiries conducted along with the number of persons arrested in the said attacks during the said period, State-wise and UT-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to ensure adequate security to journalists in the country?

Violence in Tripura

369 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken cognisance of the anti-minority violence in the State of Tripura over the last few weeks;
- (b) if so, the steps that have been taken to address the issue and get answers from the State as to why the perpetrators were not stopped;
- (c) whether any specific groups have been identified for spreading rumours and hate-speeches against minorities; and
- (d) if so, the names of the said groups and what actions have been taken against them?

Retrospective revision of statistics of crimes against STs in UP

370 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that as per the NCRB 'Crime in India' 2020 report, crimes against Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been retrospectively revised for the year 2019 from 721 cases to just 36 cases;
- (b) if so, whether Government has inquired about the rationale behind this retrospective revision facilitated by the Uttar Pradesh Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Infiltration and terrorist attacks in J&K

371 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a rise in the incidents of infiltration and terrorist attacks in Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) the number of terror attacks during October 2020-October 2021, month-wise;
- (c) the number of casualties suffered by Paramilitary forces and J&K Police, respectively; and
- (d) the number of terrorists apprehended and killed during the last twelve months?

Increase in arrests made under UAPA

372 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in arrests made under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the State-wise details of arrests made under UAPA during the last two years; and
- (d) the number of people who have been acquitted of all charges after arrests were made under UAPA during the last two years?

Shortage of funds for security forces

373 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that some security forces, paramilitary forces and investigative agencies, etc. are facing shortage of funds for their day-to-day activities like ration allowances, etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government is considering to provide paramilitary forces leave and transfer benefit to their home States, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID ex-gratia to States

374 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has approved ₹ 7,274 crores COVID ex-gratia to States recently; and
- (b) if so, the details of allocation, State-wise?

NRC in Assam

375 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of money that has been spent on the NRC exercise in Assam;
- (b) by when does Government plan on finishing the NRC process in Assam;
- (c) whether Government is aware that a significant number of people are unable to get their Aadhaar enrolment done because their biometric details were locked during the claims and objections phase of the citizenship document update process;
- (d) if so, by when Government has planned to release their biometric details; and
- (e) what steps Government has taken to ensure the completion of the NRC process in Assam in a time-bound manner?

Endangered regional languages in North-East

376 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of regional languages in North-Eastern States, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has done any study regarding which languages are endangered;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

- (d) whether the Ministry has taken any active steps to document and preserve all the local languages and dialects of North-Eastern States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of minorities in Srinagar

377 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several Hindus and Sikhs are leaving Srinagar due to rising worries about their safety;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have not given any financial compensation to families of Kashmiri Pandits, Hindus and Sikhs who have been killed by terrorists in the Valley; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to protect the minority community in Srinagar?

Funds allocated for Chhattisgarh under PMAY

378 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) approved by Government for Chhattisgarh from 2018-19 to 2021-22 and the year-wise amount of funds provided to the State for this scheme;
- (b) number of beneficiaries whose first, second, third and fourth instalments have not been paid till date during the said period;
- (c) number of houses completed and incomplete during the said period;
- (d) whether it is a fact that Government of Chhattisgarh has been reluctant in accepting the prescribed content of PMAY as approved by Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Damages due to rain in Andhra Pradesh

379 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of severe damage to standing crop, roads, buildings, transmission lines, etc., due to very heavy rains in October, 2020, following heavy rains in August and September resulting in loss to the tune of ₹ 4,450 crores in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether recent heavy rains also resulted in heavy loss of crop, cattle, damage to roads, etc.;
- (c) the request received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for immediate financial assistance of ₹ 2,250 crores and immediate release of ₹ 1,000 crores; and
- (d) whether Central Team submitted its report and, if so, action taken on the same by Ministry?

Status of Afghan refugees in India

380 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains data on refugee foreign nationals residing in India, and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps Government is taking to aid Afghan asylum seekers in India, and if not,

reasons therefor;

(c) the details of legislation, policy and any schemes undertaken to ensure safety and standards of living of refugees in India, in absence of UN's Refugee Convention, and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the State-wise/UT-wise details on asylum seekers from Afghanistan living in India and State-wise/UT-wise details of year of migration, current area/place of residence, number of emergency e-visas issued and grounds for issue of emergency visa?

Crime rate in Delhi

381 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was an increase in crime rate in Delhi in the year 2020;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Delhi Police to ensure the safety of the citizens of Delhi?

Drug peddling in Andhra Pradesh

382 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that there is rampant drug peddling in Andhra Pradesh which seriously affects the well-being of people, particularly students and also affect the law and order situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to curb the menace;

(c) whether Government has also taken note of the fact that there is large scale ganja cultivation in Andhra Pradesh which also affects the students and others in every walk of their life; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to curb the menace?

Cases registered regarding drugs

383 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise number of cases registered in connection with drugs like smack, heroin, etc. across the country during last three years;

(b) whether Government is taking any stringent steps to put a complete ban on these drugs; and

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

Prisoners lodged in jails

384 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of those prisoners that are currently lodged in Indian jails in excess of their capacity;

(b) the State-wise details of such undertrial prisoners who are lodged in jails for more than one year; and

(c) the reason for increasing number of undertrials lodged in jails?

Efforts to stop human trafficking

385 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by Government to stop human trafficking, in forms of forced labour, child pornography, drug peddling, forced marriage, human organ removal, domestic slavery, prostitution etc. at present; and
- (b) the State-wise achievements thereof?

Status of Nirbhaya Fund

386 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise status of Nirbhaya Fund at present;
- (b) the increase in the amount of this fund through budgetary allocations during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the rankings of the States in terms of spending of the allocated Nirbhaya Fund under various schemes?

Journalists booked under UAPA

387 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the World Press Freedom index 2021, India is placed at 142 of 180 countries, down by 2 places compared to year 2019 and India remains bad for journalism and one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists;
- (b) whether the Tripura police booked 102 people, including journalists, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA); and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Suicides in the country

388 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of farmer suicides during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the number of suicides by the unemployed stand at 15,652 and by daily-wage earners at 37,666;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details of suicides by the unemployed and daily wage earners during the last five years; and
- (d) the reasons for the suicides therefor?

Cut down of expenditure on Social Justice

389 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether data from the Controller General of Accounts shows that Government cut down on its expenditure on the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from 2 per cent to 0 per cent from April 2020 to April 2021;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this has affected scholarship schemes and Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana; and

(d) the details of expenditure by Government on the above said Ministry for the last five years?

Naxalite attacks

390 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites are successfully planting attacks in Naxal-affected States;
- (b) if so, whether Government has developed high-tech equipments to counter Naxal attacks; and
- (c) if not, whether Government has any planning to import modernized technology to tackle such attack by Naxalites in various parts of the country?

Measures taken for upcoming 16th Census

391 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the timeline for the upcoming 16th Census;
- (b) whether the upcoming Census is being conducted in a digital format accessible for People with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (c) if so, the details of the accessibility measures being adopted; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Representation of women in Panchayat System

392 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of data regarding the percentage of women in the panchayat system;
- (b) whether any measures are being taken to ensure increased representation of women in the panchayat system, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount disbursed for them so far?

Grants released under various schemes of the Ministry

393 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of grants released under various schemes of the Ministry during the last five years to Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the said grants were released on time during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the grants released so far, scheme/year/ district-wise including Parbhani; and
- (d) the details of the utilization of the said grant/expenditure incurred during the said period, sector-wise?

Fund allocation for Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh

394 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of allocations and release of funds under 14th Finance Commission and 15th Finance Commission for Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh, year-wise;

- (b) whether it is a fact that some funds are yet to be released; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when the funds are going to be released?

Performance under RGPSA

395 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of reasons for huge gap between sanctioned and released funds under Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), State-wise including Karnataka during the last three years;
- (b) the details of performance of works under RGPSA during the period, State-wise and year-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) the details of targets fixed and achieved during the said period, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which the said scheme is helpful to increase capacity building?

Functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions

396 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has devised any parameters to analyse the functioning and success of Panchayati Raj Institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of such analysis in the State of Haryana; and
- (c) the major constraints in effective functioning of Panchayats along with the steps taken to address the same and actively involve Panchayats in the planning process to be undertaken in their jurisdiction?

Discontinuation of Toll Relief Policy

397 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Government has discontinued Toll Relief Policy under which discount was given to the persons residing within a radius of 20 km of toll plazas on the basis of monthly passes for their commercial and non-commercial vehicles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this Policy was started to cushion the persons residing near the toll plazas who have to cross almost on daily basis; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for scrapping this scheme?

Loss of revenue by NHAI in toll collections

398 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total loss of revenue suffered by NHAI in toll collections in the various States due to the farmer's protests, State-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Initiative taken by Government to prevent road accidents

399 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken by Government to prevent road accidents in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to educate the people, particularly the youths of the country in this regard?

Construction of NH and SH in the country

400 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total National and State Highways constructed over the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (b) the total expenditure incurred by the Central Government and respective States against each head?

Notification on Vehicle Scrapping Policy

401 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued a notification on incentives and disincentives pertaining to Vehicle Scrapping Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this notification will come into effect from 1st April 2022; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Handling of last-mile connectivity by the Ministry

402 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the matters related to coordination, research, standards and policy with respect to ropeways, cable cars and other alternate mobility solutions would now be handled by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the ropeways, cable cars and other alternate mobility solutions, even if not connected with National Highways would come under the Ministry's jurisdiction as per the amended business rules; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Plantation along highways

403 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of trees along the existing roads and highways had to be cut during the process of widening of roads;
- (b) if so, whether any data on the trees cut has been maintained by NHAI and if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the action taken by NHAI on replantation along the highways which has already been widened in the last five years; and
- (d) the details of plantation projects along the highways completed by March 2021?

FASTag deployment and collections

404 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether toll tax collection at toll plazas throughout the country has shown improvement after all the lanes were converted into FASTag lanes; and
- (b) if so, the details of toll collection from 15th February to 28th February 2021 and for a similar period during 2020?

Opening of trauma centres on highways

405 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of opening of new trauma centres on highways; and
- (b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Construction/Upgradation of highways in mountainous States

406 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new highways constructed and old highways upgraded during the last five years in the mountainous and border areas of the country;
- (b) the financial expenditure made by Government for these construction works;
- (c) whether other works of this nature are in progress; and
- (d) if so, the mountainous States in which such projects are in progress and by when these works are expected to be completed?

Status of Bharatmala Project

407 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Bharatmala project;
- (b) the details of the projects under various phases of the projects completed as on date;
- (c) the time by when the rest of the projects are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Progress of construction of NH-107, Bihar

408 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure cost, length in kilometres and the areas included in each package of the road construction of National Highway No. 107 of Bihar, whose foundation stone was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister on October 14, 2017;
- (b) the details of physical progress and expenditure incurred in each package till date; and
- (c) by when the road construction was to be completed, the reasons for the delay and the targeted time to complete the same?

Construction of highways in the country

409 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a progress has taken place in the construction of highways in the country during last five years; and
- (b) if so, the total number of new highway projects approved and the total number of projects completed out of that, the details thereof?

Interlinking of district and State roads with National Highways

410 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken up the work of interlinking the district and State roads with National Highways in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of road projects declared as National Highways in the state of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government is planning to connect all State roads and district roads with National Highways, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total amount of grants sanctioned by Government and the amount of funds released so far, the details thereof?

Status of Highway projects in Uttar Pradesh

411 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of highway projects sanctioned, funds allocated and projects completed in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is steep increase in the funds sanctioned for different highway projects in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government is taking for early completion of these projects?

Increase in speed limit on expressways

412 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to increase the speed limits for vehicles of different categories on roads, specially on expressways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there should be uniform maximum speed limit in cities so that confusion could not occur with regard to the same; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

National Highways in Rajasthan

413 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Highways constructed since 2016 which pass through the districts of Rajasthan;
- (b) the details in terms of length of National Highways in these districts at the beginning of

year 2016 and till date, district wise; and

(c) the district-wise details of funds spent on the development etc. of the National highways passing through the districts of Rajasthan since 2016?

Disposal and recycling of batteries of EV

414 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to establish relationship between subsidy advanced on EV and use of power from renewable sources;
- (b) the measures being taken to mitigate the negative effect of disposal of batteries which may become a serious issue once EV becomes the preferred mode of commuting; and
- (c) the initiatives being taken on recycling of batteries?

Upgradation of NHs in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

415 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Highways which have been identified for upgradation to four lane and six lane in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;
- (b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized during 2021-22 till date for the above projects, State-wise and NH-wise; and
- (c) the time frame by which these NHs would be upgraded, State-wise and NH-wise?

Debt on NHAI

416 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of external borrowing debt on National Highway Authority of India;
- (b) the percentage increase in debt over the recent three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government and proposed to be taken to reduce the debt of NHAI?

Connectivity issues at Moradabad, U.P.

417 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received representation regarding connectivity issues faced by Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the action taken/being taken in this regard?

Roads constructed in Tamil Nadu under PMGSY

418 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of roads approved and constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise;
- (b) the total length of roads approved and constructed under PMGSY, district-wise for the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the mechanism implemented to ensure proper maintenance of roads built under PMGSY; and
- (d) the average amount of roads constructed per day under PMGSY, year-wise from

2016?

Library facilities in villages

419 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is formulating any policy to provide library facilities in villages across the country; and
- (b) whether Government has constructed side walls at all the ponds for the development of the villages in the country including Odisha, if so, the details thereof including Mayurbhanj and if not, whether Government is formulating any policy in this regard?

Policy for the merger of District Rural Development Agencies with Zilla Parishads

420 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a policy has been prepared for the merger of District Rural Development Agencies with Zilla Parishads in order to strengthen the Panchayati Raj;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the purposes it is supposed to fulfill;
- (c) whether the policy also envisages the proposal to absorb the employees of District Rural Development Agencies in Zilla Parishads; and
- (d) the number of States where District Rural Development Agencies have been merged with Zilla Parishads?

Allocation of funds under MGNREGA

421 Shri Anand Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of allocation of funds, mandays of work and beneficiaries under MGNREGA during the last three years till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether demands for additional funds have been received from different States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds allocated under MGNREGA funds

422 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds to be made available for the States under MGNREGA scheme;
- (b) the reason for the delay in providing the funds; and
- (c) by when Government intends to provide the funds to the States?

Payment of funds under MGNREGA

423 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total amount of payment which are in arrears under MGNREGA in 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise;
- (b) the details of total number of persons whose payments which are in arrears under the scheme in 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise;
- (c) the State-wise details of number of months by which payment was delayed under the scheme in 2020-21 and 2021-22; and

(d) the total amount of payments due for the years 2016-17 till date, State-wise?

Rural roads constructed under PMGSY

424 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the kilometres of rural roads constructed by Government under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the cost incurred by Government in repairing the same in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there are areas yet to be connected with all-weather roads, if so, the details thereof and by when the Government is planning to complete the same?

Roads constructed in rural areas of Kerala Under PMGSY

425 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new roads selected under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Kerala;
- (b) the funds allocated and released for implementation of the scheme in Kerala in the current financial year;
- (c) the length of roads constructed in rural districts of Kerala under PMGSY during the last three years; and
- (d) the number of habitations that were provided access to roads under the scheme?

Construction and upgradation of roads in Karnataka under PMGSY

426 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned roads and upgradation of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria used in this regard; and
- (c) the length of roads which would be constructed and upgraded along with the funds that have been issued to the State Government for the said purpose?

Funds allocated under PMAY-G

427 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of houses constructed during 2021-22 under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), State-wise and district-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under PMAY-G during 2021-22 till date, State-wise?

Skill Training Centres in Uttar Pradesh

428 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Skill Training Centres in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the amount allocated for the development of Skill Training Centres in Uttar Pradesh?

Pradesh in comparison to other States; and

(c) whether Government has taken any step to encourage the participation of women in skill training, if so, the details thereof?

Status of PMKVY

429 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the details thereof;
- (b) the list of centres set up in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised, State-wise;
- (d) the number of beneficiaries of PMKVY in Tamil Nadu, district-wise; and
- (e) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for Pudukkottai district?

Skill development through ITIs

430 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any request to open Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and to extend the skill development schemes/programmes in Naxal-affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last five years and the current year, State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) the action taken by Government thereon, State-wise?

Status of skill development in the country

431 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of youth trained under skill development programmes in the country over the last five years, gender-wise, year-wise and State-wise, the details thereof; and
- (b) the total number of trained youth provided placements under these skill development programmes in the country over the last five years, gender-wise, year-wise and State-wise?

Skill development of youth of Chhattisgarh

432 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to provide self-employment through skill development to the unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh during Corona period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and number of youth provided self-employment under the above scheme in Chhattisgarh, the district-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the number of self-employment centres in operation and centres abandoned in Chhattisgarh, the details thereof?

Youth provided skill development under PMKVY

433 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of youth who have been provided with skill development training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) during the current year

so far; and

(b) the number of youth proposed to be trained under the scheme during the next three years and the details of financial allocation proposed in this regard?

Electronic system skills to all students

434 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide electronic system skills compulsorily to all students on completion of their graduation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will take some positive initiative in this regard?

Skill development under PMKVY

435 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who received employment after undertaking the training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), since inception of the scheme;

(c) whether the number of candidates employed after undergoing training under the scheme is a metric to evaluate the effectiveness of the scheme;

(d) if so, the manner in which the effectiveness of the scheme is evaluated and the relevance of the training is ensured; and

(e) if not, whether the Ministry gets feedback from the industry on the quality of the skilled labour who have been trained under PMKVY and if so, the details thereof?

Employment generation steps taken by the Ministry

436 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are being taken by the Ministry towards employment generation opportunities for people in villages with limited access to contemporary educational module prevalent in cities and towns;

(b) whether training centres and courses are not focused towards demand-driven skill development in order to match supply of human resource against the demand; and

(c) whether existing livelihood is threatened due to enrolment in training centers with no support in the form of short-term social security stipend as well as guaranteed employment based on learning curve?

Skill development of youth living below poverty line

437 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any action plan for making the youth living below poverty line skilled and preparing them in accordance with the demand of the labour market, if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(b) the total number of youth in the country living below poverty line who are unemployed, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of functional institutions providing training in skill development in various

States, State-wise details thereof?

Welfare of physically and mentally disabled children during the pandemic

438 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure the welfare of physically and mentally disabled children during the temporary closure of special schools and institutions due to COVID lockdowns;
- (b) whether the Ministry has conducted any studies to assess if the current online model is suitable for the overall development of children with special needs;
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry has adopted any measures to provide adequate care to such children, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry has adopted any measures to assist their care providers including financial assistance for the underprivileged; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Welfare schemes for SCs/STs and EWS

439 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheme-wise and State/Union Territory-wise schemes which have been implemented for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and the Economically weaker sections of the society in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the last three and current year;
- (b) the scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise target set under the said scheme and the achievements made so far;
- (c) whether the allocated funds have been fully utilised by States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Crimes against SC community

440 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

the details of crimes committed year-wise & crime-wise against the Scheduled Caste community in the country over the last five years?

Facilities provided to senior citizens

441 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any change has been made by Government in the facilities being provided to senior citizens, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether there is any scheme under consideration to amend the facilities being provided to senior citizens, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the crimes committed against senior citizens during the last five years, if so, the details of the measures taken to curb such crimes?

Rehabilitation of manual scavengers

442 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the caste-based segregated number of persons involved in manual scavenging;
- (b) the steps Government has taken to include manual scavengers in the financial ecosystem; and
- (c) the details of stringent efforts Government has put to completely ban the practice?

Reservation for socially and economically backward people

443 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision to give 27 percent reservation to the socially and economically backward people in Central Government jobs as per the Mandal Commission report implementation; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof regarding the number of people benefited from the reservation given in Governmental jobs from 2016 to 2020?

National Council for Transgender Persons

444 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the members appointed in the National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP) under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019;
- (b) whether any suggestions were submitted by the NCTP, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the State-wise details of all activities undertaken by the NCTP?

Status of child and adult beggars in India

445 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of adult and child beggars for the last 10 years;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the number of beggars has increased since the 2011 Census;
- (c) whether it is a fact that begging is a crime in India, as per State laws;
- (d) the details of schemes for uplifting the beggar population in India and reducing the organised crime of beggary in the country, along with any impact evaluation of the same carried out, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of scheme-wise beneficiaries and their eligibility criteria?

Portal for PwDs

446 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to set up a National Level Employment Portal for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to bridge the gap in providing Government facilities to the PwDs?

Creation/merger of institutes for PwDs

447 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to merge or create clusters of various national institutes catering to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (b) the names of such institutes and the rationale behind this proposal;
- (c) the progress of the work in this regard;
- (d) whether representations have been received against this proposal from disability rights organisations and staff associations and the responses of the concerned departments in this regard;
- (e) whether such mergers/clustering adversely impact the services being provided at these institutes; and
- (f) whether there is a proposal to reduce the staff strength at these institutes and by what percentage?

Repealing / amendment of the National Trust Act

448 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to repeal or amend the National Trust Act;
- (b) if so, the nature of amendment Government proposes to make;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to take over the functions of the National Trust by Government directly; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation schemes for beggars

449 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced any schemes regarding the rehabilitation of the persons begging in public places; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Religion and caste factor in manual scavenging

450 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether government has done any study on determining the religion and caste-based factor in manual scavenging;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to provide educational and professional reservations for their rehabilitation?

Special Central Assistance to SCs of UP&AP

451 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the grants released in the past three years, under the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the list of projects/activities under the SCA for which grants have been released in the

last three years to Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP); and
 (c) the details of projects in the above said SCA in UP and AP like location of the project, project details, amount sanctioned, expenditure incurred, number of people benefitted, impact assessment, if any, etc?

Annual reports of NCST

452 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the annual report to be released by National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) have not been laid since 2018;
- (b) whether it is a fact that no 'Investigation of Atrocities' reports have been released by the NCST since 2018;
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to release any of these reports in this financial year;
- (d) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of unfilled vacancies in the Commission which has resulted in the delay in the release of these reports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Targets achieved under VDVK

453 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) clusters under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY); and
- (b) the State-wise proposed/targeted and target achieved across the country?

Decrease in tribal population in the country

454 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends on carrying a census to identify the tribal population in the country; and
- (b) whether the tribal population has decreased in the country and the reasons therefor?

Atrocity against tribal community

455 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that there has been an increase in the cases of atrocities committed against the tribal community in the country, particularly in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of cases reported/registered in the NCST regarding the persecution of tribal society in Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year, the details thereof and the action taken by the Commission in this regard; and
- (c) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent the atrocities being committed against the tribal society?

Tribal freedom fighters

456 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) how many tribal freedom fighters who struggled against the British imperialism are in the record of Government;
- (b) whether Government will use the tool of oral history to gather the information of tribal heroes who struggled to safeguard tribal interests, their religion and dignity from the coercion and exploitation of the British regime;
- (c) whether Government will honour them by installing their statues and publishing monographs on them as they have been excluded from the history textbooks; and
- (d) whether Government has acknowledged the role of tribals in Manipur-Nagaland who fought along with INA forces against the British army?

Projects/activities in Andhra Pradesh under SCA

457 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of grant released in the last three years under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the list of schemes/activities undertaken by Andhra Pradesh from the grants so received, district-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the grants released in the last three years under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub- Scheme (TSS), State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the list of projects/activities and their particulars for which grants have been released in the last three years to Andhra Pradesh under SCA; and
- (e) the details of such projects like project location, amount sanctioned, expenditure incurred etc.?

Funds for Maharashtra under SCA to TSS

458 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial and other assistance given to Maharashtra State under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the details of facilities, including infrastructure, education, healthcare, nutrition, etc., provided to tribals during the above period; and
- (c) the details of targets set and achieved during the above period, year-wise?

Fund provision for the functioning of Child Protection Committees

459 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

whether the Ministry is considering to make provision of funds and human resource for Child Protection Committees at Block and Gram Panchayat level?

Implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan

460 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a reduction in stunting in the children of the country so far from 38.4 per cent to 25 per cent according to the 'Mission 25 by 2022' under the National Nutrition Mission, POSHAN Abhiyaan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of budgetary allocation, release and utilisation of funds under POSHAN Abhiyaan for all the States, since 2019?

Status of ICDS

461 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details current status of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) schemes;
- (b) the details of measures implemented to combat malnutrition amongst children;
- (c) the details of measures implemented to boost immunization amongst children;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised under ICDS for the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (e) the measures taken to improve dissemination of information to the masses; and
- (f) the targeted date of eradication of malnutrition under POSHAN Abhiyaan and the details thereof?

Policy to promote women empowerment

462 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to formulate a policy to promote women empowerment and their safety to increase their participation in the workforce and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps in this direction; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of ICPS

463 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds released and utilized under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) from the year 2018-2021, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the number of institutions set up under this scheme and State-wise distribution thereof?

Status of CCI

464 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for Child Care Institutions (CCI) including homes of various types in the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (b) the number of children in Child Care Institutions (CCI) including homes of various types for the year 2019-2021, State-wise?

Monitoring mechanism under POSHAN Abhiyaan

465 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under POSHAN Abhiyaan scheme, the children in the villages in different parts of the country are being provided adequate nutrition thereby the malnourished children are benefitted, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any monitoring mechanism has been constituted by the Ministry for surprise, on the spot checking specially in the villages, the details thereof?

Increase in number of malnourished children

466 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to Government data, more than 35 lakh children are malnourished at present in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that more than half of these children are seriously malnourished;
- (c) whether Government is taking any significant measures to resolve this problem of malnourished children; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Problems faced by women and children since first lockdown

467 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the reports of increase in the cases of domestic violence and child abuse since the first lockdown, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has the data of suicides and murder of women and children separately, since the first lockdown, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has the data of cases of clinical depression and other mental disorders occurring to women and children, since the first lockdown, the data thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to tackle the problems faced by women and children since the first lockdown?

Incentivising sectors to empower women

468 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to incentivise sectors that have more women employed through subsidies or tax breaks, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Nutrition Mission

469 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the activities undertaken by the National Nutrition Mission during the last three years;
- (b) the budget allocated and utilized for the National Nutrition Mission, especially for pregnant and breast-feeding women during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of funds distributed to State Governments over these years, State-wise and

year-wise?

AWCs in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

470 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Shri M. Shanmugam:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of AWCs which are operational in these States, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many AWCs have stopped functioning due to manpower shortage, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the remuneration paid to AWCs and assistance is very less and needs to be revised at regular intervals; and
- (e) if so, whether Government proposes to do the same?

Demands of woman tea plantation workers

471 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representation from woman tea plantation workers demanding safety, insurance, risk allowance and fixed wage, etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any recommendation by the Ministry for woman tea plantation workers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has taken necessary steps to meet the said demands, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rape cases in the country

472 **Shri Anil Desai:**

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently there are more instances of rape cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of cases registered during last two years; and
- (c) whether fast track courts are taking quick action in such cases, the details thereof?

Funds under ICDS

473 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme in all the districts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the number of beneficiaries of the scheme, as on date, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the details of the funds provided to the States/UTs under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Health and welfare of pregnant women

474 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes pertaining to health and welfare of the pregnant women and the foetus;
- (b) the number of such women who benefitted in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (c) the number of pregnant women who died in the aforesaid years while giving birth; and
- (d) the number of stillbirths which have been recorded in the aforesaid years?

Utilization of 'Nirbhaya Fund' scheme

475 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under the 'Nirbhaya Fund' scheme in the last two years; and
- (b) the State/UT-wise details of the compensation being provided under this scheme during the above period?

Increasing number of stunted children

476 Smt. Ambika Soni:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the share of stunted, wasted and underweight children has increased in a large number of States/UTs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by Government to effectively deal with hunger and child under nutrition problem in such States/UTs?

Welfare of Anganwadi and ASHA workers

477 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has considered extending any benefits of insurance cover to ASHA and Anganwadi workers as has been made to medical professionals and frontline COVID workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any central support or efforts have been made to supplement or provide relief to ASHA and Anganwadi workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Lack of child sensitive programs

478 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of ***Women and Child Development*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 27 per cent of Indian children live in urban zones and an overwhelming 73 per cent live in rural areas;
- (b) whether Government has made any schemes for access to social protection programs specially for rural children, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any programs to increase awareness about child rights, the details thereof; and
- (d) the budget allocated for the same so far, the details thereof?

Children living with mothers in prison

479 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2014 Prison Statistics, as many as 1,817 children live with their undertrial or convicted mothers in prisons across the country, if so, the steps being taken to facilitate the health and other needs of these children;
- (b) whether there are any programs specially for education of these children; and
- (c) the budget allocated for the same so far, the details thereof?

Cases of violence against women with disabilities during COVID-19

480 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special steps were taken to address the increasing cases of violence against women with disabilities during COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the helpline of the National Commission for Women is accessible to women with disabilities;
- (d) the number of complaints received by the National Commission for Women from women with disabilities;
- (e) the details of measures taken to redress their grievances; and
- (f) if not, the reasons thereof?

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