## **RAJYA SABHA**

#### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019/Ashadha 27, 1941 (Saka)

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; Human Resource Development; Law and Justice; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Textiles; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 160

### Strike of workers of UCIL, Jaduguda

†2854. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that contract wages are yet to be paid to the workers of UCIL Jaduguda, Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that production was stalled for three days due to the strike of workers from 10th June to 15th June, 2019 and if so, the details thereof?

### Implementation of BharatNet Project

2855. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of BharatNet Project, phase-wise and State/UT-wise;

- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the Project so far, phasewise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of data being consumed per connection on an average as a result of the Project; and
- (d) the impact of launch of GSAT 11 satellite in implementation of the Project in terms of providing connectivity and geographical reach?

## Mobile telephones in villages

2856. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of villages in the country are yet to be connected with mobile telephones and if so, the details of such villages, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of mobile towers and telephone exchanges installed by

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Government across the country to provide telephone connectivity to the left out villages/areas during the last three years and the current year;

- (c) the number of mobile towers and telephone exchanges presently working and of those likely to be installed in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

## Meeting requirement of internet consumers

- 2857. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has anticipated likely increase in internet users in the country because of fast adoption of digital technology;
- (b) if so, the estimated volume of internet users in the country till March, 2018 and the increase anticipated during the next twelve months; and
- (c) the preparatory measures Government has taken to deal with additional demand of high speed internet facility to new consumers without causing inconvenience to existing consumers?

# Loss due to subscribers opting for private telephones

2858. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephone subscribers opted for another private telephone in their residences;
- (b) if so, the number of such subscribers who so opted during the last two years; and

(c) the details of revenue loss due to this?

# Deteriorating services in Post Offices in Guwahati

- 2859. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of deteriorating services in some Post Offices in Guwahati;
- (b) if so, whether Government has been conducting regular inspections/surprise checks to ensure good services to the client;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the other measures that are being taken by Government?

# Meeting with telecommunication companies

2860. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to hold a meeting with all the telecommunication companies very soon;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof:
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some consolidation is taking place in the telecom sector and whether Government would ensure that the competition is fair; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Connectivity of Gram Panchayats in Jharkhand

2861. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims, objectives and phase-wise targets of BharatNet project;
- (b) whether it is a fact that more than 4000 Gram Panchayats are yet to be connected in Jharkhand;
- (c) if so, the details of plans to connect them with BharatNet;
- (d) whether the Ministry has fixed any timeline to connect all such Gram Panchayats; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Relief package for telecom sector

2862. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sought relief package for telecom sector of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) to what extent these relief packages would benefit the telecom sector as well as public?

# Faulty telephones in Chhota Udaipur district

†2863. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that faulty telephones in Chhota Udaipur district of Gujarat are not rectified on time and they remain out of order for weeks;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any official has been held responsible for the same and if not, Government's reaction thereto?

#### Penalty on telecom operators

2864. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had recommended to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for 3,000 crore penalties to be imposed on three operators for not providing points of interconnections (POIs) to another operator and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether Government is aware that certain officials, in connivance with the defaulting Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), delayed proceedings of the Committee and if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard so far;
- (c) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has taken above cases into their hands; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Mobile connectivity in villages of Chhattisgarh

- †2865. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether many villages of Chhattisgarh are not connected with mobile telephony;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such villages of the State alongwith the reasons for their low mobile connectivity and the steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of mobile towers and telephone exchanges set up by Government to provide mobile and telephone connections to such villages/areas

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during the last three years including the current year, year-wise; and

(d) the number of operational mobile towers and telephone exchanges in the State and those likely to be installed?

# Lapse in depositing GPF contribution by BSNL

2866. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any lapse in depositing the mandatory contribution of the General Provident Fund that BSNL is supposed to deposit with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any measures have been taken by Government to avoid such lapses in future;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Bogus offer of 4G by telecom companies

2867. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is in receipt of any complaints about private telecom companies who have only 2G and 3G bandwidths, and are cheating customers by offering 4G services; and
- (b) if so, the details of such complaints and the details of such fraudulent telecom service providers?

#### Improving telecom services

2868. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various telecommunication services including mobile and internet facilities are not satisfactory specially in the rural, hilly/ remote and tribal areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such areas with poor telecom services/connectivity, State-wise, including Himachal Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to improve these services?

# Broadband penetration in rural and hilly areas

2869. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of broadband penetration in the rural and hilly areas of the country;
- (b) whether the broadband services in rural and hilly areas of the country have not seen any progress so far despite huge progress in the telecommunication sector and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

## Satellite phones in villages

- †2870. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of villages in the country where communication services are not available, State-wise;
- (b) the action plan proposed by Government to provide communication

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services and by when these services would be provided; and

(c) the details of action plan, if any, proposed by Government to provide satellite phones in such villages?

### **Projects of NER**

- 2871. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that this Ministry is responsible for infrastructure development in North Eastern Region (NFR):
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have submitted their projects priority list and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of projects sanctioned during the last two years under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), State-wise?

## Schemes for indigenous employment in NER

2872. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are special schemes benefiting North Eastern Region to develop indigenous employments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, employment sector-wise and number of people-wise; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Status of NESIDS projects

2873. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects that have received 40 per cent share of the funding out of the 22 projects and the number of those that have received 60 per cent share of the funding under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS):
- (b) the details of these projects, sectorwise and State-wise; and
- (c) by when the selected projects would be completed, project-wise?

# New initiatives through National e-Governance plan

- 2874. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) the new initiatives, if any, taken up by the Ministry during the last three years through the National e-Governance plan;
- (b) in what manner e-Governance has helped in increasing citizen participation through information sharing and consultation and the steps, if any, that are being planned to further increase citizen participation in the coming five years; and
- (c) the estimated amount spent by the Ministry under the above mentioned plan during the last three years?

### MDR charges levied on customers

- 2875. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the practice of 'charging Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) from consumers in the name of convenience fee' that are arising in digitalization phase of India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:

- (b) whether Government has any assessment report on whether these charges should be levied or removed and if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the effective measures Government has taken after discovery of the malpractice and if no measure have been taken, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government is considering to remove such charges?

### Performance of BHIM app

2876. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the performance of BHIM app since its launch in December, 2016;
- (b) whether in spite of increased usage of Unified Payment Interface as digital payment mode and non-State players like Paytm, PhonePe, Google Tez, etc. flourishing, the reasons BHIM app is not able to keep pace with them and there is fall in its share from 42 per cent in September, 2017 to 15 per cent in June, 2018:
- (c) the share of BHIM app from July, 2018 to October, 2018, month-wise; and
- (d) to what extent withdrawal of cash back from 1st July would impact use of BHIM app?

## Reducing friction in digital payments

- 2877. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the problem of friction in digital payments;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof along with

the steps taken to rectify the above problem; and

(c) whether Government has any plans of collaborating with educational or policy institutions to come up with alternate modes of digital payments and if so, the details thereof?

## Nationalised data governance centre

2878. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a nationalised data governance centre to hold all public data and establish guidelines for management and sharing of data between the State and Central agencies;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

# Government's policy on recycling of e-wastes

- 2879. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that e-wastes contain heavy metals and other toxic chemicals like mercury, lead and sulphur that pose a real danger to our environment;
- (b) whether Government is also aware that the country has produced 3.3 million tonnes of e-waste by the end of 2018;
- (c) whether Government has taken any initiatives to recycle e-wastes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Controlling streaming of online contents

2880. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that several websites are streaming online contents directly into houses without any censorship; and
- (b) if so, whether Government has any plan regarding these platforms?

# Contribution of Indian Electronic Industry to global market

2881. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is satisfied with the current level of contribution of Indian Electronic Industry to Global Electronic market;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified any factors that impede the ability of the industry in becoming it globally competitive; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### CSCs as Business correspondents

2882. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to get all the Common Services Centres (CSCs) to act as Business Correspondents (BCs) for delivering varied services like banking, insurance, railway bookings to Wi-Fi services for creating last mile access points for financial services across the country;

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

#### Broadband readiness index of States

2883. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to launch broadband services readiness index of States based on parameters like infrastructure, approval processes and utilisation of high speed internet;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### E-passports service

2884. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Passport Seva Project has been issuing one crore passports every year;
- (b) whether Government proposes to issue e-passports on priority; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Number of overseas Indian abroad

2885. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of overseas Indian abroad, country-wise;
- (b) whether the presence of overseas Indians in significant numbers is an important factor in our relationship with countries of their settlement and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has any action plan of engagement with overseas Indians in the developed countries and if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

## Dissemination of information on foreign affairs

2886. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has an established mechanism for the collation and dissemination of information on foreign affairs/issues for the public and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether there has been a decline in the number of white papers and position papers drawn up by the Ministry for public consumption and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of roles envisaged by the Ministry for Indian communities abroad?

### Bilateral relations with Maldives

2887. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the visit of the Prime Minister to Maldives was aimed at giving a push to the bilateral relations between the two countries;
- (b) the major areas identified by both the countries for follow up action in future and whether some agreements were also signed on the occasion; and
- (c) whether cultural interaction between the two countries also figured during the discussions and if so, the details thereof?

## Bilateral discussion with President of France

†2888. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has held bilateral discussion with the President of France during G-20 summit;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the issues like opening a collective front against terror financing and extending cooperation in maritime security were also discussed; and
- (d) if so, the details of response of French Government in this regard?

# Arrangements for bringing Indian citizens

†2889. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries with whom Government has made arrangements for bringing Indian citizens; and
- (b) whether Indian citizens residing in the Middle East/Arabian countries also want to return to India and are seeking Government's help in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

# Meeting with Prime Minister of Japan at Osaka

2890. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the issues discussed between the Prime Minister of Japan and the Indian Prime Minister recently at Osaka;
- (b) the main topics highlighted by Japan with regard to G-20 meeting;
- (c) the details of response of Indian Government thereto; and
- (d) whether any trilateral meeting between India, US and Japan was held and if so, the details thereof?

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# Passports with advanced security features

2891. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with passports with advanced security features;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that chips would be installed in the booklets; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

# Integration of diplomatic missions with Passport Seva Project

2892. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is on its way to integrate all the diplomatic missions and posts with the Passport Seva Project;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether at present there are 505 Passport Seva Kendras out of which 412 are Post Office Passport Seva Kendras; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Mental Health Workforce in Higher Education Institutions

2893. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of counsellors or psychologists working in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs);
- (b) the average number of counsellors or psychologists per HEI; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve mental health workforce in HEIs?

### Support to India for UNSC nonpermanent seat

2894. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has won the unanimous support of all countries in the 55 member Asia Pacific Group at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in its bid for a non-permanent seat at UNSC for a two year term in 2021-22;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India had been a nonpermanent member of the UNSC seven times earlier: and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Meeting with US Secretary of State in Delhi

2895. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting was held with US Secretary of State in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details of issues which came for discussion in the meeting;
- (c) the details of bilateral issues discussed and the views exchanged between the two Ministers to resolve them; and
- (d) whether H1B visa issue was also discussed and if so, the details thereof?

## Meetings in G-20 summit

2896. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries with which the Indian Prime Minister has held a dialogue during G-20 summit held recently in Japan;
- (b) the terms of reference of the dialogues along with the results thereof; and
- (c) whether the emerging and other issues have also been discussed with heads of the respective countries and if so, the details thereof?

## Indians languishing in foreign jails

2897. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: SHRI VEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of Indians are languishing in jails of various countries including Pakistan and Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, countrywise;
- (c) the types of assistance provided to them; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure the release of such prisoners and their safe passage to the country?

## Construction of dam on Brahmaputra

†2898. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some dams have been built

or are under construction on tributaries of Brahmaputra river by China;

- (b) whether due to construction of the said dams, the water of Siang river has become polluted and the local people are forced to drink this polluted water as a result of which they are having various types of diseases; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to provide pure drinking water to the people living there and protect their interests?

### Digital exploitation of children

2899. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to create a permanent institutional framework to monitor and regulate online content that falls under the category of digital exploitation of children and create awareness and proper accountability measures to reduce online child harassment; and
- (b) the further action taken by Government to protect children from digital sexual exploitation/abuse in the country, expedite the disposal of such cases and create public awareness against it keeping confidentiality of the complainant?

### Plan for revival of SAARC

2900. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has not achieved its goals;

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- (b) if so, the factors responsible for this; and
- (c) whether India has any plan to revive SAARC?

#### Students in Government schools

- †2901. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the percentage of children who study in Government primary schools out of the total number of getting primary education;
- (b) the percentage of children who study in Government secondary and higher secondary schools out of the total number of children getting secondary and higher secondary education;
- (c) whether Government has proposed any plan so that more and more children get education in Government schools; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Attracting educational institutions

- 2902. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in higher education has attracted some world class educational institutions/ universities to operate in India;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Education on yoga in Government schools

2903. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Ayurveda has recommended to make education on yoga mandatory in Government schools for keeping children healthy;
- $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;} \\ \mbox{and} \\$
- (c) the percentage of schools in the country which are covered under the said programme, State/UT-wise?

#### Each One-Teach One movement

- 2904. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of 'Each One-Teach One' movement;
- (b) the aims and objectives of the above movement; and
- (c) in what manner the above movement would help poor and marginalised students?

# Seats in higher educational institutions

- †2905. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to increase the number of seats in higher educational institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the number of seats proposed to be increased, institution-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Status of Guru Ghasidas University, Chhattisgarh

†2906. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 40 posts are lying vacant in Guru Ghasidas University, Chhattisgarh, most of which belong to Other Backward Class, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe category;
- (b) since when these seats have been lying vacant in this University and the steps taken to fill up these vacancies during the last three years; and
- (c) the reasons for not filling up these vacant positions and the details of the steps taken to not let the studies of the students get affected by it?

#### **Comments on draft NEP**

2907. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has not received much comments from the public on the draft National Education Policy (NEP);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to come out with more ways to gather comments from the public on the said policy; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Quality upgradation programme

2908. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality upgradation and inclusion programme in

education is likely to involve investment of ₹ 1.5 lakh crore during the next five years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that much of the said demand would have to be met from the market; and
- (d) if so, in what manner Government plans to raise it from the market?

## Quality of education in educational institutes

2909. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the various initiatives Government has taken so far to increase the quality of education and efficiency in different educational institutes including the Kendriya Vidyalayas and schools under CRSF.
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiatives to fill up the vacancies in these institutions; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

# Campaign for enrolment of children not attending school

- †2910. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the number of children not attending schools including disabled children during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government proposes to carry out any special campaign for enrolment of the children belonging to the poor and minority community including disabled children; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

## Setting up institutes to train data scientists

2911. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to set up institutes to train and produce data scientists; and
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated for setting up such institutes?

#### Performance of SSA in States

### 2912. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

- (a) the details of performance of the State Governments under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last three years;
- (b) whether the implementation of SSA is constrained due to lack of funds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;
- (d) whether State Governments have asked for more funds under SSA; and
- (e) if so, Government's response thereto?

# Conditions of cook-cum-helpers under MDMS

†2913. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the integration of

National Health Mission and Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDMS) the honorarium of cook-cum-helpers employed under the scheme has been increased:

- (b) if so, the details of honorarium being paid to cook-cum-helpers at present working under MDMS alongwith the details of increase in their honorarium with dates and amount of such increase;
- (c) whether the honorarium paid to the cook-cum-helpers is justified with the present high cost of living; and
- (d) whether any proposal to increase their honorarium is pending with the Ministry or whether it would consider to increase their honorarium?

# Status of kitchen-cum-store rooms under MDMS

†2914. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the financial aid is provided for construction of kitchencum-store rooms under the Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) if so, the number of States to which such aid has been provided during the last three years; and
- (c) the number and details of kitchencum-store rooms that have been constructed in the country so far?

### Quality of teachers

†2915. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of teachers is declining even after the availability of upgraded technology;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the efforts made by Government for improving the quality of teachers?

# New scholarship scheme for higher education

# 2916. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce any new scholarship scheme to promote higher education;
- (b) whether the University Grants Commission has sent any proposal to the Ministry in this regard;
- (c) the details of students likely to be benefited under the said scheme, categorywise; and
- (d) by when the Central Government is likely to take a decision in this regard?

### PhD course at IIMs

2917. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not accepted the two-year PhD course in IIMs;
- (b) if so, in what manner it violates the guidelines of UGC with regard to PhD course; and
- (c) the status of those students who takes admission in PhD course directly after completing four year bachelor's course?

### Centre for excellence for studies in Classical Languages

2918. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would start a centre for excellence for studies in Classical Languages and set up professional chairs in Universities;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of languages declared as Classical Languages and subsequent action taken for their promotion and development?

# Support to meritorious students for higher education

2919. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure that meritorious students get all sorts of facilities/help including financial help in pursuing higher education, within the country and abroad;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Student-teacher ratio in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2920. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the status of student-teacher ratio in different classes in different disciplines in these schools; and

(c) the current status of vacant posts of Principals, Vice-Principals and teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and timeline for filling up these post?

## School dropout rates

- 2921. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware that 'School Dropout' rate, particularly in rural area of the country is still a matter of grave concern;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the 'School Dropout' rate with special focus on rural areas; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Re-employment of retired teachers

†2922. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: SHRI VISHAMBHAR

PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether retired teachers have been re-employed due to shortage of teachers in Central Universities;
- (b) if so, the details of such teachers, university-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in appointing regular teachers and the steps taken for such appointments?

#### Multiple degree courses

2923. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

- (a) whether Government has arrived at any final decision to allow students to pursue more than one degree from the same university or different universities either through distance mode/part-time mode and awarding a joint degree by Indian Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that enabling students to enrol for two or more courses could dilute the essence of the learning process?

# Students studying in foreign countries

2924. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students who went abroad for higher studies during 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, countrywise;
- (b) the number of such students out of them who enrolled for PhD there;
- (c) the number of students sponsored by Government; and
- (d) the number of students enrolled there for social sciences and natural sciences?

### **UGC** projects

2925. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) the number of major and minor projects that have been sanctioned by the UGC during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (b) the amount sanctioned for those projects; and
- (c) the number of projects submitted till 2018 which have been published?

# Schemes and grants for Classical languages

2926. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes and grants extended to classical languages, especially Tamil language; and
- (b) the details of promotional activities undertaken for development of Tamil language?

### Shortage of teachers in Maharashtra

- 2927. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of teachers in Government schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise;
- (c) the number of schools in Maharashtra where teacher-student ratio is much higher than the sanctioned ratio; and
- (d) the details of effective measures Government proposes to deal with shortage of teachers in Government schools with particular reference to Maharashtra?

# Hostels for SC/ST students of engineering colleges

2928. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced any scheme specifically for providing funds for construction of hostels for SC and ST students in engineering colleges;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of institutes which have been provided the funds, so far?

#### Private and deemed universities

2929. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether private and deemed universities function satisfactorily as per the norms of UGC;
- (b) if so, whether more universities in private sector would be permitted;
- (c) whether some proposals are pending with Government for approval as private university; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Norms in research and infrastructure

- 2930. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number and details of universities which meet the norms in research and infrastructure as per UGC survey; and
- (b) the measure taken by Government to improve other universities?

#### Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

- †2931. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any special quota has been prescribed for Members of Parliament (MPs) and the Ministry to get special concession for admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas, (KVs), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether keeping in view the number of KVs situated in the Parliamentary Constituency of MPs, Ministry would consider to provide coupons for each school to them and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to increase the number of coupons given to MPs under special concession for admission in KVs and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Board examination for Class 5**

- †2932. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the System of Board Examination was decided to be introduced in the 5th class in schools of the country, according to the scheme of the Ministry;
- (b) the names of the States where it has already been introduced and where it is yet to be introduced respectively and the future planning of Government regarding the implementation thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for non-introduction thereof, till date and the stand of Government thereon?

## Space crunch in subordinate courts

2933. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many subordinate courts at district level are functioning in rented buildings and are also facing space crunch, which is adversely affecting their functioning;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has floated any scheme to construct buildings for court rooms to enable the subordinate courts to function in a spacial atmosphere;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Proposal from Delhi for FTCs

- 2934. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the State Government of the NCT of Delhi for setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the Ministry thereto; and
- (d) the number of fast track courts operational in Delhi and the date of their establishment?

### Credibility of EVMs

- 2935. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether with the completion of election to the 17th Lok Sabha, the fears and apprehensions over the reliability of EVMs have been laid to rest with no variation found between the VVPATs and Votes recorded on EVMs;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) whether the Bhat Committee Report recently submitted to the Supreme Court says that the EVM design, the protocols related to the assignment of machines to constituencies, the time it is done and the order of candidates on EVMs make the machine secure; and
- (c) whether the report says that VVPATs are meant only to boost confidence in the system?

# Appointment of female judges and prosecutors

†2936. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the crimes against women belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and single women are rising constantly and if so, whether Government proposes to establish special courts separately for the hearing of such cases and if so, the details thererof State/Union Territory-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) the number and details of female judges and female public prosecutors appointed/under consideration for appointment during the last three years for hearing of increasing cases of crimes against women and for providing them speedy justice?

### Commission for judicial reforms

2937. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to fix any time-limit for disposal of criminal and civil cases in various courts in the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether Government proposes to set up any commission or committee for judicial reforms, for speedy disposal of pending court cases and for opening of new benches of High Courts in various States in order to help the people in getting speedy justice and disposal of pending cases against them: and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Proposal from Rajasthan and Delhi

2938. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes or programmes being implemented by the Ministry in Rajasthan and Delhi;
- (b) the financial and physical progress reported under each of these schemes during the last three years in those States, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether any proposals from those States are pending with the Ministry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's response thereto?

### Transfer policy for judges of High Courts

2939. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal or policy to consider transfer of judges of High Courts in States other than the State of their original appointment;
- (b) if so, whether this policy/proposal is followed selectively or it is uniformly applied to all the States and High Courts; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government considers it in public interest to post a judge in places other than the places of his/her original practice and/or appointment?

# Reservation of seats for women in Parliament and State Assemblies

2940. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to enact the Bill seeking one-third reservation of seats for women in Parliament and State Assemblies: and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be passed in the Parliament?

# Cases of violation of Model Code of Conduct

- 2941. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of cases of violation of Model Code of Conduct reported during the general election 2019, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Election Commissioners have dissented the clean chits given in various such cases; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

## One Nation One Election

†2942. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps towards the process of One Nation, One Election;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any time period has been fixed for the same; and
- (d) the number of times simultaneous elections to State Assemblies and Lok Sabha have been held together after country adopted democracy?

#### Purchase of EVM and VVPAT machines

2943. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken a serious note of constant criticism against use of EVMs in Elections and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of EVM machines procured during the last ten years in the country and the amount spent thereon; and
- (c) the details of VVPATs purchased and amount spent thereon?

### Ban on appointment of retired judges

- †2944. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Government has taken the cognizance of media reports published about the damage to the judiciary caused by the adverse remarks/criticism made by retired judges about the proceedings in the judiciary;
- (b) whether the Central Government is taking any steps to put a ban on the appointments of judges after their retirement to maintain the freedom of the judiciary; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

# Financial burden for new courts in Rajasthan

- 2945. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has informed that it has been directed by the Rajasthan High Court to set up more than 800 courts;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has requested for sharing the financial burden for setting up the courts;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any decision on the request of the State Government;, and
  - (f) if so, the details thereof?

### **National Litigation Policy**

### 2946. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any records of civil cases where one of the parties is Government or any of its agency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, particularly in respect of cases in Rajasthan;
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is preparing any National Litigation Policy to bring down the number of litigations involving Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rules for filing IPRs**

- †2947. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued any rules for its higher officials regarding filing of Immovable Property Returns (IPRs);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of higher officials in the country who have not yet filed their IPRs so far; and
- (d) the action taken by Government against such officials?

#### Shortage of IAS officers

- 2948. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise:
- (c) the number of sanctioned posts of IAS officers, at present, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of officers employed at present State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to meet this shortage?

### Inclusion of more services in All India Services

- 2949. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is considering to include more national level organised services into the All India Services; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof?

# Making Central Deputation mandatory

2950. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to make Central Deputation mandatory for the All India Services officers at least once during their career span;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Applications pending under RTI Act

2951. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thousands of applications under the Right to Information Act (RTI) are pending across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including West Bengal, Punjab and Jharkhand;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment of the reasons for delay in the disposal of pending cases;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial measures taken/being taken therefor;
- (e) whether online applications could also be made under the RTI Act; and
- (f) if so, the details of procedures in this regard and the assistance provided to the States for the purpose?

# Call centre for grievances redressal of pensioners

†2952. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up a call centre to redress the grievances of pensioners; and
- (b) if so, the number of grievances received at the said centre and those resolved during the last three years, category-wise?

### Achieving Sustainable Development Goals

2953. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment of the achievements made in meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the United Nations in the year 2000;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the UN has replaced this action agenda by Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September, 2015; and
- (d) if so, the details of these SDGs and what are the plans proposed to be launched to achieve these goals?

### Launching of student satellites

2954. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India lags behind in launching of satellites developed by students;
- (b) whether it is a fact that during the last three to five years, other countries have launched about 3,500 such satellites that demonstrated innovative technologies;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether it is also a fact that another 2,500 such satellites would be launched in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to catch up with international counterparts?

# Achievements in research and space expeditions

- †2955. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of achievements in various areas of research and space expedition, during the last three years in the field of space science, year-wise; and
- (b) the upcoming time-bound special action plan proposed in the area of upgradation of space science?

## Growth rates of different sectors

- 2956. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of economic, industrial and agricultural growth rates of the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has reviewed the estimated growth rate of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the existing growth rate and the targeted growth rate of various sectors of the economy including the agriculture sector; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to achieve the targeted growth rate in various sectors of the economy?

### Launching of National Business Register Platform

- 2957. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is planning to launch the National Business Register Platform (NBRP) to facilitate creation of a repository of information on economic activity from the formal and informal sectors on various socio-economic parameters including employment;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof and by when it would be launched; and
- (c) whether Government would collate the data from various registration authorities to create NBRP and if so, the details thereof?

# Delay in release of report on unemployment

2958. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether the recently released Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) has recorded the unemployment rate at 45-year high of 6.1 per cent in 2017-18;
- (b) whether the National Statistical Commission had approved this report in last December and if so, the reasons for delay in releasing it after six months;
- (c) whether the report shows that the unemployment rate among youth between 16 and 29 years of age rose sharply in 2017-18;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi

(e) the action Government has taken to revive the economy so as to ensure that the youth of the country gets sufficient job opportunities?

# Delay in high value infrastructure projects

2959. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether high value infrastructure projects/monitored projects are facing issue of delays;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, particularly with regard to projects in NER along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of estimated cost overruns due to delays; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

# Monitoring and implementation of SAARC Social Charter

- 2960. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry for monitoring and implementing the SAARC Social Charter during the last three years;
- (b) whether any report has been made by the Ministry after monitoring the social development in areas like health, nutrition, food security, sanitation, etc. during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has prepared any report after monitoring the women and child resettlement as mentioned in the SAARC Social Charter during the last three years and if so, the details thereof?

### NSSO survey on employment

- 2961. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any survey has been undertaken by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in June, 2018 regarding the status of employment required in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that as per the survey report of NSSO released in June, 2013, the employment in the country dipped from 36.5 per cent in 2009 to 35.4 per cent in 2011-12;
- (d) whether unemployment rate has also risen from the year 2013; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof?

## Urban Haats in Rajasthan

2962. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Rajasthan Government to set up Urban Haats in Sikar, Alwar or any other town/city in the State:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether Government has given approvals for setting up of any such Haats in the State, and if so, the details of financial assistance provided during the last three years;
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Rajasthan Government has sought financial assistance for establishment of such Haats; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

### Introducing degree courses in IIHT

- 2963. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry is considering to introduce degree course on handloom technology in the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT), Bargarh, in Odisha:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Local procurement of textiles

2964. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in spite of requests from Government, PSUs are not buying their textile and fabric requirements locally which would boost earnings of artisans and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any survey has been undertaken recently or on an earlier occasion to find out the number of PSUs procuring their textile and fabric requirements locally;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
  - (d) whether the Ministry proposes to

ask PSUs to promote products of local artisans?

## New skill training center for weavers

2965. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: DR. L. HANUMAN-THAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any effective scheme to create new skill training centers for weavers in the country under Skill Development Scheme;
- (b) if so, whether the centers would be equipped with the modern and latest technology; and
- (c) the number and details of weaver centers running in the country, State-wise?

### Expansion of sericulture

- 2966. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:
- (a) the status of extension of single window based SILKS (Sericulture Information Linked Knowledge System) portal to cover more districts for sericulture expansion through the 'Silk Samagra'-Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry (ISDSI);
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to upgrade Reeling Technology and promote indigenously developed ARM and Improved Vanya reeling devices under "Make in India" programme; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to upgrade State Seed Multiplication facilities and encourage private participation in seed production to match the raw silk production target?

#### **Establishing Urban Haats**

2967. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to establish Urban Haats for handicrafts and craftsmans;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish such Haats in various districts including Moradabad of Uttar Pradesh;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Impact of demonetisation and GST on textile industry

2968. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted a study on the impact of demonetisation and GST on textile sector;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the details of economic impact of demonetisation on the labour intensive industry of textile and creation of new employment opportunities for those who lost their jobs on account of demonetisation; and
- (d) the efforts made or being made by Government for creation of new job opportunities in textile sector?

## Survey on employment in textile sector

2969. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken

any survey on number of skilled/unskilled persons employed in textile sector;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to provide training to unskilled persons to become skilled employees after entering the textile sector;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Funds for welfare of weavers

†2970. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the funds earmarked for the development and welfare of weavers are not being fully utilised;
- (b) the Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the development and welfare of weavers and the amount utilised during the last three years, State-wise?

## Allocations for various schemes

2971. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated for various schemes during the last three years, State-wise:
- (b) the details of funds released under various schemes during that period, Statewise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of spent/unspent funds under various schemes during that period, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the funds released under various schemes is sufficient to achieve the desired objectives?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Modernisation of mills under NTC

2972. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes modernisation of mills under the National Textile Corporation (NTC) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has initiated any action to protect the NTC's ownership in its landed property at various places and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Go Tribal Campaign

2973. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched "Go Tribal Campaign" by Tribes India under which a number of innovative activities have been planned to be undertaken to promote use of tribal handicrafts, handicrafts and natural products;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is also planning for Global Launch of "Tribes India" through Amazon Global Selling;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether collaboration with "I Am Khadi" foundation, TRIFED is introducing Khadi Kurtas and Jackets to its collection;
  - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other new steps taken for welfare of tribals?

### MSP of forest products

2974. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tribals do not get maximum benefits of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) set for their forest products;
- (b) if so, the reasons why there is no institutional mechanism at lower levels to ensure that tribals get the benefits of MSP for their products; and
- (c) the details of data for the last three years showing that they are getting the benefits of MSP?

# Introduction of Learning to Earning facilities

2975. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working on introducing "Learning to Earning" scheme for the all round development of tribal areas;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of facilities proposed to be provided under this scheme?

# Land transfers between non-tribals in tribal areas

2976. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand to allow sale/transfer of patta lands owned by nontribals in Scheduled Tribe Areas;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some States are permitting the sale of land between non-tribals to non-tribals where as some States have completely either banned the sale of land or are allowing sale between non-tribal to tribal?

### Facilities in tribal households

- 2977. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the percentage of tribal households facing food scarcity in the country;
- (b) the percentage of tribal households with proper drainage systems, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of plans to combat food scarcity and lack of proper drainage systems in tribal households?

### Tribals facing starvation

- 2978. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there have been multiple reports of tribals from the worst affected groups such as the Birjiya dying of starvation in Jharkhand; and
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry to track such cases, look into the causes of their deaths and to find out the person accountable for the lapses in administering the rights of such tribals?

# Enhancing HDIs of tribals living in bio-diverse areas

- 2979. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent

of the most bio-diverse areas on the earth are home to indigenous and tribal people including India;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that India recorded highest malnutrition-led mortality among Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups; and
- (d) if so, the present status thereof and the steps taken by Government to enhance their human development indices (HDIs) and protect their rights with conservation of their ethnicity?

### Land right issues of tribals

2980. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has not paid enough attention on the land right issues of tribals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to protect the land rights of tribals:
- (d) whether the tribals are targeted after they file their claims for land rights; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof?

# Pending proposal of Rajasthan and Delhi

- 2981. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Ministry in Rajasthan and Delhi;

- (b) the financial and physical progress reported under each of these schemes during the last three years in those States, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether any proposals from those State Governments are pending with the Ministry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

#### **Eviction of forest dwellers**

2982. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of 19 lakh forest dwellers who were being evicted from the forests by the Supreme Court;
  - (b) the steps taken to help them; and
- (c) the details of future plans to ensure their rights to livelihood and residence?

### Proper implementation of Forest Rights Act

2983. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rules pertaining to bettering the condition of tribals as enshrined in the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Amendment Rules, 2012, are not being implemented properly; and
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

## Allocation of funds for tribal welfare schemes

2984. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about seven

Ministries/ Departments have not allocated funds meant for tribal welfare schemes amounting to non-adherence of new guidelines of NITI Aayog;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with those Ministries in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcomes thereof and the steps taken as corrective measures?

### Rape cases reported to NCW

2985. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rape cases reported to the National Commission for Women (NCW) during 2014 to 2019, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the States from where a large number of rape cases have been reported; and
- (c) the suggestions received by NCW to curb the menace of rape and the action taken thereon?

## **Evaluation/review of schemes**

2986. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has made any evaluation/review of the schemes like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), etc.; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Tackling sexual harassment of women

2987. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) in what manner the Ministry proposes to implement the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 in wake of the #metoo campaign;
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to bring in an amendment to the said Act and if so, by when:
- (c) whether the Ministry has planned to set up fast track courts for sexual harassment cases and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) in what manner the Ministry plans to tackle these cases and ensure justice delivery?

# POSHAN Abhiyaan to address malnutrition

2988. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had launched the POSHAN Abhiyaan to address malnutrition through convergence, use of technology and a targeted approach;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Abhiyaan targets to reduce stunting, under nutrition, anaemia and reduce low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **National Nutrition Mission**

2989. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is giving thrust to the National Nutrition Mission (NNM);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has identified various districts across the country under NNM; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

# Improvement in nutritional status of children

2990. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest data of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare nearly 44 per cent children in Bihar and 48 per cent children in Jharkhand are underweight while country's average is 35 per cent;
- (b) whether there is any data available in this regard about other States; and
- (c) the details of work done under POSHAN Abhiyaan to achieve improvement in nutritional status of children from 0-6 years?

## Orphaned and abandoned children outside institutionalised care

2991. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 29.6 million orphaned and abandoned children in the country, only 470,000 children are in institutionalised care;

- (b) the number and details of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) that have been linked with the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) as compared to unregistered CCIs;
- (c) whether the ratio of abandoned children to children in institutionalised care is askew and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to shut down unregistered CCIs and hold childcare officers accountable: and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Status of National Policy on Women

2992. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of National Policy on Women; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to undertake an analysis of the existing laws to remove those which are discriminatory towards women in nature and ensure that the principle of equality as enshrined in the Constitution and envisioned in the draft policy is achieved?

## **Report of UN World Food Programme**

2993. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI D. RAJA: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the report of UN World Food Programme, on the analysis of country's progress in achieving the second Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger, cautioned that Indian children would be malnourished and stunted by 2022;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the foodgrain yield matches with the target yields in controlling malnutrition;
- (d) the average per capita consumption of energy among the poorest population as compared to the normal ones; and
- (e) whether any action plan has been prepared to control malnutrition among children and if so, the details thereof?

# Report of social audit conducted by NCPCR

2994. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the social audit conducted by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), child care institutions are operating in utter disregard to mandatory standards:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that out of nearly 3,000 children homes studied till now, only 54 institutions have received positive reviews; and
- (c) whether the social audit which was to be completed by October, 2018 has been completed and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### Amendments in POCSO Act

2995. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the amendments to the POCSO Act, 2012 would be implemented

by Government including death sentences being awarded to child rapists;

- (b) whether the Ministry is aware of my letter asking for review of POCSO Act, with a view to make it more effective and stronger deterrent for criminals who prey on the children of our country; and
- (c) the budgetary allocations made and its utilisation for the implementation of POCSO Act and training of State machinery to ensure better enforcement of the same during the last three years, State-wise including Karnataka?

# Sexual harassment of women in educational institutions

2996. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any complaints of sexual harassment from women in educational institutions during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the remedial steps being taken in this regard;
- (c) the number of colleges which have set up Internal Complaints Committees in accordance with the University Grants Commission Regulations, 2015, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) the number of sexual harassment cases reported to such Committees and the number of cases whose investigation has been completed; and
- (e) the other steps proposed to deal with such cases in a timely and sensitive manner?

# Central assistance for Anganwadi buildings

2997. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has considered to release Central assistance @ 60 per cent amounting to ₹ 7992.60 lakh towards construction of 1,903 Anganwadi Centre buildings in urban areas of Odisha during 2017-18; and
- (b) whether the Ministry has considered to sanction the Central share of funds for construction of new observation homes and special homes in Boudh, Kalahandi and Malkanagiri districts of that State?

# Income Tax exemption on contribution to Juvenile Justice Fund

2998. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is considering to take suitable steps for exemption from Income Tax for donors who contribute to the Juvenile Justice Fund established under rule 83 of the Juvenile Model Rules, 2016;
- (b) whether the Ministry is also considering to make provisions of funds for activities of Child Protection Committees at Block and Gram Panchayat level:
- (c) whether the Ministry is considering to establish Juvenile Justice Academy in Odisha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Anganwadi Centres in Karnataka

2999. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) sanctioned during the last three years in Karnataka, year-wise;
- (b) the details of AWCs that have become operational during that period, yearwise:
- (c) whether it is a fact that many AWCs have become non-operational during the above period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, year-wise;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that remuneration paid to Anganwadi workers and helpers is very low and needs revision at regular intervals; and
- (f) if so, whether Government would consider the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Release of funds for schemes

3000. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposals for release of funds to the State of Andhra Pradesh under various schemes of the Ministry;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any such proposals are pending for release of funds; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Complaints and settlement by NCPCR

- 3001. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number and details of complaints received by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on child abuse during 2014 to 2019, State-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to streamline the functioning of NCPCR for expediting the settlement of complaints?

# Setting up of National Institute of Women Affairs

3002. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Institute of Women Affairs:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) by when it is likely to be set up?

## Awareness among parents to save children

3003. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that use of mobile phones by children is crossing addiction level which is harmful for proper development of children;
- (b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to restrict the use of mobile phones by children;
- (c) whether Government also proposes to launch any campaign to create awareness among parents to save children from mobile phone addiction; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Survey and data about the street children

3004. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey and collected data about the number of street children, the rag pickers, vagabond, runaway, orphans, etc. committing petty crimes for subsistence or begging in various parts of the country particularly in Mumbai and other urban areas of Maharashtra and the national capital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise:
- (c) whether Government has any plan or National policy for the rehabilitation, education and economic welfare of such children; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Action plan for awareness against sexual offences under POCSO in NER

3005. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 during the last three years in North Eastern Region (NER):
- (b) whether Government has taken note of sharp increase in cases of sexual offences against the children and if so, the details thereof:
  - (c) whether Government has initiated

any action plan for establishment of special courts for timely disposal of cases registered under POCSO and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to launch awareness programmes for shaping public opinion against such offences and if so, the details thereof?

# Social and economic support to women in distress

†3006. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated to provide medical care, food, shelter, clothing to the women living in distress due to not getting social and economic support; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Skill training to women

†3007. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the steps taken towards providing skill training to women during the last three years and the percentage of women made skilled through such training and the percentage of women who have started their own business, State-wise?

## **Funding of National Creche Scheme**

3008. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made cuts in the funding pattern of National Creche Scheme;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that grants have not been paid to several creches; and
  - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### One Stop Crisis Centre

3009. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains records of the number of complaints handled at each One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC) proportionate to the population of women in the district;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is taking any steps to strengthen the capacity of the shelter and the staff to make them more responsive proportionate to the number of women in the district; and
- (e) the additional steps taken to increase awareness about OSCC at the district level?

### Achievements under Ujjwala Scheme

3010. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ujjwala Scheme is yielding the desired results;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of cases registered, agencies registered and the number of women rehabilitated under the prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, re-integration, repatriation components of the scheme?

# Awareness programmes to educate women for controlling atrocities

3011. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated/ proposes to initiate awareness programme to educate women with a view to control atrocities against them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the other measures taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

# National plan for economic welfare of widows

3012. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

- (a) whether Government has any statistics about the number of widows in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise:
- (c) whether Government is aware of the plight of widows who have no source of income but have to support their children in odd conditions in society;
- (d) if so, whether Government has put in place any national plan for economic welfare of widows; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Districts covered under POSHAN Abhiyaan

3013. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the 36 States/Union Territories and 718

districts would be covered under POSHAN Abhiyaan in a phased manner by the year 2020;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the districts so far covered under the said programme and the inputs received from all the covered districts?

New Delhi; *The* 12th July, 2019 *Ashadha* 21, 1941 (Saka) DESH DEEPAK VERMA, Secretary-General.

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