

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Communications; Development of North Eastern Region; Education; Electronics and Information Technology; External Affairs; 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

Development of Ruthenium-106 Plaque for treatment of eye cancer by BARC

1121 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BARC has developed Ruthenium -106 Plaque for treatment of eye cancer which has been successfully tested at AIIMS, Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the technology developed is at par with international standards and is cost effective too; and
- (d) whether the technology developed would be made available to all the dedicated eye hospitals in the country or would it remain confined to a few hospitals only?

High level concentration of Uranium in borewells of Kadapa Basin of Andhra Pradesh

1122 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level of concentration has been detected in borewells of Kadapa Basin of Nalgonda district which is well known for Uranium deposits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the immediate action taken to restrict people on the consumption of water of the borewells?

Use of Radio Isotope for treatment of cancer

1123 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Cyclotron is used for the production of Radio Isotope which is used for diagnosis and treatment of cancer, if so, the type of cancer in which this Radio Isotope is used;
- (b) whether the Cyclotron-30, the biggest cyclotron for medical use facility in the country is

operational now; and

(c) if so, the cost incurred in the research and construction of it?

Annual production of Uranium

1124 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current annual production of Uranium in the country is enough to meet the annual fuel requirement of all the operational Uranium based Nuclear Power Plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of estimated Uranium reserves and extraction potential in the country, Uranium mine-wise and State/UT-wise and the details of the Uranium extracted during each of the last three years, Uranium mine-wise and State/UT-wise along with the funds allocated and utilised thereon in the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to undertake more Uranium exploration activities in various States including Andhra Pradesh?

Computerisation and modernisation of Post Offices

1125 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any programme for the computerisation and modernisation of Post Offices in the country;

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

(c) the number of Post Offices computerised as on date in each State, particularly Maharashtra; and

(d) the number of Post Offices yet to be computerised?

Sale of MTNL Assets

1126 **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

(a) whether there has been a delay in payments from the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) with regard to sale of 21 of MTNL's land assets;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds owed to the DDA; and

(c) the reasons for delay in payment to DDA from MTNL?

CDR collection by Government agencies

1127 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

(a) the number of instances of individual Call Details Records (CDRs) collection by Central Government agencies which took place during the past five years;

(b) the number of instances of tower mast dump data collection by Central Government agencies which took place during the past five years; and

(c) the legal mandate or the legal provisions which sanction the collection and analysis of tower mast dump data of innocent citizens for corona virus contact tracing?

Optical fibre laid under the NOFN Project

1128 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the details of optical fibre laid so far under the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) Project and the time frame to achieve the remaining targets;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats connected with broadband and WiFi hotspots so far under the said project in Uttar Pradesh, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of Gram Panchayats of Uttar Pradesh yet to be connected under the said project, the details thereof, district-wise?

Road map for spectrum allocation and 5G frequency bands

1129 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has in 2018 planned to start 5G services;
- (b) whether it is a fact that telecom companies have urged Government to lay out a clear road map of spectrum allocation and 5G frequency bands; and
- (c) if so, the details of bottlenecks and by when Government plans to roll out 5G services?

High speed broadband by BSNL in Tamil Nadu

1130 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

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

- (a) whether BSNL is providing high speed broadband connection and mobile connectivity in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of schemes launched by BSNL for the subscribers of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the services of BSNL in Tamil Nadu, and other States?

Status of IPPB in Uttar Pradesh

1131 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the present status of the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and whether this service has been started, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Post Offices in the country where this service has been started;
- (c) the details of Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh where this service has been introduced; and
- (d) the main difference between the services provided by India Post Payments Bank and other Government banks?

Norms on unsolicited commercial communication

1132 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) action taken against those operators that are not complying with the norms on unsolicited commercial communication;
- (b) the action taken against mobile networks and telecom companies that are allowing unregistered players to operate on a large scale leading to loss of money to the public;
- (c) the measures taken for strict implementation of the Telecom Commercial

Communications Customer Preferences Regulations (TCCCPR), 2018; and
(d) whether any monitoring body has been set up for its strict implementation?

National Digital Communications Policy

1133 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) in what manner India's digital infrastructure can be compared with countries like China, US, South Korea, Japan, etc., to support fast broadband technologies;
- (b) in what manner National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP) of 2018 is planning to address the above;
- (c) the details of targets set under NDCP 2018 and achieved so far, target-wise; and
- (d) the efforts being made to achieve five million Wi-Fi hotspots target set by 2020 and plans that the Ministry have to achieve 10 million by 2022?

Status of in-flight connectivity

1134 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the current status of in-flight connectivity in international and domestic flights of airlines operating from India, the details thereof;
- (b) the time limit set to provide in-flight connectivity in all the international and domestic flights of airlines operating from India; and
- (c) whether Government has signed any agreement with the mobile and internet provider companies for in-flight connectivity service, or whether it is considering to invite tenders in this regard, the details thereof?

Rejuvenation package for BSNL and MTNL

1135 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether any rejuvenation package for BSNL and MTNL is on the unveil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 4G spectrum allocation for all circles of BSNL/MTNL has been completed; and
- (d) if so, the status thereof?

NOFN for internet connectivity

1136 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has linked the villages of the country to National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) for internet connectivity under the 'BharatNet Project'; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Telecom facility in villages

1137 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether all the villages in the country have been connected with telephone facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are many villages in the States where telephone facility is not available till

date;

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

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

Internet shutdown in the country

1138 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to calculate the economic cost of internet shutdowns in the country;

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

(c) the list of places in the country which has undergone internet shutdown in the year, 2020 and reasons for the shutdown; and

(d) the number of Government schemes which are dependent upon the internet to operate?

Complaints regarding call drop

1139 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

Dr. Banda Prakash:

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

(a) whether complaints regarding call drops are being received from the customers despite guidelines repeatedly issued by Government to the telecom companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such complaints received by Government during the last three years, State/UT/operator-wise; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by Government against the telecom companies in this regard?

Roadmap for implementation of public Wi-Fi system

1140 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

(a) whether Government has asked telecom companies to provide a roadmap for implementation of public Wi-Fi system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the telecom service providers and feedback received from them; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to implement the public Wi-Fi system in the country?

Infrastructure projects in Tripura

1141 Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Development of North Eastern Region** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many North-Eastern States are not connected with the main land; and

(b) if so, the development works relating to road, railways and airways carried out during the last two years particularly in Tripura?

Teaching staff in University of Delhi

1142 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the college-wise details of total number of teachers/ professors in University of Delhi;
- (b) college-wise details of total number of teachers/ professors belonging to Scheduled Tribes/ Scheduled Castes in Delhi University;
- (c) the number of vacant posts of Scheduled Tribes/ Scheduled Castes professors in Delhi University and the time-line by which they would be filled, college-wise and subject-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the total number of sanctioned non-teaching posts in Delhi University and number of ST/SC posts that are category-wise vacant out of them, and the time-line by which they are proposed to be filled up, college-wise details thereof?

Students who attempted JEE/CAT/NEET exams

1143 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the number of students who attempted the JEE/CAT/NEET exams in 2019-20 and 2020-21; and
- (b) the measures undertaken by the Ministry to assist students giving competitive examinations during the pandemic?

Access to digital means of education

1144 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) the steps taken to ensure access to digital means of education for all students in the country between March 23, 2020 and January 1, 2021, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware of issues with accessibility to such means, especially in Jammu and Kashmir where multiple districts do not have access to high speed internet;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to mitigate the same; and
- (d) whether changes to syllabi of Board Exams are being considered in the light of interruption to school education caused by COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown?

Education amid Covid-19 lockdown

1145 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the number of students who got displaced amid migrant workers crisis induced by COVID-19 pandemic lockdown;
- (b) the facilities Government schools are providing to its students in lieu of Mid-Day Meals and other education initiatives which got cancelled amid COVID-19 pandemic;
- (c) the details of Government plan to recover/compensate for the loss in teaching time resulting out of lockdown amid COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) whether there is a plan for preventing increased drop outs, lower enrolments, loss of learning and deterioration in the gains made in providing universal access, quality and equity?

Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh

1146 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified 250 acres of land at Saluru in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh for Tribal University;

- (b) whether CM of Andhra Pradesh submitted a Memorandum to Home Minister in this regard on 19th January, 2021;
- (c) if so, details of steps taken to fulfill promise in Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act which mandates Government to set up tribal university in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) constraints for Ministry to start academic session at least in a temporary campus; and
- (e) by when the university is likely to come up in Andhra Pradesh?

Steering Committee of Central Universities

1147 # Shri Vivek Thakur:

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

- (a) whether Central Universities have any Steering Committee, which consists of local MPs from Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Permanent campus for IISER

1148 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) whether the construction work of permanent campus for Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Jangalapalli at Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh is yet to be completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Funds allocation for schemes in Andhra Pradesh

1149 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/granted under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of funds released under such schemes to the State during the last three years;
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released/ due to the State; and
- (d) the fixed time-frame by which these funds would be released to the State?

Education projects in Jharkhand

1150 # Shri Samir Oraon:

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

- (a) the district-wise details of various ongoing education projects in Jharkhand;
- (b) whether Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities in construction of schools in various districts of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the year-wise details of the funds allocated and spent by Government for education projects in Jharkhand?

Common entrance test for undergraduate studies in Central Universities

1151 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

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

- (a) whether after the introduction of the new National Education Policy, Government is exploring the feasibility of holding a common entrance test for undergraduate admissions across Central Universities;
- (b) if so, whether Government has sought views of eminent educationists and experts in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time frame by which a common entrance test is likely to be conducted for varsities?

Allocation of funds under RUSA

1152 # Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:

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

- (a) State-wise/district-wise details of funds allocated under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) during the last five years including the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the total number of Universities approved/established under RUSA during the last five years;
- (c) the number of Universities approved/established under RUSA in rural districts, State-wise and district-wise including the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to promote higher education in rural districts; and
- (e) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of their implementation including the State of Uttar Pradesh?

Upgradation of schools into multi-disciplinary schools

1153 # Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:

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

- (a) whether Government is supporting the States in upgradation of upper primary schools into multi-disciplinary schools under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme;
- (b) if so, the district-wise details of upper primary schools in Uttar Pradesh which have been earmarked for upgradation as multi-disciplinary schools;
- (c) the details of infrastructure and other facilities provided to the schools under the said upgradation; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to support the State Governments in their efforts to improve the infrastructure of schools?

New Central Universities in Punjab

1154 Shri Shwait Malik:

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to open new Central Universities in Punjab in view of area and geographical conditions of the State;
- (b) if so, the number of Universities and the names of places and the time by when these Universities are likely to be established;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has worked out any action plan to open new Central Universities in Punjab?

Promotion of education in rural areas of Punjab

1155 Shri Shwait Malik:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for attracting the children to schools in rural areas of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any scheme for promoting the merit/capacity of rural children; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign universities setup in India

1156 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) whether as per new National Education Policy(NEP), foreign universities have been allowed to open their university in India;
- (b) the number of foreign universities willing to establish in this regard and whether their fee structure will be cost effective for Indian students;
- (c) the criteria for selection of foreign universities to operate in India;
- (d) whether Indian Universities will be allowed to have partnership or MoU with foreign universities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on girl's education

1157 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the detrimental impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown on girls' access to education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of female students who have dropped out from schools at primary and secondary level between March, 2020 and January, 2021;
- (d) whether Government has operationalised the Gender Inclusion Fund envisaged in the National Education Policy, 2020;
- (e) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (f) the quantum of funds that will be allocated to the same in current and next financial year?

Road map for development of Sanskrit

1158 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:

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

- (a) the actions taken by the Ministry on each of the 152 recommendations underlined in 'Vision and Road Map for the Development of Sanskrit-Ten Year Perspective Plan', the details thereof; and
- (b) the total grant allocated by Government for the implementation of the recommendations of 'Vision and Road Map for the Development of Sanskrit', the year-wise details thereof?

School bag policy for students

1159 Shri K. Somaprasad:

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

- (a) whether Government has announced a bag policy for school students as per the

direction from Madras High Court in 2018, if so, the details thereof; and
 (b) whether Government has received the report from the expert committee headed by Ranjana Arora, if so, the details and the action taken on the recommendations?

Provision of breakfast in Government schools

1160 Shri Rajeev Satav:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to offer breakfast in Government schools along with the Mid-Day Meal and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;
- (b) whether Government will consider to provide breakfast which has nutritional contents as per the recommendations of National Institute of Nutrition and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has been successful in implementing the Mid-Day School Meal and if not, the corrective measures taken in this regard; and
- (d) the time by when offering of breakfast along with Mid-Day Meals in Government schools will be started?

Fee hike by universities

1161 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) whether some of the prominent universities in the country have significantly hiked the fee in different disciplines as a result there is a growing dissatisfaction among the student fraternity, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is considering to appoint a high level Committee consisting of eminent educationists and administrators to go into the matter to find out amicable solution, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schools without vocational training courses

1162 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) the State-wise total number of schools without vocational training courses in percentage of total number of schools;
- (b) whether vocational training courses are being initiated in such schools; and
- (c) the number of schools that have started vocational training during the last 3 years?

Digitizing syllabus and study materials for school boards

1163 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) steps Government is taking to promote creation of digital archives of school textbooks by national and State-level school boards;
- (b) whether Government considers it important to protect copyrights of textbooks from being abused through illicit third-party publication;
- (c) steps Government is taking to establish a framework for legal publishing of these materials;
- (d) whether it is easier for majority of school children to access digital textbooks as opposed to physical ones;
- (e) whether Government plans to promote use of digital textbooks over physical textbooks in years to come; and

(f) if so, manner in which Government intends to actualize this vision?

Lack of access to online classes and use of technology in rural areas

1164 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the shift to online education mode during the pandemic has made the socio-economic divide between the urban and rural population more acute due to poor access to internet and technology;
- (b) if so, the measures proposed by Government to mitigate the gap;
- (c) whether Government is aware about the inefficiency of radios and televisions used as a medium of instruction for school children; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve the issue?

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on education of young women

1165 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic on education of girls and young women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve and promote girls' education?

Funds for improvement of primary education

1166 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised during 2019-20 and 2020-21 till date for improvement of primary education in the country, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of sanctioned, current and vacant posts of primary teachers as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of vacancies of primary teachers filled during 2019-20 and 2020-21 till date, State-wise?

Smart classes in KVs and JNVs

1167 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of smart class systems set up in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in Karnataka;
- (b) the number of classrooms having the above smart class systems in KVs and JNVs in Karnataka; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up smart class systems in all sections of science streams in KVs and JNVs?

Distribution of electronic gadgets to students for online classes

1168 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to distribute electronic gadgets to students for studying online;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to address the serious concerns related to online education in these difficult times;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has made any attempts to resolve the issues of the students especially related to their physical and mental health during this pandemic and if so, the details thereof?

Use of blockchain technology for issuing certificates

1169 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started issuing graduation degree/certificates using blockchain technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is of the view that these technologies can address the fake certificate issue that hampers the quality of education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Relaxation from UGC-NET requirement

1170 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to relax the requirement of UGC-NET exam for lecturership posts in Government as well as private colleges; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Financial impact of Right to Education Act

1171 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether it is the constitutional responsibility of Government to meet all the additional financial burden and responsibilities arising out of the provisions of the Right to Education Act and which are required for the purpose of its implementation since Right to Education Act has been passed by Government;
- (b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has written to the Prime Minister and Minister of Education to take up the gigantic task of providing free and compulsory education to children as a national project by Government; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has agreed to the same?

Shortage of teachers in Central Educational Institutions

1172 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of teachers and staff in Central Educational Institutions in the country;
- (b) whether any assessment has ever been made about the impact on the quality of education being imparted to the students due to these vacancies;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that vacancies of teachers and non-teaching staff are filled immediately; and
- (d) the details of vacant posts in Central Universities till date?

Facial recognition for digital documents

1173 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether CBSE has introduced a method of facial recognition for accessing digital documents from its website;
- (b) if so, whether Government has thought about the enormous privacy concerns associated with collecting and storing biometric facial data of so many students;
- (c) despite enormous concerns over the efficacy of facial recognition technology the world over, the reasons due to which Government is moving ahead with this step without ensuring proper digital infrastructure development;
- (d) the details of encryption technique currently being used by the website for CBSE; and
- (e) the details of the entities having access to the personal data stored by the website?

Children With Special Needs admitted under RTE Act

1174 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the details of total number of Children with Special Needs admitted under Sec 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act, 2009 for the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and a State-wise list of the same; and
- (b) the details of measures taken by the Ministry to integrate Children with Special Needs, and if any specific State rules exist for their admission under Sec 12(1)(c) of RTE Act, and a State-wise list of the same?

Cyber safety and etiquettes during online classes

1175 **Shri Hishey Lachungpa:**

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

- (a) whether appropriate steps have been taken by Government in this Novel COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the cyber safety and inculcate cyber etiquettes among students while attending online classes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of COVID pandemic on poor students

1176 **Shri Hishey Lachungpa:**

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

- (a) whether appropriate steps have been taken by Government in this Novel COVID-19 pandemic for the education of poor children whose parents cannot afford a smart phone or other technological devices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reason therefor?

Reduction in syllabus by CBSE

1177 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) whether CBSE has decided to cut short the syllabus of various subjects recently;
- (b) the criteria followed to decide which topic is to be retained and which one to be omitted

in this academic year;

(c) the list of chapters deleted from the syllabus of different classes;

(d) whether CBSE has done any consultation with Government, expert bodies or stakeholders before taking such decision, if so, the details of such communications, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of actions taken by Government on the complaints received on this decision of CBSE?

Setting up of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

1178 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of State of Maharashtra;

(c) the details of the districts in the country having more than one Kendriya Vidyalaya at present;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal to set up another Kendriya Vidyalaya in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Digital safety curriculum in schools

1179 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has provided any guidelines/inputs to the Ministry of Education on including digital safety curriculum in schools as well as colleges, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there have been any guidelines issued by the Ministry to social media intermediaries to counter online harassment against women, if so, the details thereof and the relevant documents?

Implementation of schemes in Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh

1180 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the schemes being implemented by Government to make Information Technology more accessible in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has made any effort to make IT accessible to the people residing in rural, hilly and remote areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including that of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh?

Status of ITIR

1181 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) project in Hyderabad, the reasons for the inordinate delay in executing this project; and

(b) whether Government has released any budget for this project so far, if so, the details

thereof?

Reservation in faculty recruitment in IITs

1182 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a committee of IIT Directors, Registrars and Government officials has suggested that IITs should be exempted from following reservation in faculty recruitment; and
- (b) if so, the details of action Government is planning to take on this report?

Status of 'Digital India' programme

1183 Shri K.P. Munusamy:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of 'Digital India' programme and the success achieved against the target set and the funds allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the role played by Government's 'Digital India' initiative in empowerment of people, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study to measure the extent of adoption of digital technologies by the rural masses in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the increase in digital penetration and usage of e-government tools during the last three years particularly in Tamil Nadu and State-wise?

Cyber attacks and hacking of Indian websites

1184 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several incidents of cyber attacks and hacking of Indian websites from foreign countries were reported in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government has since taken to check such cyber attacks and to maintain high security in the system?

Access to Aarogya Setu Open API

1185 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

Shri Digvijaya Singh:

Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of **Electronics and Information Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Informatics Centre has refused to provide the list of companies that have access to the Aarogya Setu Open API (Application Programming Interface);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if not, the details thereof including the list of companies with access to Aarogya Setu Open API;
- (d) the list of integration service providers in relation to the Aarogya Setu App;
- (e) whether Government has entered into any agreement with companies using Aarogya Setu Open API services; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Production Linked Incentives Scheme under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

1186 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Production Linked Incentives Scheme under the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan;
- (b) the formula for computation of incentives under the scheme; and
- (c) the expected expenses for the first year?

Implementation of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

1187 Shri Rajeev Satav:

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

- (a) whether the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), an integrated scheme for school education has failed to achieve its objective for which it was set up, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the implementation of SSA;
- (c) if so, the outcome of the assessment and the corrective steps taken on the shortcomings; and
- (d) whether Government is giving special emphasis on rural areas under the programme and the achievement made so far?

Impact of data localization

1188 Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar:

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study on the overall impact of data localization on ease of doing business and cost of doing business; and
- (b) the details thereof?

Infringement of Indian laws by Social Media platforms

1189 Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar:

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the recent controversies about alleged bias and therefore infringement of Article 19 by certain Social Media (SM) and Digital Media platforms; and
- (b) the steps Government is taking to ensure that the SM platforms abide by Indian laws, their algorithms and community guidelines are consistent with Indian laws and these are equitably applied to all Indian citizens as guaranteed by Article 14 of the Constitution?

Promotion of IT based startups

1190 Shri K.K. Ragesh:

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any package to promote and encourage IT based startups operating from non-industrial / non-commercial premises is under consideration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether waiver of the norm that the IT startups should be based on commercial places to qualify for Government support is under consideration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities provided through UMANG App

1191 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is providing many facilities through UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) App;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated during the current financial year?

Agencies involved in creation of Aarogya Setu App

1192 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all Government departments, agencies and Ministries that were involved in the conception and creation of the Aarogya Setu App;
- (b) the nodal Government department or agency which is responsible for its creation and operation;
- (c) whether the App was created with volunteers from 'Industry and Academia' as stated in the Ministry's press release on October 28, 2020; and
- (d) if so, whether volunteers underwent appropriate security and background verification and the details of the same, including Government departments involved in security and background verification and the time taken to conduct the same?

Introduction of new cyber security policy

1193 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to introduce a new cyber security policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by when the said policy is likely to be implemented and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

National Policy on Electronics, 2019

1194 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of ***Electronics and Information Technology*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps under the National Policy on Electronics 2019, (NPE 2019) to position India as a global hub for electronics system design and manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any institutions under this scheme are being proposed for the State of Maharashtra, the details thereof?

Persecution of religious minorities in neighbouring countries

1195 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of incidents of persecution of religious minorities in neighbouring countries, particularly in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken up the issue with other countries at any forum and at

- any UN forum or any other international forum;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID-19 affected Indians abroad

1196 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the number of Indians who lost their lives in foreign countries due to COVID-19 and the details of the same, country-wise, State-wise;
- (b) the details of measures taken by the Indian missions in extending necessary help to the COVID affected Indians abroad; and
- (c) the number of people who were repatriated to India under the Vande Bharat Mission from various COVID affected countries, country-wise?

Dissemination of misleading and undesired advertisements

1197 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether the telecom companies are disseminating obscene, misleading and undesired advertisements through e-mail, WhatsApp messenger, Facebook, etc. for their financial benefit;
- (b) if so, the details of the complaints received in this regard;
- (c) whether the said disseminated messages are against the traditions of Indian culture and society which are adversely affecting the younger generations; and
- (d) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken to check the dissemination of the such messages?

Indian fishermen killed by Sri Lankan Navy

1198 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether Indian fishermen were killed by Sri Lankan Navy in Tamil Nadu recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to get back Katchatheevu from Sri Lanka, which is the main cause of atrocities on India fishermen;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Subscribers of BSNL & MTNL

1199 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the number of subscribers in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in the country between the period 2010 and December 2014;
- (b) the year-wise number of subscribers who have unsubscribed their subscription from BSNL and MTNL from 2015 till date;
- (c) whether the number of subscribers have dwindled due to poor services of BSNL and MTNL; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has any action plan to improve the working of these

corporations, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Indian citizens stranded outside the country

1200 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

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

- (a) whether Government has the data and statistics of Indian citizens stranded outside the country during the global COVID-19 lockdown period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to bring back Indian citizens stranded outside the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian fishermen killed by Sri Lankan Navy

1201 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the incidents of Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu being killed, arrested and their boats and nets been illegally confiscated by the Sri Lankan Navy;
- (b) if so, the category-wise details thereof during the last two years;
- (c) whether Government has taken any specific steps to prevent such violations of Internationally recognised human rights, bilateral agreements between India and Sri Lanka in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Meeting of Foreign Ministers of BRICS

1202 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether the virtual meeting of Foreign Ministers of BRICS was held recently to discuss global conflicts and other issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any joint statement was issued, if so, the highlights thereof; and
- (d) to what extent the cooperation of BRICS was discussed in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic and to get vaccinations from the member countries, the details thereof?

Migrant students

1203 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any nation-wide survey to assess the number of migrant students who dropped out of the schooling system due to large-scale migration during covid times, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Ministry has chalked out any plan or strategy to bring back those migrant children into the schooling system and compensate for their loss of studies, if so, whether any guidelines to this effect have been issued to States?

Vandalism at Hindu temples in Pakistan

1204 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of Government of India's stand on vandalism at Hindu temples in Pakistan; and
- (b) whether Pakistan has responded positively to India's concerns?

People-to-people contact with Taiwan

1205 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

the steps being taken by Government to improve trade, investments, and people-to-people contact with Taiwan?

Indian fishermen in the custody of Pakistan

1206 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that still many Indian fishermen are in the custody of Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government for the release of fishermen; and
- (c) whether any specific actions are being taken to get back the fishing boats?

Scrapping of H1-B Visa lottery system in the US

1207 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) the manner in which the Ministry looks at scrapping of H1-B Visa lottery system in the US;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made about its impact on Indian techies;
- (c) whether the above new arrangement will come into force before the coming filing season starts in April;
- (d) whether any consultations at the diplomatic and political level have been held for better predictability in Visa regime and to minimize inconvenience to Indian nationals in the US; and
- (e) if so, the details of the outcome of such discussions?

Gender sensitive migration policy

1208 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study regarding the issues of reintegration of return migrants in the society and linkages with development;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to formulate a gender-sensitive migration policy as recommended by the 4th Report of the Standing Committee of External Affairs on Action Taken by Government on the Observations/Recommendations contained in the Twenty-Third Report of 16th Lok Sabha; and
- (c) the details of establishment of 24 x 7 women helpline in the missions/posts abroad?

Pending cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

1209 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the total number of pending cases of both civil and criminal nature in the Supreme Court and various High Courts in the country;
- (b) the number of cases pending in each of the above, for less than five years and more than five years and less than ten years and more than ten years; and
- (c) whether any measures have been taken by Government to expedite the process of disposal of cases?

Guidelines for contempt proceedings

1210 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government has received from or issued any communication to the Attorney General of India regarding giving consent to contempt proceedings against cartoonists, comedians and other artists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has laid out any advisories or guidelines on giving consent to contempt proceedings in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of contempt proceedings assented to by the Attorney General of India in the Supreme Court since 2005, year-wise?

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on courts

1211 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether the courts are hearing limited matters owing to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) whether this has impacted the pendency of cases across courts; and
- (c) if so, the details and data thereof for district courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court?

Nyaya Mitras in Andhra Pradesh

1212 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Nyaya Mitras proposed by the Ministry;
- (b) the details of Nyaya Mitras proposed to be engaged in district courts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether it is a fact that about 100 Nyaya Mitras have been engaged in various district courts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

Disposal of cases in Lok Adalats

1213 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the number of Lok Adalats established in the country till date and the disposal rate of

cases in Lok Adalats; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the disposal rate?

Pending cases in the country

1214 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

(a) the details of cases pending, civil and criminal at the level of lower judiciary in the country, State-wise as on date;

(b) the details of pending cases civil and criminal at the level of lower judiciary in the country as on 01st January, 2020 and 01st January, 2019, State-wise;

(c) the details of increase/decrease in pendency of cases criminal and civil, State-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the details of efforts taken by Government for early disposal of cases in the country during the last two years?

Mandatory e-filing of cases

1215 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has developed 2.0 version of e-filing with the successful computerization of 16,875 district and subordinate courts in the country under e-Courts Mission Mode Project;

(b) the manner in which 2.0 version is advanced and different from 1.0 version of e-filing; and

(c) whether the Ministry will consider mandatory e-filing of cases, documents, etc., in view of a lot of emphasis on digital transactions given by the Prime Minister?

Rise in crimes against women

1216 **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to NCRB Report Crime Against Women has increased by 7 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to prevent the atrocities in States?

Women reservation in Indian Parliament

1217 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide reservation to women in the Indian Parliament;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the Indian Parliament more inclusive of women representation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make the space for Indian politics more conducive for women to enter and participate in?

Impact evaluation study on Fast Track Special Courts (FTCs)

1218 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the details of establishment and functioning of Fast Track Special Courts;
- (b) the details of conviction rate of Fast Track Special Courts; and
- (c) whether Government has conducted an impact evaluation study of the efficiency of Fast Track Special Courts (FTCs) in terms of conviction rate in such courts vis-à-vis regular courts?

Steps to help pensioners during and post COVID-19 pandemic

1219 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government helped the pensioners during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) the steps Government propose to take to help the pensioners in the post COVID-19 pandemic situation?

Vacancies in IAS and IPS posts

1220 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total vacancies in IAS and IPS posts across the various States presently in the country; and
- (b) the manner in which Government is trying to help the States in filling up these vacancies?

Vacant posts under Ministries

1221 **Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the cadre and grade-wise sanctioned and vacant posts in each agency and academic institutions of the Ministries during the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21; and
- (b) the physical status of reservations for SCs/STs/OBCs in above cadre and grade-wise sanctioned and vacant posts during these years?

Sanctioned strength in CBI

1222 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a sizeable shortfall in the actual strength vis-a-vis the sanctioned strength of personnel in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);
- (b) if so, the details of the sanctioned strength and actual strength in these organisations for the last five years, post-wise;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to address the issue of filling up of vacancies in CBI as it has a responsible role in the security apparatus; and

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

Removal under FR56(J)

1223 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Governments employees removed under rule 56 J of CCS(Pension) Rules in the country;
- (b) whether Government is aware that there is a severe crunch of staff in Government services;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to recruit more staff; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Weakening of Right to Information Act

1224 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed that India stands first on the corruption list among the Asian countries according to a report by the NGO Transparency International, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is of the view that the corruption has increased as a result of the weakening of Right to Information Act, 2005, if so the details thereof?

Officers arrested for corruption

1225 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of officers belonging to administrative services arrested for corruption in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the number of such officers who have been sentenced by the administration during the same period;
- (c) whether it is a fact that most of the accused in corruption cases are getting off scot free;
- (d) the number of IPS officers in Uttar Pradesh found involved in some sort of crime since September, 2020 till date and how many of them are absconding; and
- (e) the details of action taken against such officers?

Cases pending with CBI

1226 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that over 700 cases are pending with the CBI for over a year, as per the CVC report;
- (b) if so, the reasons why the CBI is not being able to complete the investigations in the said cases;
- (c) the number of these cases which are against political persons; and
- (d) the number of cases registered by the CBI against political persons which have been quashed by the courts over the last six years?

Complaints of irregularities in Civil Services Examination

1227 # **Shri Neeraj Dangri:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the instances when a consolidated reserve list has been released in the result of Civil Services Examination during the last 10 years, year-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that complaints regarding irregularities in the selection process in Civil Services Examination, 2019 have been received; and
- (c) if so, whether an impartial investigation would be conducted for the same, the details thereof?

Selected candidates from SCs/STs category in Civil Services Examination 2019

1228 # **Shri Neeraj Dangri:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether out of a total of 89 candidates only 01 candidate from SC category and no candidate from ST category had been selected in place of 13 and 06 posts respectively in the Civil Services Examination 2019, as per the results declared on 4th January, 2021; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of SCs/STs in various Government departments

1229 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether posts, reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in different categories under various Departments/PSUs, are lying vacant, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the year-wise and category-wise details of appointments made during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) whether rules prescribed for appointment and promotion of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been adhered to?

Monitoring and evaluation under NITI Aayog

1230 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the organisational structure and staff position of Development Monitoring And Evaluation Office (DMEO) under NITI Aayog;
- (b) whether DMEO has carried out or commissioned independent third-party evaluation of Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS) before the start of the 15th Finance Commission;
- (c) if so, the details like organisation undertaking the study, duration etc.;
- (d) if not, the reasons for not undertaking the same and the future plans;
- (e) whether NITI Aayog is aware that most ministries have discontinued the practice of concurrent monitoring, programme evaluation and impact assessment studies;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) if not, the details of evaluations undertaken?

Efforts made to deal with space pollution

1231 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

whether any concerted efforts are being made by India in consultation with other countries

to deal with the issue of space pollution due to the present debris of older and disintegrated satellites and space stations?

Adoption of Atal Tinkering Labs (ALTs) by ISRO

1232 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a decision has been taken by ISRO to adopt Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across the country to promote education in the field of space education and space technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of schools identified by ISRO for such a facility and whether the activities designed have been introduced in some of such schools; and
- (d) the action ISRO proposes to take to introduce space education and space technology to the school students in consultation with the Ministry of Education?

Information on revival of MPLAD Scheme

1233 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to revive MPLAD Scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has received any request to release MPLADS funds during the year 2019-20;
- (c) the reasons for stopping MPLAD Scheme so far and the demands received/action taken in this regard as it is hampering local development projects in the States; and
- (d) whether there is any possibility that the MPLADS funds withheld due to COVID-19 pandemic being released earlier than the specified two years time?

Staff position in various organisations of the Ministry

1234 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) the sanctioned and in-position staff position in CSO, NSSO and other organisations of the Ministry, the division-wise details thereof;
- (b) the details of various surveys being undertaken by NSSO on a continuous or periodic basis;
- (c) whether there is a shortage of manpower in NSSO for undertaking field operations for various surveys;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the manner in which shortage of field manpower is met;
- (f) whether NSSO is engaging professional agencies for undertaking fieldwork of its surveys; and
- (g) if not, whether a proposal is under consideration?

Consumption Expenditure Survey

1235 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Will the Minister of **Statistics and Programme Implementation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry or the National Statistical Commission has received a request from the Chief Economic Advisor to make the results of the Consumption Expenditure Survey 2017-18 public;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry has acceded to the request and made the results public; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the results of the Survey still not being made public?

Use of jute and jute bags

1236 # **Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) the State-wise/UT-wise details of the jute/jute bags provided to States/UTs for keeping foodgrains during the last five years;
- (b) whether the procurement of foodgrains from farmers have been hampered due to non-availability of jute/jute bags on time; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Measures to boost earning of handloom weavers and artisans

1237 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced measures and/or incentives to boost income of handloom weavers and handicrafts artisans in the light of loss of earnings due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to promote exports of handloom and handicrafts products to offset drop in domestic demand due to COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including growth in exports observed, if any, between March 23, 2020 and January 1, 2021?

Scheme For Capacity Building In Textile Sector (SAMARTH)

1238 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of SAMARTH Scheme being implemented from 2017;
- (b) whether the objective of providing employment-oriented training to 10 lakh people in various segments of textiles and one lakh traditional sectors has been achieved;
- (c) if so, the details of such training given to people in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, and number of people employed so far; and
- (d) the impact, if any, on the above due to COVID-19 pandemic?

Promotion of handloom industry in Bihar

1239 # **Shri Vivek Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating upon taking steps to promote the handloom industry in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent for the development of handicraft/handloom industry in Bihar; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Government schemes in Andhra Pradesh

1240 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/granted under various schemes of the Ministry to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of funds released under such schemes to the State during the last three years;
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released/ due to the State; and
- (d) the fixed time-frame by which these funds would be released to the State?

Cotton production and procurement

1241 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the quantum of increase in cotton production recorded during the last three years; and
- (b) the quantum of cotton procured by Government and the number of farmers benefited through the cotton procurement by Government, and the details thereof?

Hardships faced by labour during lockdown

1242 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether during lockdown, the weavers had to face immense hardships because of no supply of raw materials forcing a large number of weavers to shift to other alternative sources of income like daily labour;
- (b) if so, whether any assessment has been made by the Ministry in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the plans of Government to rehabilitate the affected weavers?

Assistance to rural craftsmen, sculptures and weavers in Odisha

1243 **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw:**

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

- (a) the assistance Government has provided to the rural craftsmen, sculptures and weavers in Odisha during COVID pandemic times to earn their livelihood; and
- (b) whether one "Craft Village" could be established in Odisha where the traditional craftsmen and weavers can stay and display their rich handicrafts, sculptures of the State?

Facilities to weavers in Odisha

1244 **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw:**

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

- (a) the facilities Government is providing to the weavers in Odisha to promote handlooms and marketing of hand-made sarees and other items; and
- (b) whether a textile park could be established in Odisha wherein all the traditional weavers would be given priorities to establish their units so that they can make their living out of it?

Attracting international retailers for textile requirements

1245 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to attract leading international retailers for sourcing their garment and home textiles requirements from India; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard in the last one year?

Export of textiles and apparels

1246 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether the Indian textile sector is the sixth largest exporter of textiles and apparels in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of country's share in mercantile exports;
- (c) whether Government has devised any measures to focus on the US market for apparel; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Allocation and subsidy for handloom weavers and artisans

1247 Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:

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

- (a) scheme-wise allocation and expenditure of subsidies for the development of handloom weavers and handicrafts artisans during the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (b) whether data of physical and financial progress of these subsidies is maintained for each State and district, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the status of vacant posts in each State for the implementation of handloom and handicrafts schemes during these years and expenditure incurred thereon to fill up these posts?

Funds allocated to NGOs for tribal welfare

1248 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) the number of schemes for the welfare of the tribal people being implemented in the country including in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) implementing the said schemes;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated to these NGOs and the amount spent by them scheme-wise and NGO-wise;
- (d) whether Government proposes to provide the assistance directly to beneficiaries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Eviction of Tribals

1249 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Shri Rajmani Patel:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

(a) the number of Scheduled Tribe persons and other forest dwellers who have already been evicted due to rejection of claims under the Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, State-wise; and

(b) the number of ST persons and other forest dwellers who face eviction due to rejected claims, as of December 31, 2020, State-wise?

Promotion of goods from tribal areas

1250 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

whether any scheme is being implemented to promote trade of goods made in tribal areas, if so, the details thereof?

Vocational Training Centres in Jharkhand

1251 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

(a) whether Vocational Training Centres have been established by Government in tribal areas of Jharkhand;

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

(c) the details of the criteria set for the establishment of said Vocational Training Centres; and

(d) the district-wise number of youth who have benefited from said Vocational Training Centres during the last three years?

Protection of Wancho tribe

1252 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) the population of Wancho tribe and in how many States they inhabit;

(b) whether it is a fact that their Wancho script is at the verge of extinction;

(c) the steps taken to save their language and script; and

(d) the help Government is providing to Wancho literary mission?

Tribal research institutes in the country

1253 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) the number of tribal research centres/institutes in India funded by Government;

(b) the budget allocation to these institutes;

(c) their policy contribution and role in enlightening issues concerned to tribal life and rights to the rest of the country;

(d) the number of publications brought out by them in the last five years;

- (e) whether there is a mutual relationship between these institutes for avoiding repetitions and also making consolidated efforts to empower the tribal people and also do policy advocacy; and
- (f) the number of scholars engaged in these institutes?

Partnership between TRIFED and DIVINITI

1254 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been made between Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) and Shree Swarnam Divine Products Private Limited (DIVINITI) for the empowerment of tribals, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether income of tribals would be increased from the said agreement and the manner in which this agreement would prove useful for the tribals; and
- (c) whether this agreement would develop the skills of tribals and the extent to which this agreement would prove to be helpful in the livelihood of tribals?

Community specific safety measures during COVID-19 pandemic

1255 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde:**

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

- (a) the measures undertaken by the Ministry for community specific safety and well-being of the tribal population of the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (b) the initiatives that have been undertaken by the Ministry for spreading awareness about COVID-19 pandemic, improving accessibility to the essential medical services and thermal screening of tribal people, the State-wise details thereof?

Criteria for Other Traditional Forest Dwellers under FRA

1256 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether Government intends to increase the last date for possession of forest land from December 13th, 2005, to present the claims under Forest Rights Act (FRA) and to modify the eligibility criteria for Other Traditional Forest Dwellers at par with the Scheduled Tribes; and
- (b) if so, till when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant posts under Tribal Sub-Plan

1257 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that under its Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), key posts that were set up to monitor the Scheduled Tribes Component (STP) under the plan have been lying vacant;
- (b) whether Government plans to fill these posts;
- (c) Whether the Ministry has State-wise data on the number of tribals benefited under the plan till October 2020; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Ownership rights to tribals under FRA

1258 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that mining work is being done in the Bailadila mines of Kirandul area under Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh ignoring tribal interests and in violation of the provisions of Forest Rights Act (FRA);
- (b) whether the mines in the said area have been handed over to private players which is adversely affecting tribal interests; and
- (c) the number of tribal people given the rights of ownership of land in this area under Forest Rights Act during the last decade?

Marketing support to tribal produce

1259 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether Government provides Minimum Support Price (MSP) to Minor Forest Produce;
- (b) the expenditure on the above scheme during the past five years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) during the past five years, State-wise?

Tribal development in Rajasthan

1260 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the total tribal population of Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (b) the assistance provided by Government to tribals in the State of Rajasthan during the past five years; and
- (c) the manner in which the lot of the tribals improved in the State due to the above assistance?

Integrated Tribal Development Project.

1261 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) the details of the work done under the Integrated Tribal Development Project during the last three years, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the amount allocated during the last three years under the Integrated Tribal Development Project;
- (c) whether the work done under the said project has been reviewed; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

GI tagging of tribal products

1262 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) is collaborating with various Ministries and departments for GI tagging of tribal products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is encouraging the sale of such products under the Vocal for Local

initiative; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Protection of Children From Sexual Offences

1263 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 addresses the sexual abuse of children with intellectual disabilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are provisions for counselling, therapy for the victims of child sex abuse in the Act; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds released and utilised under POSHAN Abhiyan

1264 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of total funds released and utilized under the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) till December, 2019;
- (b) whether the Ministry has studied the reasons for non-utilisation of even fifty per cent of the funds released by the Central Government, since the inception of this scheme by the States;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure maximum utilisation of funds by States under the said scheme; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has conducted any study on the results of this mission since 2017-18 and if so, the detail thereof?

Increase in sexual abuse and exploitation during COVID-19 pandemic

1265 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that the pandemic has led to a spike in cases of women and child abuse;
- (b) if so, whether Government has undertaken any survey or estimated such increase and details thereof;
- (c) the number of complaints of women or child abuse received since March 2020 and how many were received in the same period for the last two years; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure the safety and well-being of women and children during COVID induced lockdowns?

Funds released under various schemes

1266 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/granted under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of funds released under such schemes to the State during the last three years;
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released/ due to the State; and
- (d) the fixed time-frame by which these funds would be released?

Welfare of Anganwadi and ASHA Workers

1267 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether ASHA and Anganwadi workers unions are demanding safety, insurance, risk allowance and fixed wages, which the Parliamentary Committee on Labour also recommended;
- (b) if so, the response of Government;
- (c) whether Government would provide them with minimum wages and other benefits in view of their pivotal role played in the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Local Complaints Committees under POSH Act

1268 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) number of districts in which Local Complaints Committees (LCCs) have been established in accordance with The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act (POSH Act) 2013;
- (b) number of complaints filed with these LCCs during last three years and data thereof, district or State-wise;
- (c) steps that Ministry has taken to ensure that LCCs have been established in each district of country as envisaged in POSH Act; and
- (d) whether Ministry is cognizant of large number of sexual harassment cases in unorganised sector, if so, the steps Ministry is taking to address the same?

Incidence of domestic violence during lockdown

1269 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the number of women who used the National Domestic Violence Helpline to complain against domestic violence during the period between April 2020 and June 2020;
- (b) the status of complaints registered by the helpline;
- (c) whether feedback in either electronic or verbal or any other form about the quality of help received was taken from the women/family members after they used the Helpline number;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) if feedback was provided, the follow-up actions taken by the Ministry; and
- (f) legal aid/counselling which has been provided to victims of domestic violence belonging to economically weaker sections of society?

Online child sexual abuse

1270 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India stands right on top of the list with more than 20 lakhs of reported cases of online child sexual abuse;
- (b) if so, the action plan taken against this abuse; and
- (c) the details of online abuse cases in India from 2014 to 2020?

Allocation of funds to Swadhar Greh

1271 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) the amount of fund that has been allocated to Swadhar Greh since its inception;
- (b) the number of beneficiary of the scheme, State-wise since beginning of the scheme; and
- (c) the number of rehabilitation centres which have been established under this scheme till the end of 2020?

Sixth India-Nepal Joint Commission Meeting

1272 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether India and Nepal have inked MoUs during the Sixth India-Nepal Joint Commission Meeting;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the benefits to India from such MoUs so far in different fields; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

In-country adoptions

1273 **Shri Dinesh Trivedi:**

Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) the number of in-country adoptions from 2010 till date, age-wise and gender-wise;
- (b) the number of infants below the age of three months adopted within the said period; and
- (c) the period taken for declaring a child legally free for adoption?

Complaints received through POCSO e-Box

1274 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the number of complaints received so far through Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) e-Box during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether Government has also reviewed the action taken on these complaints in a timely manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in beneficiaries under ICDS Scheme

1275 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in beneficiaries of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme between 2014 and 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

- (c) the total number of child beneficiaries under the ICDS scheme since 2014, year-wise; and
 (d) the total number of pregnant and lactating mothers who are beneficiaries under the ICDS scheme since 2014, year-wise?

Comments to women on social media

1276 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of several twitter accounts, which regularly post horribly misogynistic comments including rape threats to women on social media, if so, the details thereof;
 (b) the action that has been taken by the Ministry to terminate such hateful accounts from twitter; and
 (c) the steps that have been taken to bring such persons to justice and properly educate them on gender sensitisation?

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

1277 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the details of total number of pregnant women eligible to claim benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) from the years 2018-19 till 2020-21 and a State-wise list of the same;
 (b) the total number of pregnant women who were actually enrolled under the PMMVY and JSY from the years 2018-19 till 2020-21 and a state-wise list of the same; and
 (c) the State-wise details of the total number of pregnant mothers below the age of 19 years who have undergone institutional deliveries for the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21?

Plan to grow vegetables in Anganwadi Centres

1278 # **Shri Narayan Rane:**

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

- (a) whether Government is chalking out any plan to grow vegetables in Anganwadi Centres to get balanced healthy food;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of new Anganwadi Centres

1279 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is in receipt of a request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking establishment of new Anganwadi Centres and upgradation of mini Anganwadi Centres in the State;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the action taken on the request and the funds already released / being released to the State?

Sexual harassment in the informal sector

1280 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) State/UT/district-wise details of number of cases of sexual harassment filed and resolved, especially in informal sector, Local Committees formed, cases resolved therein in the informal sector for the last three years;
- (b) details of steps taken by Government to enforce and monitor implementation of POSH Act in informal sector;
- (c) details of steps taken by Government to ensure compliance of employers with provisions of POSH Act;
- (d) details of steps taken by Government to expand capacity of committee members to handle sexual harassment complaints; and
- (e) details of POSH training, educational material, awareness programs conducted for women in informal sector to encourage better reporting of sexual harassment?

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