

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)

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Production of nuclear power

3361 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether domestic investment for the production of nuclear power in the country remains inadequate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme has been formulated for promoting domestic and Foreign Direct Investment in the nuclear power sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds spent on outsourced projects

3362 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the number of projects outsourced by Government to various project management companies/ organizations/ institutions during the last three years;
- (b) the nature of these projects, and the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of funds spent on these projects?

Transfer of nuclear R &D to industries

3363 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to transfer 25 to 30 technologies to the industries in 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures that Government propose to take towards the proper use of the technologies and not sub-letting the technologies to others within the country or abroad which may even be misused; and
- (d) whether the industries identified have the complete infrastructure to use the

technologies for the benefits of common people?

Public-private partnership for the production of nuclear medicines

3364 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether BARC has finalized the reactor design to be constructed under a public-private partnership model for the production of nuclear medicines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private players will be invited to invest in construction of an exclusive research reactor against the facility to process and market the isotopes produced in the reactor; and
- (d) whether BARC has finalized the financial terms for the private players to use the research reactor?

Generation of clean electricity

3365 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the electricity generated from atomic energy is more clean for human life, other living organisms and environment as compared to the electricity generated from coal, oil, gas, etc., if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the water coming out from atomic power plants poses danger to the fishes and other marine creatures; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard and the details thereof?

Cancer hospital with the collaboration of BARC

3366 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether a decision has been taken to build a 200-bed cancer hospital at a cost of ₹200 crore at Muzaffarpur, Bihar with the collaboration of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Tata Memorial hospital;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Bihar has provided 15 acres land free of cost in the premises of Shri Krishna Medical College for this cancer hospital two years ago; and
- (c) if so, the details of funds allocated in the current year budget and rationale for delay in the construction of cancer hospital, the details thereof?

Supply of fuel and its shortage for atomic power plants

3367 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the atomic power plants in the country are facing a shortage of fuel due to mismatch between demand and supply of natural Uranium;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise;
- (c) the installed capacity of each of these plants and the actual quantity of electricity generated during the last ten years, plant-wise; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken by Government to ensure a continuous supply of fuel to each of these atomic power plants in the country?

Uranium and Thorium reserves in the country

3368 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether there are large reserves of Uranium and Thorium in the country which have not been utilized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the action being taken by Government to extract and utilize these vast reserves?

Central law on gaming/gambling

3369 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether entry 34 of List II of the Indian Constitution on "betting and gambling" also include 'games of skill';
- (b) if so, whether this means that State Governments are allowed to regulate games of skill;
- (c) whether Government is planning to come up with a central law on gaming/gambling; and
- (d) whether Government would bring a law to allow sports betting as recommended in the 276th report of the Law Commission of India 2018, given that India has a huge black market for sports betting?

Discontinuation of 2G mobile communications system in the country

3370 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating on discontinuing the 2G mobile communications system in the wake of increasing digital technology and introduction of 5G Technology in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has received any suggestions from mobile companies in this regard, the details thereof?

Implementation of 'Digital India' Scheme

3371 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri P. Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of 'Digital India' Scheme in the country;
- (b) whether all villages and remote towns of the country have been covered by basic communication/internet services, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time it will take to cover the entire country; and
- (c) whether Government is providing basic internet facilities to all villages to educate the youths of the country particularly rural youths?

Security of free and public Wi-Fi connections

3372 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether adequate measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the security of free and public Wi-Fi connections and privacy of users data, being

provided at many places like railway stations, airports and other public places of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government intends to mandatorily display the information regarding the methods of its use and safe internet browsing at the said places; and

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

Allocation of more spectrum to telecom companies

3373 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

(a) whether Government has received any representation from Telecom Service Providers regarding insufficient spectrum being the reason for poor telecom service in the country;

(b) whether there is any upgradation of 5G telecom spectrum for implementation in the coming days, the reasons for poor service and reasons for Telecom Service Providers not implementing/providing/improving the signal to overcome this issue;

(c) if so, the detail thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the initiatives taken by Government to allocate more spectrum to telecom companies?

India Post Payment Banks in the country

3374 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

(a) the number of Dak Banks (India Post Payment Bank) working in the country at present;

(b) the services provided by Government through Dak Banks;

(c) the provision made to promote Dak Bank services; and

(d) the provisions which have been made for the expansion of Governments' schemes through Dak Banks?

Steps taken to curb facebook and foreign social media

3375 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

(a) the number of steps taken to develop/encourage indigenous app like WhatsApp and other microsoft software;

(b) whether any measure has been taken to curb Facebook and other foreign social media that have installed servers in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Discussion with Telcos on 5G trial roadmap

3376 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

(a) the status of discussions by the Ministry with Telcos on 5G trial roadmap;

(b) the reasons for delay in carrying out trial in the country;

(c) the details of applications received in the Ministry for field trial, when such applications were received and delay in taking action by the Ministry on those applications;

(d) the details of companies that have European and US equipment makers in place of Huawei and ZTE; and

(e) the expected time of roll out of 5G services in the country?

Review of privacy policy of Telecom Service Providers

3377 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has reviewed the privacy policy of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) in India due to concerns over the collection and protection of personal data;
- (b) whether the privacy policies of TSPs are compliant with the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the Information Technology (Reasonable security practices and procedures and sensitive personal data or information) Rules, 2011;
- (c) whether the Department has imposed any fines on TSPs for violation of the aforementioned Act and Rules made thereunder; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Developmental activities in Garo hills

3378 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to boost developmental activities in Garo hills in Meghalaya which is one of the most backward regions in North east;
- (b) whether Government will ensure sustainable employment in Garo hills;
- (c) whether Government will inform comparative Human Development Index of Garo hills; and
- (d) the efforts Government will make to understand the complex socio economic conditions of Garo hills if Human Development Index for Garo Hills could not be prepared?

Data on drop out students during COVID-19 pandemic

3379 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has collected any data regarding number of students who had to discontinue schooling due to the situation of coronavirus;
- (b) whether any action plan or budgetary allocation has been made to facilitate return of such students back to schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant faculty posts under SC/ST/OBC category in IITs

3380 Shri K.K. Ragesh:

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

- (a) whether large number of faculty posts under SC/ST/OBC reservation category are vacant in various IITs;
- (b) if so, the details of such vacant posts in each of the IITs; and
- (c) the reasons for not filling such vacancies?

Fee hike in Central Universities

3381 Shri K.K. Ragesh:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to hike fees of Central Universities in the current year;

and

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

Per Child Cost under RTE Act

3382 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the details of the number of States that have notified Per Child Cost (PCC) as well as the cost notified by them under Sec 12(1)(c) of RTE Act, 2009;
- (b) the parameters used by these states to determine the Per Child Cost under Sec 12(1) (c) of RTE Act, 2009 and a State-wise list of the same; and
- (c) whether any committee has been created in States to assess per child cost and if so, the details of the States in which committees have been set up and their composition?

English medium in the schools of Andhra Pradesh

3383 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has made English medium education compulsory for classes I to VI from 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that State Government's decision will deprive children of the rights guaranteed under Article 21(A) of the Constitution of India and is also against the spirit of new National Education Policy, 2020; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Implementation of new National Education Policy in the country

3384 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note that new National Education Policy (NEP) is suffering from flaws like clarity on how it is implemented and overcome the pressures of the old education system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to address the same?

Establishment of Central University in Rewa

3385 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) whether Rewa was the capital of Vindhya State having its own importance, if so, whether Government plans to set up a Central University in Rewa which is the most prominent city of the Vindhya region;
- (b) whether the Ministry also has any plan to set up any institution or college of excellence in Rewa or in the Vindhya region of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Research publications in higher education

3386 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether there were nearly 2 lakh Research publications in higher education in the country in 2019;
- (b) the details of such publications in 2020;
- (c) the details of Research Papers submitted in different streams like engineering, science, medical, technology, etc.; and
- (d) the details of Research Papers out of these 2 lakh Research Papers that have reached the industry and helped in producing innovative things useful for people?

Vacancy in teaching and non-teaching staff in Central Universities

3387 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of vacancies of teaching and non-teaching staff in various Central Universities in the country as on date, Central University-wise; and
- (b) the details of vacancies of teaching and non-teaching staff filled during 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 till date, University-wise and year-wise?

Inaccuracies in text books and academic materials

3388 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of inaccuracies and intrusion of distinct political ideologies/orientations in textbooks and academic materials of Central and State Education Boards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including measures, if any, taken to rectify such inaccuracies;
- (c) whether Government has a position on inclusion of nationalist literature or interpretations of historical events in schools textbooks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Scholarships to meritorious students

3389 # Shri Narayan Rane:

Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the details of various scholarships under the Ministry being awarded to meritorious students;
- (b) State-wise/UT-wise total number of scholarships awarded to the students during the last three years, including the current year;
- (c) the number of students along with their economic status or background who have received scholarships under various educational schemes during the last three years;
- (d) whether large number of scholarships have been cancelled during the above period, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against such institutions?

Aptitude test for admission to Central Universities

3390 Shri Rajeew Satav:

Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering high quality aptitude test for admission to undergraduate programmes of Central Universities from the 2021-22 academic session and

if so, the details thereof;

(b) the advantage of conducting the test for aspirants seeking admission;

(c) whether Government has also set up a Committee to recommend modalities for conducting high quality aptitude test; and

(d) the composition of the Committee and the time by when the Committee is likely to submit its report to Government?

Objectives and features of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

3391 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

(a) whether the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) - an Integrated Scheme for School Education has been launched throughout the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives, major features and major interventions of the said programme along with the funds provided for SSA in Budget Estimates 2021-22;

(c) the details of Centre's share released and expenditure incurred, during the last three years in Karnataka; and

(d) the steps taken to improve infrastructure and the quality of primary education in the country particularly in Karnataka?

Branches of Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

3392 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

(a) whether there is any plan to establish Indian Institute of Science (IISc) at more places, on the lines of AIIMS, IITs and NITs, established during the last few years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of Central Educational Institutions in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

3393 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

(a) a comprehensive list of Central Educational Institutions established in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh since 2016;

(b) the details for each institute like the courses offered by them, annual student intake, teachers, non-faculty strength etc.;

(c) the number of students graduated from each of these institutes so far;

(d) the total sanctioned budget for the full fledged development of each one of them;

(e) the total budget released so far for each one of them; and

(f) the plan for the release of balance funds and for full fledged development of these institutes?

Vacant posts of teachers

3394 Shri K.P. Munusamy:

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

(a) whether many teaching posts in Government schools in the country are vacant as against their sanctioned strength;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of sanctioned strength of teachers and posts lying vacant

during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to recruit teachers for the vacant posts?

Internet infrastructure for school students

3395 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

(a) the steps Government has taken to strengthen the internet facility in rural areas for the benefit of school students during the last two years, the expenditure incurred thereon, the details thereof; and

(b) whether in the absence of proper infrastructure of basic internet facility, students of rural areas have missed virtual online classes during COVID-19 pandemic, the steps taken by Government to rectify it, the details thereof?

Funds under Corporate Social Responsibility for educational infrastructure

3396 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

(a) whether under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), any fund has been utilized for strengthening educational infrastructure specially on schools in villages in the country during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether any monitoring mechanism has been set up by Government to monitor that funds under CSR have actually benefitted educational institutions and students in particular, the details thereof?

Appointment of Anomaly Committee after the 6th Pay Commission

3397 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

(a) whether the non-appointment of Anomaly Committee after the 6th Pay Commission has been challenged by teachers of the Central Universities and colleges against UGC/Ministry of Education/respective State higher education departments in various State High Courts and the Supreme Court of India;

(b) the details of orders/judgments passed by respective State High Courts and the Supreme Court of India;

(c) whether the UGC and the Ministry have been made parties to these cases;

(d) the action UGC and the Ministry have taken after receiving these orders/judgments of the courts; and

(e) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

Proposal to make music and dance an integral part of school education

3398 Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to make music and dance an integral part of school education;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to preserve and propagate rich heritage of various art forms including music, dance and drama through school education?

Setting up of Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation (IITI)

3399 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry proposes to set up Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation (IITI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is also considering to include Shorthand, which is a dying art, in the IITI; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Representation of reserved category students in IITs

3400 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether students from the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities have significantly poor representation and acceptance rate in Ph.D programmes at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years and the current year, course and category-wise and the reasons therefor along with corrective steps to be taken in future?

Appointment of IIT and NIT graduates

3401 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 1500 IIT and NIT graduates recruited as faculty in various States as part of a World Bank funded Central Government Scheme are facing dire prospect of losing their jobs at the abrupt end of their tenures, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering advising the State Governments to appoint them on adhoc basis till they are absorbed so that valuable experience of those bright faculty members does not go waste, if not, the reasons therefor?

Problems of teachers in self financed institutions

3402 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that teachers serving in self-financed educational institutions, approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are paid less than the stipulated salary whereas these institutes collect huge sums from the students;
- (b) if so, whether Government has put in place any strategy to stop the exploitation of teachers and students;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any service manual for job security of teachers, working in self financed technical educational institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Students in Post Graduate programmes of IISc

3403 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) the total number of students admitted in M.Tech, M.Mgt, M.Des and any other Post

Graduate programmes of IISc along with their SC/ST/OBC/EWS composition from 2016 onwards;

- (b) the total number of students who withdrew from these programs after taking admissions at IISc along with their SC/ST/OBC/EWS composition from 2016 onwards; and
- (c) the details for each of the programmes separately?

Functioning of National Testing Agency (NTA)

3404 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Shri Rajeew Satav:

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

- (a) whether Government has achieved aims and objective of establishing National Testing Agency (NTA), if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether NTA is charging exorbitant fee from candidate to sit in various examinations conducted by them, if so, details thereof and corrective steps taken;
- (c) number of exams conducted by NTA using computer based system till date;
- (d) whether NTA has also launched a 'mobile app' through which students can practice/take mock tests on their own computers or smart phones, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) other steps taken by NTA to conduct examinations in a transparent and efficient manner?

Scheme to draw students to schools in Rajasthan

3405 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to attract students for education in schools in the rural areas of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any scheme to develop the talent potential of rural children, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Non-utilisation of funds allocated for various schemes

3406 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the amount of funds that could not be spent under various schemes of the Ministry during the last year due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) the scheme-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the development, preservation and improvement of the areas for the purpose of which the schemes were introduced, has been hampered owing to unspent funds;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the schemes to compensate the same; and
- (e) the details thereof?

SSA budget for civil construction

3407 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms provide for not more than 30 per cent of SSA budget to be spent on civil construction;
- (b) whether RTE Act require at least one room for every teacher and one additional room to be used as office store room in each school; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to ensure that provision of RTE Act with respect to school rooms are complied with in case of those States (for example Gujarat) whose requirement of school rooms is large and cannot be met within stipulated time limit due to inadequate SSA budget?

Financial burden sharing between Centre and States under the RTE Act

3408 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether Government is statutorily required to share financial burden arising out of the provisions of the RTE Act;
- (b) whether the State Governments are required to reimburse the fee of those students belonging to specified and economically weaker sections who are admitted to private unaided schools as mandated by the RTE Act;
- (c) whether this item is not one of the items included under SSA funding; and
- (d) whether Government propose to share this financial burden of the State Government arising out of the provision of the RTE Act?

Aid to students for pursuing online education

3409 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government has estimated the number of students in Government-aided or Government run schools studying online due to the pandemic;
- (b) the aid provided to these students to assist them in pursuit of online education; and
- (c) the amount Government spent on the aid or assistance and under which head?

Expenditure on education at primary and secondary school level

3410 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the expenditure made on education both at primary and secondary level in order to increase the quality of education in the country during the last three financial years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the standard of education in the country has not improved despite huge amount being spent on it; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by Government to improve education in the country, State-wise?

ITIR Policy

3411 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is changing the Information Technology Investment Region(ITIR) Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether to support the ITIR policy, initiatives have been taken in the financial stimulus budget in this regard?

Chinese cyber-attacks on Indian infrastructure

3412 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) in light of recent reports of Chinese cyber-attacks on critical Indian infrastructure, whether Government can clarify the veracity of these reports; and
- (b) if so, counter-measures taken by Government to deter further aggression?

Protection to pharma industry against foreign hackers

3413 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Chinese state-backed hacking group has in recent weeks targeted the IT systems of two Indian vaccine makers whose coronavirus shots are being used in the country's immunisation campaign;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to protect pharma industry against foreign hackers?

Optical fiber high speed internet in Government colonies

3414 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Shri Rajmani Patel:

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

- (a) the number of service providers who provide optical fiber high speed internet connection in Delhi;
- (b) whether they are providing service in Government colonies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the name of the service provider, Government colony-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any plan to extend this service to Government colonies that are not covered presently?

Global summit on Artificial Intelligence

3415 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) the highlights of the recently held global summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI);
- (b) in what manner AI can be used for social transformation in the country, be it in healthcare, agriculture, education, smart mobility, etc.; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Ministry to make India AI laboratory of the world in view of India's supremacy in software technologies?

Electronics Manufacturing Clusters in the country

3416 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the total number of Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) sanctioned in the country;
- (b) list of clusters sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Assam and Kerala;
- (c) the details of each cluster sanctioned in the above States in terms of investment

received, employment generated (direct, indirect), etc;

(d) the details of major electronics manufacturing companies setting up units in clusters in above States;

(e) details of manufacturing of electronics in the clusters in the above States by product type;

(f) whether Ministry has sanctioned new Electronics Manufacturing Clusters to the above States under Modified scheme; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Digital Village Scheme

3417 Shri M. Shanmugam:

Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

(a) whether Digital Village Scheme introduced by Government is working to its desired objectives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages identified under this scheme, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the funds sanctioned under the said scheme, State/UT-wise and the progress achieved by Government so far thereunder; and

(e) the manner in which this scheme is benefiting in the creation of job opportunities for the rural people?

Funds spent on outsourced projects

3418 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:

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

(a) the number of projects outsourced by Government to various project management companies/ organizations/ institutions during the last three years;

(b) the nature of these projects, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds that have been spent on these projects?

Indigenously developed social media

3419 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to use and direct Council of Ministers to adopt indigenously developed social media i.e. Koo, Sandesh, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the safety features of indigenous developed social media is not up to the mark; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

Issues and concerns with Aarogya Setu App

3420 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

(a) the list of organizations which have been provided with access to Aarogya Setu Open API service;

(b) whether there have been any audits of these organizations for sharing data under the

Open API service; and

(c) the agreements, contracts or MoUs that the Ministry has with these organizations?

Creation of Common Service Centres

3421 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) the number of Common Service Centres created under the programme during the last three years;
- (b) the details of activities conducted under the financial inclusion aspect of the programme along with the implementation model;
- (c) the details of collaborations made for implementation of accessibility to solar equipments such as solar street light under the programme; and
- (d) the monitoring mechanism of the programme including any provision for feedback from the community regarding its efficacy?

Steps to boost Artificial Intelligence

3422 Dr. Banda Prakash:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to boost Artificial Intelligence (AI) sector in the country;
- (b) the objectives that the global partnership on AI seeks to achieve; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to empower the youth with AI skill-set?

List of banned websites and books

3423 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has been maintaining a list of websites and books, banned under Section 69A of the IT act, if so, where can the list be accessed;
- (b) the procedure being followed for website blocking by the Ministry, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any redressal mechanisms for looking at website blocking notified by Government, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps that have been taken by Government to stop the spread of misinformation and the policy document thereof?

Response of Twitter and Facebook to concerns raised by the Ministry

3424 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the overall response of Twitter and Facebook to the concerns raised by the Ministry from time to time; and
- (b) if it has been unsatisfactory, the measures that the Ministry is considering to undertake with reference to Twitter and Facebook?

Cyber attack in Maharashtra

3425 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per some experts the major grid failure in commercial capital of India-Mumbai was a handiwork of Chinese cyber hackers;

- (b) if so, whether cyber experts of the country have investigated into the allegation and if so, the outcome of the probe; and
- (c) whether the recent shutdown of National Stock Exchange was also the effect of Chinese malware attack?

Increasing instances of data breaches

3426 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has received complaints pertaining to increased incidences of data breaches;
- (b) the number of cases reported so far from January 2020 till date;
- (c) the action taken towards this; and
- (d) whether the Minister would consider establishing a transitory body till the Personal Data Protection Bill is finalised to deal with issues pertaining to data breaches?

Investment in semiconductors and computer hardware market

3427 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the steps taken to facilitate investment for semiconductors and computer hardware market in India; and
- (b) the details of policies in this regard?

Effect of COVID-19 pandemic on Indian IT industry

3428 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian IT Industry, worth thousands of million dollars, is likely to be adversely affected after the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to neutralize the impact?

Internet shutdowns

3429 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) total number of times that the internet has been suspended in any area of the country since 2018, the details of area and duration of such shutdown;
- (b) whether internet shutdown orders across various parts of India have been reviewed by review committee under the Telecom Suspension Rules;
- (c) if so, all the orders and/or reports of review committee;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any appropriate authority has been established to publish all the internet shutdown orders in the light of the Supreme Court's judgment in Anuradha Bhasin v/s Union of India; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Data breaches and cyber incidents

3430 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) list of data breaches and cyber incidents under investigation by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) since 2018, year-wise;
- (b) number of cyber incidents pertaining to Government websites, databases, etc that CERT has investigated since 2018, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Government data or website has been extracted by non-Governmental parties in last five years, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether there have been any such attempts;
- (d) whether CERT investigated the data breach at financial services firm Just Pay which provides services to Amazon; and
- (e) action that has been taken by Ministry under IT act regarding data breaches?

Implementation of IBPS

3431 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether Government is currently implementing the India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS);
- (b) the details of the funds used out of the allocated amount;
- (c) the number of jobs created and the targeted number of jobs; and
- (d) the details of the jobs created, State-wise?

Women employed under India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS)

3432 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether IBPS aims at employment for 50 per cent women and if so, details of the number of women who have received employment under the scheme in last three years;
- (b) whether scheme aims at providing jobs for 4 per cent persons with a disability, details of number of such persons who have received employment under the scheme in last three years;
- (c) measures taken to facilitate local entrepreneurs under scheme and details of such enterprises thereof in last three years;
- (d) whether Government has expanded the scheme to provide subsidy on operational expenditure and other features; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Data centre infrastructure in India

3433 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the measures initiated for development of data centre infrastructure in India for protection of the digital sovereignty in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has proposed to set up the Data Centre Incentivisation (DCI) Scheme and Data Centre Economic Zone (DCEZ) Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has recently released the draft for Data Centre Policy, 2020; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken to transform India into a global data centre and hub for the world?

Chip based e-passports

3434 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) the details of the number of Passport Seva Kendras operational across the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government is planning to introduce chip based e-passports in place of paper passports within the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Indians jailed in Gulf countries

3435 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of Indians are either trapped or lodged in jails in the Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the details of action being taken by Government to get them released and deported to India;
- (d) whether the Indian Embassy concerned has charged any fee for extending facilities to such persons; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to give services and facilities to such persons, who are mostly poor, free of cost?

Complaints of Indian migrant workers

3436 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) the number of reported deaths of Indian migrant workers in Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the UAE since 2016 and the details of these deaths especially from Odisha;
- (b) the number of complaints received from Indian migrant workers in these countries regarding poor working conditions and mistreatment;
- (c) the initiatives and actions taken along with the status of these complaints; and
- (d) any measure being considered or have been implemented to ensure decent working conditions for Indian migrant workers in these countries and if so the details thereof and Government's reaction thereon?

Human rights abuse in Sri Lanka

3437 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken due note of the gross human rights violations against Tamils and critics of the ruling Government in Sri Lanka;
- (b) whether Government is considering changing its foreign policy orientation towards Sri Lanka in view of the aforementioned issue of human rights abuse;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the stand of Government on the resolution concerning Sri Lanka in the 46th session of the Human Rights Council?

Freedom House report on democratic credentials

3438 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the recent report of Freedom House whose assessment is globally hailed as an important marker of a country's democratic credentials, as per which India has witnessed a significant decline to the status of 'partly-free';
- (b) whether Government is considering to take measures to enquire into and rectify the factors that have hindered the country's performance on such global parameters;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Meeting under Quadrilateral grouping

3439 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

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

- (a) whether India joined Australia, Japan and the United States for a ministerial meeting under the Quadrilateral grouping during which key issues, including Myanmar, came up for discussion; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status therefor?

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

3440 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) the manner in which Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention provides an important platform to engage and connect with the overseas Indians;
- (b) the manner in which the overseas Indians can derive benefits from it;
- (c) countries in specific where overseas Indians are most likely to be benefited and how to get practical help on this; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

World forum against terrorism

3441 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) the number of international forum to fight against terrorism;
- (b) whether India is also a member of any of such forum; and
- (c) the name of the member countries of such organisation/forum and the activities they have carried out against terrorism?

Role of Quadrilateral group in South Asian security

3442 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the role Government envisions for the Quad group (Australia, United States of America, Japan and India) in ensuring balance of power in South Asia;

- (b) whether Government believes that the Quad can play a positive role in maintaining peace and stability in the region, in light of developments such as the coup in Myanmar; and
- (c) the various strategic initiatives undertaken in coordination with the Quad?

Fishermen kept illegally in the neighbouring countries

3443 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether the Indian fishermen who have been kept illegally by neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Iran were released recently;
- (b) if so, the number of fishermen released by these countries and their details, State-wise;
- (c) the number of fishermen still kept in custody in other countries; and
- (d) steps taken to get them released and repatriate to India?

Establishment of Regional Benches of the Supreme Court

3444 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government has plan to establish Regional Benches of the Supreme Court at Chennai, New Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai to reduce time and money on litigations, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the request proposals/demands received from various parts of the country to setup Regional Benches of the Supreme Court during the last five years; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

Increase in retirement age of High Court judges

3445 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that acute shortage of judges in various courts of the country is the main reason for delay in delivery of justice / disposal of pending cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the corrective measures taken/ being taken by Government to fill the vacancies to address the shortage of judges; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to increase the retirement age of High Court judges to 65 years in the country, if so the details thereof?

Fast Track Courts for politicians

3446 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up Fast Track Courts for trial of cases related to public representatives and politicians;
- (b) whether Government proposes to link Fast Track Courts with the existing CBI courts or appoint special judicial officers therefor;
- (c) whether Government endorses to put a lifetime ban on a politician to contest election in case of conviction in a criminal case;
- (d) whether any discussion has been held between Election Commission of India, State Governments and the Central Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the arguments made by them?

Exclusion of J&K from Indian Evidence Act, 1872

3447 **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether extent of Indian Evidence Act, 1872 is now whole of India as per March, 2020 gazette notification of the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether India has been defined as territory of India excluding the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as per the said notification; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for excluding Jammu and Kashmir from this Act?

Special Courts for cases against legislators and politicians

3448 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set up Special Courts to try criminal cases involving legislators and politicians across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether all the cases that were entrusted to these Specials Courts have accomplished their task;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recruitment of judges

3449 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether out of the sanctioned strength of 1080 judges in various High Courts of the country, there are just 660 Judges working thereby leaving 40 per cent vacancies;
- (b) If so, the efforts being made by the Ministry to recruit judges as early as possible; and
- (c) the details of proposals from various High Courts pending with the Ministry and the SC Collegium?

Consultation with DoPT

3450 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has received a reference from Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) regarding issuing of revised O.M with regard to overruling of judgement in NR Parmar case by Hon'ble Supreme Court on 19/11/2019, K. Meghachadra Singh & Others v/s/ Ningham Siro & Others and several subsequent orders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the date of reference;
- (c) the details of present status thereof and reasons of delay; and
- (d) by when Ministry is likely to complete consultation in this regard?

Fast Track Special Courts for women and children

3451 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) the number of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) in India dedicated to justice delivery in case of rape, crimes against women and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, State-wise;
- (b) whether all courts envisioned to be set up to deliver justice on such matters have been set up, and if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the current pendency of such sensitive cases which require speedy dispensation of justice; and
- (d) steps taken to address this pendency, including accelerated set up of more FTSCs?

Scheme for Justice to poor

3452 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the poor are deprived of justice on account of existing judicial system and increasing fee of the lawyers;
- (b) if not, the response of Government in this regard; and
- (c) the scheme in place to get justice to the poor, alongwith the process of such scheme?

Lok Adalats in Karnataka

3453 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the number of Lok Adalats organised during each of the last five years, district-wise in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) the number of cases disposed of, district-wise in Karnataka by these Adalats during the said period;
- (c) whether Government proposes to organize more such Adalats on regular basis in future, district-wise;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to organize such Adalats more frequently to bring about the early disposal of pending cases?

Virtual hearings through video conferencing

3454 # Shri Ram Shakal:

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

- (a) whether several advocates attended the virtual hearings of the Supreme Court through video conferencing in the year 2020; and
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

e-Lok Adalats in States

3455 # Shri Ram Shakal:

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

- (a) whether e-Lok Adalats were conducted in the year 2020 in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated for such Adalats during the current financial year?

Tuition fee in National Law Universities

3456 # **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) whether tuition fee in the National Law Universities remain very high;
- (b) if so, the provisions made for the education of poor students;
- (c) whether Government is taking any step to reduce the said fee; and
- (d) whether there is any scheme to provide scholarship to the students?

Fair representation in High Courts/Supreme Court

3457 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any mechanism to ensure that there is fair and suitable representation of minorities and the lower castes in High Courts and the Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pendency of cases

3458 **Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullu:**

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

- (a) whether total number of pendency of cases across courts have increased during the last five years;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether vacancies of judges across courts have also increased manifold during this period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

Electronic version of voter identity card

3459 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan for the electronic version of the voter identity card which can be downloaded on a mobile phone or a personal computer; and
- (b) if so, the precautionary measures taken to ensure that this is foolproof?

Voting for domestic migrant workers

3460 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry proposes any arrangement of voting for the domestic migrant workers at their places of work; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard?

Record Retention Schedule for uniformity in the retention schedule of records

3461 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhhar:**

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

- (a) whether Ministry has complied with Record Retention Schedule for uniformity in

retention schedule of records of common nature in area of policy, establishment, and housekeeping created by different Ministries/Departments;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Category 'A' files which are under permanent preservation for administrative purposes have been microfilmed by all Ministries/Department;

(d) whether there is any financial assistance provided by Department to 'Keep and Microfilm' category 'A' files;

(e) whether Record Retention Schedule is being compiled by the State Governments;

(f) if so, details thereof; and

(g) whether any financial assistance has been provided by Centre to State Governments, if so, details thereof?

Raising of maximum age limit for job aspirants

3462 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to increase maximum age limit by two years for all the eligible unemployed youths, who are seeking Central and State Government jobs as they lost their chances due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of existing academic institutions under RUSA

3463 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government has upgraded any existing academic institutions in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh under Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mission Karmayogi

3464 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

(a) the details of features of Mission Karmayogi that aims to prepare the Indian Civil Servants for future;

(b) the progress made in this regard;

(c) the intended benefits of the said mission;

(d) the details of other measures being taken in this regard to augment the capacity of civil servants; and

(e) the proposed measures to be taken in this respect?

Effects of dismantling of Planning Commission into NITI Aayog

3465 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

(a) the effects of dismantling of Planning Commission into NITI Aayog;

(b) whether Government has achieved the desired results as proposed in NITI Aayog; and

(c) if not, the further plans to strengthen NITI Aayog?

Functions of Ministry

3466 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) the basic functions of the Ministry;
- (b) the policies it has suggested during the last two years; and
- (c) whether any special initiative has been taken in the interest of any State to focus on technology upgradation and capacity building for implementation of programmes?

Projects closed during COVID-19 pandemic

3467 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) the number of big projects closed due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) the time to be taken to redevelop the said closed projects and estimated time involved thereof;
- (c) the policy of Government regarding delays in the completion of projects due to COVID-19 which were likely to be completed before its due date; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to extend financial assistance to these closed projects, if so, the details thereof?

Mars Mission

3468 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the status of the Mars mission;
- (b) when is the next launch of unmanned vehicle to Mars; and
- (c) the lessons learned from the earlier mission?

Satellite launches from India

3469 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the details of total satellites launched from Indian soil during the last three years;
- (b) the number of satellites which were launched were 'Made in India';
- (c) the number of satellites launched which were of foreign countries; and
- (d) the number of Indian satellites, if any, launched from foreign soil during the last three years?

Suspension of MPLAD Funds

3470 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey regarding impact on developmental activities and job opportunities in various States in the country due to suspension of MPLAD funds for two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to return back the suspended MPLAD funds of two years to Members of Parliament in the next two years to complete pending developmental activities in the constituencies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Suspension of MPLADS funds

3471 # **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

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

- (a) whether Government had consulted the Members of Parliament before suspension of MPLADS funds, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the suspension of MPLADS funds continuously for 2 years without any prior information or discussion with the Members of Parliament;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the concerns of Members of Parliament towards such steps; and
- (d) if so, whether any steps are being taken by Government to address those concerns?

e-commerce platforms for online marketing of handloom products in Odisha

3472 **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw:**

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

- (a) the details of e-commerce platforms of Government presently available for online marketing of handloom products in Odisha;
- (b) the steps taken to increase awareness about these online marketing platforms; and
- (c) the steps to be taken to improve the access of handloom products to international markets?

Upgradation of technology in textile sector

3473 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the action taken by Government to upgrade technology in the traditional textile industry;
- (b) the budget allocation for Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) during the past five years; and
- (c) the achievements in geo-tagging and digital signature?

CHCDS in Kerala

3474 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether any of the handloom clusters from Kerala are included in the Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Socio-economic profiling of handicraft artisans

3475 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has data regarding socio-economic profile and geographical distribution of handicraft artisans, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the number of small and medium enterprises which have been closed during lockdown, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the measures proposed for the enterprises running in losses or closed, the details thereof?

Capital investment subsidies issued under ATUFS

3476 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the total number of capital investment subsidies issued under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) between the years 2016 till 2020;
- (b) the total number of capital investment subsidies issued in the State of Punjab since 2016 till date;
- (c) the total number of energy saving machines incentivised since the year 2016 till date;
- (d) total subsidy released to attract investment to weaving, processing and garment sectors from the year 2016 till date, year-wise details thereof; and
- (e) the total amount of funds released under this scheme to projects in the State of Punjab from 2016 till date, year-wise details thereof?

Development of jute sector

3477 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved that 20 per cent of sugar and 100 per cent of food grains should mandatorily be packed in jute bags and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (b) whether more than 3.7 lakh workers are dependent on jute sector for their livelihood in the country, yet Government has failed to develop jute sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to develop the jute sector in the country?

Promotion of lotus silk

3478 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the huge potential in lotus silk production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action plan formulated by Government to promote, augment and preserve lotus silk production and weaving;
- (d) the funds earmarked by Government for these schemes;
- (e) whether Government is introducing new schemes to promote lotus silk in global market;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by Government to protect the interest of the lotus silk producers?

Revival of traditional skill of weaving

3479 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the efforts made by Government to revive the nearly lost traditional skill of weaving of textiles across the country; and
- (b) the details of the various health insurance and other welfare schemes being run by Government for the weavers, State-wise details thereof?

Training to enhance skills of weavers

3480 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme for imparting modern skill training to the weavers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of weavers who have been provided skill training during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) the name of institutes with which a contract has been signed for skill training; and
- (e) the number of weavers who have been provided skill training in Rajasthan and the name of institutes with which contract has been signed, the district-wise details thereof?

Establishment of new textile/jute mills in Assam

3481 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is responsible for development of textile industries across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish new textile/jute mills in Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any measure to increase silk production in Assam and whether sericulture is being placed under RTPS, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether there is any proposal to grant special packages to the Assam Cooperative Jute Mills Ltd., Silghat, Nagaon, Assam, if so, the details thereof?

EMRS in Chhattisgarh

3482 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the district-wise number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools functional in the State of Chhattisgarh, at present;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated to Chhattisgarh for setting up of Eklavya Model Residential Schools during the last two years and the current year and the details of work for which the funds were spent; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan for the establishment of new Eklavya Model Residential Schools, if so, the targets set for Chhattisgarh and the amount allocated for the same?

Functioning of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

3483 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the functions of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) the action taken by the Commission to safeguard the rights of tribal communities over mineral resources; and
- (c) measures taken by the Commission to improve the efficacy of relief and rehabilitation measures for tribal groups displaced by development projects?

Welfare of tribal students in residential schools

3484 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of persistent media reports of substandard education and food, sexual assault, and deaths, reported in Government-run residential schools for tribals;
- (b) whether Government maintains data on the same, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that residential schools for tribal students have been used to forcefully assimilate indigenous tribal students in countries such as Canada, New Zealand, and Australia; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to learn from the failures of this model in these countries or reconsider the model?

University for tribal youth in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

3485 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) whether Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are home to a very large section of tribal population;
- (b) whether Government plan to set up a national level University for Academic as well as Supplementary Education and training of tribal youth to spell out their excellence since tribal youth have immense sporting talent;
- (c) if so, whether the district of Mandla in Madhya Pradesh would be considered for establishing such a national level University; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for inclusion in Scheduled Tribe list from Madhya Pradesh

3486 # Shri Kailash Soni:

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

- (a) whether Dheemar, Kahar, Dheever, Mallah, Kewat, Kashyap, Nishad, Rayakvar, Bhoi, etc castes are part of Majhi tribe, which is a notified tribe at serial number 29 in Madhya Pradesh Scheduled Tribes list under Schedule 8 of Madhya Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2000;
- (b) whether a proposal, based on report of expert committee constituted, was sent to Ministry on August 29, 2018, by Principal Secretary, Department of Tribal Affairs, Madhya Pradesh for issuance of notification by including these castes as ST being part of Majhi tribe; and
- (c) if so, present status of proposal and by when it is going to be implemented?

Project to preserve traditional knowledge of tribals

3487 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) whether tribals have the traditional knowledge of curing disease with locally available medical plants, if so, whether any research institute has been given any project for research on tribal medicinal practices and medicinal plants, so as to preserve this knowledge; and
- (b) if so, State-wise/Union-Territory-wise details thereof?

Inclusion of Siddi community in ST list

3488 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether Ministry is aware that Siddi community in Uttar Kannada district, Karnataka has been included in the ST list;
- (b) whether the proposal to include Siddi community residing in Belgaum and Dharwad districts of Karnataka in the ST list has been submitted to the Ministry; and
- (c) if so, the action Ministry has taken on the same?

Transfer of tribal land

3489 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the details of land owned by tribals and transferred to non-tribals during the last five years;
- (b) the number of cases, where non-tribals marrying tribal women legally or illegally grabbed land possessed by tribals, were found; and
- (c) the details of protective laws to ensure control of tribals on their traditional farming and farm properties?

Promotion of entrepreneurship among tribals

3490 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched any programme to promote tribal entrepreneurship across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up a Tribal Entrepreneurial Cell to encourage startups and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to launch any action plan or scheme to promote entrepreneurship among the tribal population of the country; and
- (e) whether Government has fixed any target to train the tribal youth to make them fit for employment and to turn them into entrepreneurs?

Hostels for Scheduled Tribe students in the country

3491 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Students in the country in a State-wise manner; and
- (b) the total expenditure by the Centre and the respective States for establishment of these Hostels?

Welfare of Scheduled Tribes

3492 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

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

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented regarding education, healthcare, economic empowerment and rehabilitation in Scheduled Tribes (STs) dominated areas of the country at present;

- (b) whether any proposal for the implementation of the schemes regarding education, healthcare, scholarship, hostels and setting up of schools is under consideration of Government; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof?

Programme for the development of infrastructural facilities

3493 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any programme for the development of infrastructural facilities like water supply and housing in Scheduled Tribe areas in various States including Maharashtra;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether Government has allocated and sanctioned fund for the said programmes in the current financial year; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

Tribal agricultural land patta holders

3494 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) the number of tribals who are given agricultural land patta under the Forest Act, 2005 in Tamil Nadu; and
 (b) the number of tribal agricultural land patta holders under the Forest Act, 2005 benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) in Tamil Nadu?

Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival

3495 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government celebrated National Tribal Festival-Aadi Mahotsav 2021 recently and if so, the details thereof;
 (b) the number of tribal artisans and artists from different regions of the country which participated in the said Mahotsav;
 (c) whether Government proposes to organize more such Mahotsavs in the current financial year in various cities across the country;
 (d) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated and released by Government for the same; and
 (e) the achievement made by Government while organizing such festival?

National level tribal research institute

3496 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up a national level tribal research institute in the country; and
 (b) if so, the details thereof?

Anganwadi Centres in Chhattisgarh

3497 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the current number of Anganwadi Centres in Chhattisgarh which do not have their own building, district-wise details thereof along with the number of incomplete Anganwadi buildings out of the buildings sanctioned in last two years;
- (b) the date when approval was accorded to those buildings and reasons for non-completion of work, whether any timeline was fixed for their construction, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) number of Anganwadi buildings where no work has been started since approval was granted, reasons therefor and whether any timeline has been fixed by Government to start the work, if so, the details thereof?

PMMVY and Ready to Eat Food scheme

3498 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) since when the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Ready to Eat Food Scheme have been implemented in Chhattisgarh, the district-wise, year-wise and Anganwadi Centre-wise amount of funds and food items provided since the date of implementation of the scheme till date;
- (b) whether any guidelines, orders/directions have been issued by Government to States for implementation of the schemes, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has received any complaints with regard to large-scale irregularities taking place in the said schemes, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Setting up of Child Rights Legal Cells

3499 # **Dr. Ashok Bajpai:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up Child Rights Legal Cells in all the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has given the directions to all the State Governments to set up Child Rights Legal Cells in their State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

India's ranking in Global Gender Gap Index

3500 # **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) India's ranking in Global Gender Gap Index published by World Economic Forum for current year as compared to the ranking of last year, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent of gender gap existing in the fields of health, economic partnership, education and political participation and the action plan chalked out by Government to remove it, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of Budget and time likely to be consumed to remove the gender gap as per the present scenario, the details thereof?

Gender disparity in India

3501 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India ranked very low on the Gender Gap Index among 135 countries;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures that are being taken by Government to reduce the gap?

Problems of child marriage

3502 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is home to the largest number of child marriages in the world and is it the biggest problem faced by rural women;
- (b) if so, the details of child marriages in India along with State-wise details from 2014 to date; and
- (c) whether Government has noticed the psychological, social, mental, and physical issues for that young girl who is the victim of child marriage?

Improving nutritional levels under POSHAN Abhiyan

3503 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government under POSHAN Abhiyan to improve the nutritional levels of children across the country;
- (b) the steps taken by Government under POSHAN Abhiyan to reduce the wasting levels among children across the country, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is developing a strategy for prevention and integrated management of wasting as was mentioned by the NITI Aayog Report on 'Accelerating Progress on Nutrition in India' in July 2020?

Registered crimes against women and children

3504 # **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) the number of crimes that were registered against women and children in the country according to the National Crime Records Bureau since the year 2014 to date and the number of cases in which action was taken, the details thereof;
- (b) the action being taken by Government to prevent said crimes; and
- (c) the reasons responsible for said crimes, the details thereof?

Cases concerning child abuse

3505 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the total number of cases concerning child abuse on the internet reported during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of reported cases of children being used for pornographic contents during the same period, State/UT-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the percentage increase in the incidents of cyber crimes and online child abuse in the

State of Tamil Nadu recently; and

(d) whether Government has put in place any measure to reduce the instances of children being abused and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure under Poshan Abhiyan

3506 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

(a) the reasons for suspending the expenditure under Poshan Abhiyan as of September 2020 in most of the States;

(b) the details of the data maintained at the union level for the Poshan Abhiyan; and

(c) money already spent on ICDS-CAS by Government since its inception till date?

Mission Poshan 2.0

3507 Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received around 16.31 per cent higher allocation in the budget 2021-22 if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to include malt based foods under Mission Poshan 2.0 for free distribution to pregnant mothers and children below 10 years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, then whether Government is desirous of doing so in near future?

Initiatives to curb childhood malnutrition

3508 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to curb the issue of childhood malnutrition, if so, the details thereof during 2015-2020;

(b) whether Government has taken any measure to curb the situation of stunting and wasting in children under five years of age, if so, the details thereof during 2015-2020;

(c) the amount of fund that has been allocated and spent on these initiatives to curb childhood malnutrition, stunting and wasting; and

(d) whether Government has undertaken any comprehensive study to understand the pathogenesis of stunting or planned to undertake any study of such nature in the near future, if so, details thereof?

National Creche Scheme

3509 Smt. Ambika Soni:

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

(a) the total number of functional crèches in the country at present under the National Creche Scheme, State-wise particularly in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the number of functional crèches has declined sharply in the recent past and if so, the details thereof for the last three years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the National Creche Scheme?

Anganwadi Centres in Rajasthan

3510 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) sanctioned in Rajasthan during the last five years;
- (b) the year-wise details of Anganwadi Centres which started during the said period;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many Anganwadi Centres have stopped functioning during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that the remuneration paid to Anganwadi Workers and assistants is very less and needs to be revised at regular intervals; and
- (f) if so, whether Government propose to do the same?

Protection of street dwelling children

3511 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the various provisions for the protection of street dwelling children;
- (b) the statistics on the status of these children during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) the details of schemes and measures taken by the Ministry?

Hostel facilities to working women

3512 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has any scheme for providing hostel facilities to working women in the metro cities of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) if not, whether the Ministry would consider starting such a scheme in near future?

Worsening levels of child malnutrition

3513 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that several States across the country have recorded worsening levels of child malnutrition despite dramatic improvements in sanitation and better access to fuel and drinking water;
- (b) if so, the facts and the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in consultation with State Governments to check child malnutrition across the country?

Funds spent in Rajasthan under POSHAN Abhiyaan

3514 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the year-wise funds spent under the POSHAN Abhiyaan during the last three years;
- (b) the details of funds spent under the same in Rajasthan during last three years; and
- (c) the State-wise details of targets set under the POSHAN Abhiyaan?

Reforming Child Care Institutions

3515 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the factors that necessitated the proposed amendment to Juvenile Justice Act;
- (b) the changes to the structure of authority overseeing juvenile justice brought about by this Bill;
- (c) whether Government would invest in improving infrastructure at Child Care Institutions;
- (d) if so, the total amount to be spent in this regard;
- (e) the manner in which Government intends to improve the quality of reformatory counselling and training disseminated to children at such facilities; and
- (f) the manner in which the condition of children in such facilities will improve under the aegis of the proposed Bill?

Sexual harassment of women at their work places

3516 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the number of incidents of sexual harassment of women at their work places reported during the last five years, a State-wise and site-wise report;
- (b) in how many such cases the accused have been punished by the competent authorities or by Court of law; and
- (c) whether the Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 have enough provision to protect women worker at work site, if not, whether there is any proposal for amendment of the law?

Rescue of illegally trafficked women and children

3517 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government for rescue of the women and children illegally trafficked;
- (b) the number of women and children illegally trafficked during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of women and children rescued during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise?

Training and employment to women rescued from illegal trafficking

3518 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the number of women and children rescued during the last five years from illegal trafficking, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number of women rescued who were then given some sort of training and employment during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of such centres which give training and employment to women rescued from illegal trafficking, State-wise?

Beneficiaries under PMMVY

3519 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the total number of women beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in the country in the year 2020;
- (b) the State/UT-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the proposed measures by Government in this regard for the welfare of working expecting women?

Miserable condition of children

3520 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the miserable condition of children who have been sufferers of malnutrition, pollution, child marriage and school dropouts at the elementary level of education in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated/implemented schemes/programmes for their development, protection and welfare; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to protect the interest of children, particularly rural children and to improve their condition?

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