

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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

Total number of questions — 160

#### Nuclear waste disposal

443. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of specially constructed structures, both above and underground, meant for nuclear waste disposal located in the country;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to monitor the underground soil and water samples in/or near specially constructed structures used for disposing nuclear waste materials; and

(c) the details of agencies/organisations which have been engaged to monitor/assess the quality and contamination of soil and water in/or near specially constructed structures?

#### Atomic power generation

444. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to improvement in

supply of atomic fuel, production of atomic energy has improved in various atomic power plants during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of atomic power generation during that period, plant-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Scrapping of projects for development of NER

445. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects concerning development of North Eastern Region (NER) have been scrapped by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government has

properly examined the Detailed Project Reports (DRPs) of the scrapped projects; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-completion of such important projects and if not, whether Government would consider to include new clause for actual assessment of these projects in future?

**Revision of guidelines pertaining to development of NER**

446. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has revised the guidelines for projects concerning the development of States of North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the revised guidelines would add transparency and ensure timely implementation and completion of the projects?

**Monitoring of schemes for children**

447. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

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

(a) the various programmes/schemes of the Ministry for the betterment, safety and upliftment of poor children, girl child and orphan children;

(b) whether these programmes/schemes, which are being run by various organisations are properly monitored/inspected by any special cell of the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details of report generated by that special cell or monitoring committee during the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

**Decline in number of workers going to Saudi Arabia**

448. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to sharp increase in the number of deaths of Indians in Gulf countries, there is a sharp decline in number of workers going to Saudi Arabia by 47 per cent in 2016 when compared to 2015 and 29 per cent to UAE;

(b) whether the Ministry has tried to carry out any investigation or study to find out the causes of deaths; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Ministry is planning to discuss the issue with those countries at diplomatic and political level so as to protect Indians?

**Exemption to infants for biometric finger prints for passport**

449. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring about a change in passport laws to exempt infants to be physically present for biometric finger prints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any representations in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

**Simplifying visa process for different countries**

450. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to simplify the process of obtaining visa from different countries of the world, especially the most visited ones and particularly in the case of tourism related visit to these places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether at present the visa application process for most of the favoured destinations is a very cumbersome affair, as a result of which many cases of cheating and frauds occur;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government has taken to prevent such exploitation of gullible visa seeking people from fraudsters?

**Relooking India's Africa Policy**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to relook India's Africa Policy to match the growing presence of China in that region; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken/proposed to be taken to grab the opportunities that Africa offers?

**Emergency plan for evacuation of migrant workers**

452. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

frame an emergency plan with standard operating procedures and an institutional mechanism to evacuate migrant workers, especially the millions in West Asia;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) by when the guidelines would be framed?

**Effect of Brexit on Indians in UK**

453. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any analysis has been done by Government on how Brexit would affect India and Indians settled in UK; and

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and if not, the reasons for not doing an analysis?

**Adjustment of Scheduled Tribes in Indian Embassies**

†454. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to adjust people belonging to Scheduled Tribes in the Indian Embassies located abroad to take benefit from the qualifications, international contacts and experience of those who have acquired higher technical qualifications through research programmes and studies sponsored abroad by Government;

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

(c) whether any such recruitment/adjustment would be considered in the near future and if so, by when?

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**Fishermen from Andhra Pradesh in jails in Pakistan**

455. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of fishermen from Andhra Pradesh are detained in Pakistan jails for inadvertently entering into Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has held any talks at diplomatic level to rescue/release those fishermen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Inclusion of Kartarpur Sahib in Indian territory**

456. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the matter with Government of Pakistan relating to inclusion of Kartarpur Sahib area in our territory to correct the mistake of 1947 by the then Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of Government of Pakistan in this regard?

**Visit of Norwegian Prime Minister**

457. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Norwegian Prime

Minister has pledged to work in cooperation with India on UN Security Council Reforms and Terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of agreements/MoUs exchanged between India and Norway during the visit?

**Meetings with Russian and Chinese foreign ministers**

458. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting have been held with Russian and Chinese foreign ministers for holding discussions between the three countries; and

(b) if so, to what extent these countries have formulated action plan to give a fillip to their relationship and have agreed to have concrete plans of action on various issues?

**Repatriation of Indian nationals in foreign prisons**

459. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Ministry to have inter-Ministerial meetings on the repatriation of Indian nationals in foreign prisons; and

(b) the details of use of Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) by Indian Missions for repatriation of Indian prisoners, person-wise and percentage-wise?

**Development cooperation with foreign countries**

460. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding any policy document and guidelines for India's development cooperation with foreign countries; and

(b) the details of initiatives taken by Government for furthering developmental cooperation during the last three years, country-wise;

**Release of Indian prisoners from Middle East**

461. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases of Indians languishing in prisons especially of Middle East countries even after their period of conviction is over; and

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken by Government for their release?

**Improving the performance of loss making PSUs**

462. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiatives have been taken by Government for improving the performance of loss making Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

(b) whether there is any plan for better or alternate utilisation of excess employees in many of these PSUs;

(c) whether there are any attempts to bring down the component of wasteful or avoidable expenditure in these PSUs; and

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

**Manufacturing of electric vehicles**

463. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all vehicles in the country would be powered by electricity by 2030 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of electric vehicles (EVs) sold in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage the manufacturing of such vehicles in the country?

**Investment by iron and steel industry in R&D**

464. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for Maharatna, Navaratna and Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in iron and steel industry to invest in Research and Development (R&D) at 1 per cent of profit after tax (PAT) and at 0.5 per cent of PAT respectively and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of investment in R&D as a percentage of PAT of such Maharatna, Navaratna and Miniratna enterprises during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that these enterprises have made the required investment in R&D?

#### **New phase of FAME India scheme**

465. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made available enough roadside charging stations in big cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Lucknow, Bengaluru, etc. to make the FAME India initiative efficacious and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to launch a new phase of the FAME India scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the data on most successful vehicles in the two and four-wheeler segments respectively and their respective monetary incentives?

#### **NTPC-BHEL Power Projects Limited in Mannavaram**

466. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) when the foundation stone for NTPC-BHEL Power Projects Limited (NBPPL) was laid in Mannavaram, in Andhra Pradesh by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that ₹ 6,000 crore was expected to be invested in the first phase;

(c) if so, the reasons for investing only ₹ 100 crore in the project so far;

(d) the reasons why the plant did not start its commercial production, as targeted in 2015;

(e) whether any confidential report was sent to Government that Mannavaram is

not suitable for the project and advised to shift it to Gujarat; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Concern of AIFI on electric vehicles**

467. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Indian Forging Industry (AIFI) has expressed concern over the Centre's renewed focus on Electric Vehicles (EVs) as it could wipe the entire industry;

(b) whether the introduction of EVs would have an adverse impact on the Indian forging industry, as 60 per cent of such units were manufacturing auto components; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government to the concern of AIFI?

#### **Irregularities and corruption in Navratna companies**

468. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the incidents of irregularities and corruption reported in Navratna companies of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent corruption in Public Sector Companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of companies in which such incidents have been reported; and

(f) the action taken in this regard?

**Availability of raw material for heavy industry**

469. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any survey in the areas/States where raw materials to establish heavy industries are available in abundance;

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

(c) the reasons for not establishing any Central Public Sector heavy industries in the States where no Central PSUs are set up, so far?

**Cut in import duty on electrical vehicles**

470. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing a cut in import duty on the parts of electrical vehicles to boost its production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to promote the production of electrical vehicles and its sale in the country?

**Financial health of real estate companies**

471. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of poor financial health of real estate companies;

(b) whether Government has assessed the problems being faced by home buyers due to financial strains of such companies;

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

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to bring reprieve to home buyers who have been waiting for years to get their homes; and

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

**Open Defecation Free towns along river Ganga**

472. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to declare towns along the river Ganga Open Defecation Free;

(b) if so, what is the date set for this purpose;

(c) what is the number of towns along the river which have been declared open defecation free, so far; and

(d) what action Government proposes to take to expedite this work?

**Funds for Visakhapatnam under SCM**

473. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects approved for Visakhapatnam under the Smart Cities Missions (SCM) since its implementation in 2015 and the estimated cost of all projects that have been approved for the city;

(b) whether it is a fact that not even a single rupee has been released for

Visakhapatnam Smart city during 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount that was sanctioned during 2015-16 and 2016-17 and its utilisation; and

(e) the physical status of approved projects and by when all the projects are going to be completed?

#### **Municipal cadre in States**

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

(a) whether Government has asked the States to establish municipal cadre as envisaged under AMRUT scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the State Governments have established such cadre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Formation of SPVs, PMCs and DPRs by Smart Cities**

475. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities out of 100 Smart Cities proposed which have, so far, formed SPVs, Project Management Committees PMCs and DPRs, city-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the cities have not done so;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, city-wise,

with a particular reference to Devenagere; and

(d) how the Ministry is helping cities/ States in forming SPVs, PMCs and DPRs?

#### **Projects report under SCM**

476. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities which have been selected under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM);

(b) whether all the selected cities have reported all their projects and cost for each of these projects;

(c) the number of projects reported by each city along with the cost of each project city-wise; and

(d) the number of cities which have identified sources of finances for these projects?

#### **Cost effective and speedy construction technologies**

477. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to address the issues related to shortage of houses in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government has any plan to bring in cost effective and speedy construction technologies also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last three years?



**Land acquired for Vishwavidyalaya  
metro station**

‡478. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi University metro station is underground because high rise construction is prohibited in this area and if so, the reasons for allowing the construction of a 39 storeyed building over there; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi University has been expressing its concern at various levels since 2009 against this permission and if so, the reasons for ignoring the concerns of the University and the reasons for not setting up an investigation committee to investigate into the matter?

**Implementation of AMRUT**

479. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gap in coverage of water supply before the inception of AMRUT and current gap in its;

(b) the date by which this gap would be filled up completely under AMRUT;

(c) the details regarding the number and value of State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) submitted by States/UTs, approved and implemented by the Ministry since inception of AMRUT; and

(d) the total amount of Central Assistance approved and released during the entire Mission Period as on date, State/UT-wise?

**Estimates of slum population**

480. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of slum population across the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to collect surveys pertaining to slums between successive censuses;

(c) the number of low-cost housing complexes constructed by Government during the last four years and the current year; and

(d) the number of such houses that continue to remain vacant?

**Programme for environmental purity  
for health**

‡481. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes, action plans and the implementation of special cleanliness and environmental purity for health carried out in the country during the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) with reference to part (a) above, the details of provisions of additional grants-in-aid, fundings by the Central and State Governments for making competitive environment in urban autonomous institutions with reference to smart cities?

**Funds allocated under various  
schemes**

482. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and

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released under various schemes to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the fund released is sufficient for timely completion of under construction projects in the State; and

(c) if not, Government's reaction thereto?

#### **NOC for installation of lifts in DDA flats**

483. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the clauses seeking NOC from DDA for installation of lifts in DDA flats have been relaxed and conditions like submitting affidavit about unauthorised construction on the building terrace has been repealed and certain other stringent clauses have been modified in order to encourage people to install lifts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of applications received in this regard subsequent to these relaxations during the last three years, area-wise and the details of applications approved, pending and rejected along with the reasons for keeping them pending or their rejection, case-wise?

#### **Expenditure on SCM**

484. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) has not been successful in the identified cities;

(b) if so, the details of amount allocated

and expenditure made during 2017-18, State-wise; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred during the current fiscal year under the Mission?

#### **Mechanism for improving urban landscape**

485. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has adopted any mechanism for improving urban landscape in the country;

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

(c) the details of measures taken for management of urban sewers in NDMC area?

#### **Housing needs of urban poor**

†486. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to fulfil the housing needs of urban poor of the country;

(b) whether Government plans to provide loans to poor people at lower rates through banks and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of houses constructed/ being constructed in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana during the last three years?

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**Houses to poor families under PMAY**

487. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses provided to poor families in the country under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana during the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent/ spent so far for providing houses during that period?

**Women skilled under DAY-NULM**

488. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban women who have been organized in Self-Help Groups since 2015, city and State-wise;

(b) the details of people, specially women, who have been skilled and trained under the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) since the commencement of scheme; and

(c) the number of skilled trainees who have been placed or hired for a job?

**Licences to street vendors**

489. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of street vendors who have been issued license or identification cards under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of vending zones created, and of them, the number that are functional, city-wise and year-wise;

(c) the number of displaced street vendors who have been rehabilitated after the implementation of the Act;

(d) the number of street vendors who have been formalized through the town vending committees; and

(e) the number of such vendors covered under the social security scheme?

**Surrendering of DDA flats**

490. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousand allottees of DDA flats constructed under its ambitious 2017 scheme, had surrendered within 45 days of the draw of lots held in November, 2016 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the corrective measures Government has taken to provide better amenities at lower rates?

**Progress under Smart Cities Mission**

491. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed 100 smart cities to each State and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details of progress made in these 100 smart cities during the last three years;

(c) the number of smart cities completed so far; and

(d) the details of employment

opportunities created in those cities during that period?

**Allotment of General Pool Residential Accommodation**

492. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether allottees of other than General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) are deprived of participating in bidding process *i.e.* Automated System of Allotment put in place to give their preference for alternative allotment in seven South Delhi colonies and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether no alternative allotment has been placed for non General Pool allottees in newly developed accommodations in East Kidwai Nagar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints from affected allottees who have not been provided alternative allotment; and

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

**Change in fare by Delhi Metro**

493. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quarterly break-up of the ridership in the Delhi Metro during 2010 to 2018;

(b) the details of all fare price changes during that period;

(c) the details of all subsidies provided to the Delhi Metro;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to help the Delhi Metro financially and avoid using increase in fare as revenue generating tool;

(e) if so, the details thereof including a timeline for its implementation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Construction of houses under PMAY**

494. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various States have submitted project proposals for construction of houses under PMAY to the Central Government;

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

(c) whether the Central Government has considered and granted approval for these projects; and

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

**Basic amenities in slums**

495. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme or it provides Central Funds to the States to provide basic amenities in the slums of their jurisdiction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided Central Funds to Maharashtra for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Notification of schemes under Street Vendors Act**

496. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States which have framed and notified the Scheme for Street Vendors under Section 38 of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014;

(b) whether some States have not framed and notified the aforementioned schemes and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of cities and towns which are required to constitute and those which actually constituted the 'Town Vending Committees' (TVCs) under Section 22 of the Act, State-wise?

**Jurisdiction of CBI**

497. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the explicit jurisdiction of Central Bureau of Investigation, as per the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946;

(b) whether CBI needs to take permission from respective State Governments to carry out raids and investigations and trace the criminals within the area of jurisdiction of State Governments; and

(c) whether States can deny entry of CBI officials into their States for carrying out any investigation and if so, the details thereof?

**Non-implementation of Merit Scholarship Scheme**

498. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2484 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd January, 2019 and state:

(a) the reasons why the Ministry has not implemented the Merit Scholarship Scheme for top 2,000 JEE rank holders during 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) whether the Ministry would implement the above scheme during 2019-20; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan**

499. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for implementation of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan during 2018-19;

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

(c) the details of funds likely to be sanctioned by Government for the said programme, including for 2018-19, State-wise including Karnataka;

(d) whether the variations in financial assistance/funds to the said project is approved by Project Approval Board (PAB);

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government has taken any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka to reconsider the financial assistance for the said programme; and

(g) if so, the details and the current status thereof?

**Establishment of National Testing Agency**

500. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any due diligence was done to determine the rationale for establishing a National Testing Agency (NTA) for conducting entrance and eligibility examinations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all higher educational institutions would be required to use NTA's services to conduct their entrance and/or eligibility examinations; and

(c) whether any reimbursement or subsidy would be given to the institutions for any losses incurred by them by a result of outsourcing their entrance and eligibility examinations through NTA?

**Fellowships to students studying abroad**

501. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to facilitate admission of Indian students in educational institutes in foreign countries;

(b) what efforts Government has made to introduce new fellowships for meritorious Indian students to study abroad; and

(c) the details of fellowships offered to Indian students with Government collaboration?

**Expert Committee for selecting Institutes of Eminence**

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

(a) the details of criteria adopted in selection of Institutes of Eminence in the country and the number of institutes that has been selected so far;

(b) whether any Expert Committee has been set up by Government in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including its members and the timeline of submitting the report?

**Posts vacant in Ministry**

†503. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

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

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

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

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

**Reservation policy in contractual appointments**

†504. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation

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policy is not being followed in contractual appointments in Central Universities and the Ministry due to which persons belonging to SC, ST and OBC are getting appointments on such posts in negligible number;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to ensure the compliance of reservation policy in contractual appointments; and

(c) the number of contractual appointments made in Central Universities and the Ministry during the last five years, category-wise?

#### **Suspension of first year students of IITs**

505. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRI HARSHVARDHAN  
SINGH DUNGARPUR:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has suspended/dismissed first year students of IITs for not performing well in the examinations;

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

(c) the remedial measures being taken to reinstate those students?

#### **Revision of fee structure for implementation of reservation**

506. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite all-round welcome for the newly enacted 10 per cent quota for the economically disadvantaged among the upper castes in educational institutions, there is concern of huge financial and

infrastructural challenges in implementing the new quota provisions;

(b) whether accommodating 10 per cent more students under the new quota regime means the universities have to increase the overall admission by 25 per cent; and

(c) whether to fund additional infra-facilities and teaching staff, it would be necessary to revise the fee structure upwards?

#### **ASER Report, 2018**

507. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the latest edition of the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER)-Rural which finds that the reading and arithmetic abilities in rural schools are shockingly dismal;

(b) whether the ASER survey covered 5.4 lakhs students in 596 rural districts of the country; and

(c) whether Government would institute a review mechanism involving all States for both Government and private institutions covering elementary education and middle schools since ASER survey findings are not available for the last 10 years?

#### **State of school education**

†508. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state of school education in the country is extremely perturbing as half of the students studying in class eight do not have the knowledge of simple multiplication, division and half of the students studying in class five can not read the text books of class two;

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(b) if so, the steps taken by Government on its own level and in collaboration with States to solve this national problem and to inculcate interest among children and youth of the country towards education; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government would take any concrete step?

#### **Replacing two year B. Ed. course**

509. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to replace the current two year long B.Ed. course with the four year long course;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the roadmap for the students who have completed their graduation and want to go for B.Ed. course after completion of their graduation?

#### **Primary and higher secondary schools**

†510. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary and higher secondary schools being run by Government, at present, State-wise;

(b) the total number of teachers working in these schools and the number of posts of teachers lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons for not filling the vacant posts and the time by when these vacant posts would be filled up?

#### **Educational development of economically backward classes**

511. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated by Government for educational development of economically backward classes of the country;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for such schemes; and

(c) the mechanism in place to ensure proper utilization of funds allocated for such schemes?

#### **Centres for Artificial Intelligence**

512. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the institutions of higher education like IITs have set up centres for Artificial Intelligence in view of increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the courses proposed to be offered in these institutes; and

(d) whether any collaboration is being made with global leaders in Artificial Intelligence and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Establishment of new IIMs**

†513. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) established since 2014 till date, State-wise?

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**Action against fake universities**

†514. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not yet taken any action against more than a dozen universities of the country that have been found to be fake;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the action taken against those universities and the new rules put in place to ensure such fake universities do not open in future?

**Proposal from MNCs for developing playgrounds**

515. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from any MNC to develop playgrounds of Government schools specially of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas of olympic standards free of cost on no profit basis;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting such proposals, if any?

**Amendment to existing education policy**

516. DR. AMEE YAJNIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to amend the existing Education Policy in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Mental health facilities in Government educational institutions**

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

(a) whether there is a dearth of mental health facilities in Government schools and universities across the country;

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

(c) if not, the details of availability and recruitment of trained counsellors and the student-counsellor ratio in these institutions, school/university-wise;

(d) the details of suicides committed by students and faculty members/teachers of schools and universities during the last three years, school/university-wise;

(e) the funds allocated, released and utilised for mental health facilities in these institutions during that period, school/university-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to improve such facilities in these institutions?

**Status of professors in Central and State Universities**

518. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assistant/Associate Professors and Professors employed in the Central or State Universities are members of Civil Service of the Union or a State or an all India Service or hold a civil post under

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the Union or a State as per Art. 310 (1) or 312 (1) of the Constitution of India; and

(b) which rules are being referred to in the UGC, Ministry's letter no.- F.No-22-9/2017(CU) dated May 01, 2018 to Central Universities directing them to adopt Government/UGC rules/instructions for various administrative and service matters till framing of relevant statutes, ordinances and regulations of the University?

#### **Reconstitution of NAC**

519. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Advisory Council (NAC) was formed in 2010 to advise Government on implementation of the provisions of RTE Act, 2009;

(b) whether this body has remained largely ineffective as it has not been reconstituted after November, 2014; and

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

#### **Children not attending schools**

520. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3.81 crore children in the age group of 6 to 13 years are still not attending schools including those who have never attended and attended before;

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

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### **Appointment of professors in Andhra University**

521. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the irregularities in the appointment of Associate Professors and Professors in Andhra University;

(b) whether Andhra University is going ahead with recruitment of Professors and Associate Professors even though there is no clarity on the Roster Points in spite of UGC's circular dated July 19, 2018 requesting all the universities to stop recruitment of academicians till further orders; and

(c) the reasons for calling every candidate for interview who have applied for the post?

#### **Reduction in quantum of fellowships**

522. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fellowships for which the amount allocated has been reduced since 2014 and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of allocations made for fellowships since 2009, year-wise;

(c) whether the annual spending on fellowships and scholarships in Central Universities has been reduced during the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of students in the field of research and development activities?

**Evaluation of difficulties faced by schools in rural and remote areas**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to constitute a Committee of Experts for proper evaluation of difficulties faced by schools in rural and remote areas in the country; and

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

**PTR and SCR in Government schools**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many Government run schools have failed to ensure pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) and the student class room ratio (SCR) which is in violation of the Right to Education Act and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this is due to shortage of space in schools for instructional purposes and shortage of teachers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has constituted any monitoring mechanism to ensure that the spirit of the Act is not diluted and if so, the details thereof?

**'Sabko Shiksha, Achchi Shiksha' initiative**

†525. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a revolutionary step to provide 'Sabko Shiksha, Achchi Shiksha';

(b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof; and

(c) the aspects of education which would be focused upon through this initiative?

**Education to poor and BPL students**

526. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to ensure that students belonging to poor and particularly to BPL families in the country have access to all types of education; and

(b) the number of States which have done better access in this field?

**Foreign fellowships to Indian students**

527. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the foreign fellowships provided by the Ministry to Indian students;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure transparency in the selection of students and entitlement of fellowships to them;

(c) whether the number of fellowships provided by the Ministry has been increased during the last four years; and

(d) if so, the details of new fellowships started/ initiated by the Ministry?

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### **Universal coverage of secondary education**

528. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the net enrolment rate for boys and girls for secondary education during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry monitors as to whether boys and girls who complete elementary education take admission in secondary education;

(c) the details of dropout rate of boys and girls after elementary education during the last three years; and

(d) whether the Ministry has formulated any policy ensure universal coverage of secondary education and if so, the details thereof?

### **Payments of JRF, SRF and Ph.D fellowships**

529. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delays in payments of JRF, SRF and Ph.D fellowships during the last three years, course-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the fellowship amount, as per the promised 20 per cent increase per annum; and

(c) whether any guidelines are being considered to ensure timely payment of fellowships?

### **Uniform education**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is talking about uniform education across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether uniform education is being provided in Government as well as private schools;

(d) if not, the time it would take to make this arrangement uniform across the country; and

(e) whether any policy for enrolment of poor students in private schools has been formulated and if so, the details thereof?

### **Funds released for the centre of AMU in Bihar**

†531. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government during financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively for the centre of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) which was set up by the Ministry at district headquarter Kishanganj in Bihar; and

(b) the details of subjects approved for being taught at this centre?

### **Projects for higher educational institutions**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned around eighty projects under Major Projects Scheme to various higher educational institutions in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the salient features of the research projects undertaken by such institutions; and

(d) the details of their utility to the society, at large?

#### **Monitoring of quality of education**

533. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism for monitoring the quality of education in Government schools; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

#### **Honorarium to mid-day meal workers**

534. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of honorarium presently given by Government to the mid-day meal workers;

(b) whether Government has any plan to increase the same;

(c) whether the Finance Minister had promised a delegation of mid-day meal workers of All India Delhi Morcha on 19th November, 2018 to consider if a request comes to him; and

(d) whether the ministry would forward a request to the Ministry of Finance to increase the honorarium to mid-day meal workers?

#### **Placement of graduates**

535. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

management, technical and engineering institutions of the country have failed to provide minimum placement of 60 per cent to their graduate students;

(b) if so, the number of students who passed since 2014 till date and their placements in the country during the last five years, stream-wise;

(c) the proposal of Government to provide 100 per cent placement of such graduates; and

(d) the action taken by Government under different schemes to provide job opportunities during 2014 to 2018?

#### **Central University at Dausa, Rajasthan**

†536. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities proposed to be set up by the Central Government in the country for promotion of education, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a memorandum for setting up a Central University at Dausa in Eastern Rajasthan had been submitted to the Prime Minister's Office and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether, Government proposes to set up a Central/Tribal University there and if so, by when?

#### **Female literacy rate in Gujarat**

†537. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present Female literacy rate in Gujarat and at which place it stands in the country;

(b) the reasons for low female literacy rate in that State; and

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(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to increase the rate of female literacy there?

#### **Opening of new Central Universities**

538. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to open some more Central Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to make these new universities at par with 'Centre of Excellence' and different than the existing universities, education standard-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Monitoring of SSA**

539. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any monitoring of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to assess the success achieved in realizing the targets fixed under it;

(b) if so, the achievement of the targets and parameters contemplated thereunder indicating specifically how far SCs/STs/OBCs and minorities have been benefited by the Abhiyan, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred and the number of boys and girls who were benefited thereby State-wise?

#### **Non-Compliance of reservation policy in Contractual appointments**

†540. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation policy is not being complied with in contractual appointments in Government institutions and Ministries as a result of which there is negligible representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in such appointments;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to ensure the compliance of reservation policy in contractual appointments; and

(c) the number of contractual appointments made in Government institutions and Ministries during the last three years, category-wise?

#### **Fund for strengthening RTI Act**

541. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1700 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th December, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised to establish helplines to facilitate obtaining information by RTI applications during 2015 to 2018, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released by Department of Personnel and Training for strengthening the RTI Act during that period, year-wise along with utilisation thereof; and

(c) the details of other steps Government would take to ensure that information under the RTI Act, is provided after orders of CIC, in view of denial of information by Government departments even after such orders?

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**Mechanism to decide administrative delay**

542. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2521 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd January, 2019 and state:

(a) the details of authority to whom officials of Central Government under NPS need to represent for consideration of their cases to decide whether such delay is administrative or otherwise as per the judgements of High Court of Delhi;

(b) the basis on which Government or the above authority would consider and decide in absence of any criteria or guidelines; and

(c) the mechanism through which Government would decide administrative delay or otherwise on the facts of each case?

**LTC in flights under UDAAN scheme**

543. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Personnel and Training permits the officials of Central Government to avail LTC in flights under UDAAN scheme of Government under which private airlines have been granted licenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government would issue orders for reimbursement of ticket purchased by employees under UDAAN scheme under which affordable fares are being charged;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Decline in recruitment by Commissions/Boards**

544. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recruitments done for Central Government jobs by various Commissions/Recruitment Boards like UPSC, SSC, etc. during 2014 to 2018, year-wise and agency-wise;

(b) whether there is sharp decline in recruitments by Central Recruitment Commissions/Boards in 2018 in comparison to 2013;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Commission/Board-wise; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

**CSAT system in Civil Services Examination**

†545. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CSAT system in Civil Services Examination started by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in the year 2011 was discriminatory towards the students of rural background;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it was substantiated in Nigavekar Committee report that CSAT examination system is against the candidates of Indian languages and candidates with non-engineering background;

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(c) if so, whether Government would provide two compensatory attempts to the candidates whose important years were wasted due to CSAT; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Examination cancelled by SSC**

546. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of examinations cancelled by Staff Selection Commission (SSC) during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is rampant corruption in SSC and the CBI is conducting enquiry pertaining to the conduct of Combined Graduate Level (Tier-II) Examination, 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of measures taken to remove corruption from SSC;

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that SSC conducts the examinations in a fair and efficient manner, free from all malpractices; and

(e) the details of SSC employees arrested during the last three years?

#### **Redressal of public grievances**

547. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several public grievances are being redressed for the sake of redressal but actually they are not solving the problem being raised by the public and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether there is any mechanism to cross-check the cases being reported as redressed by the officials and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of public grievances received during the last three years, actually redressed and pending for redressal?

#### **Schemes for eradication of poverty**

†548. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new schemes with the purpose of eradicating poverty from the country have been introduced by the Central Government during the last four and a half years;

(b) whether the performance of those schemes has remained as per their target, so far and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of families living below the poverty line in the country has declined during that period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Event for popularising social welfare schemes**

549. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to organise a national event to popularise social welfare schemes run under PPP mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the action taken in this regard so far?

#### **Disabled friendly infrastructure in public spaces**

550. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to

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build disabled-friendly zones, such as ramps and parking areas, in public spaces;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of public toilets which are disabled-friendly; and

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

#### **Reservation on economic basis to OBCs**

†551. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have framed rules for providing 10 per cent reservation on economic basis for poor in general category and the people who would be covered under this category in accordance with the rules;

(b) whether Government would consider to provide reservation to economically poor persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category, apart from the 27 per cent reservation provided to them, on the lines of reservation provided for economically poor persons in general category; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, whether Government is taking different policy decisions for different categories of people?

#### **Scholarships offered by the Ministry**

552. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is offering scholarships to improve the participation of students in higher education; and

(b) if so, what are the names of scholarships that have been started during the last three years and the amount spent for that purpose?

#### **Dry latrines in the country**

553. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per Census 2011, there are 2.6 million dry latrines in the country;

(b) the rate of conversion of dry latrines into sanitary latrines during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of dry latrines in the country, as of today?

#### **Accessibility requirements of persons with locomotor disability**

554. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided or available to persons with locomotor disability who are confined in their houses to ensure that they live in community with full and effective participation and inclusion in society;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the accessibility requirements of such persons and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of schemes framed to modify houses of such persons to ensure them barrier free housing; and

(d) the details of General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) modified during the last three years to provide barrier free housing to such persons?

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**Socio-economic study enabling reservation for EWS**

555. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any socio-economic study for enabling ten per cent reservation for Economic Weaker Sections (EWS) has been conducted;

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

(c) the details of number of targeted beneficiaries under the Act, State-wise?

**Drug de-addiction camps and helpline**

556. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether de-addiction camps are being organised regularly by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries from such camps, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the status of the National toll free drug de-addiction helpline; and

(d) the number of victims in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

**Income limit for EWS quota**

557. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the income limit below which the 10 per cent EWS quota could be availed;

(b) how the figure was arrived at; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to

make the ceiling for all welfare programme at par with that for 10 per cent quota?

**Reservation for EWS**

†558. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued a notification to implement the provisions of 10 per cent reservation for economically backward persons from unreserved category in Government jobs and educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued a notification to implement such reservation by all the States/Union Territories in Government jobs and educational institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Reservation policy for upper castes**

†559. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has provided ten per cent reservation for the weaker sections of upper castes with an annual income of rupees eight lakh or below; and

(b) whether there is any plan to reduce the limit of eight lakh rupees fixed for ten per cent reservation?

**Reading materials in Braille for visually impaired people**

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

(a) what are schemes/projects being

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undertaken to ensure that there is sufficient availability of reading materials in Braille to visually disabled students and professionals; and

(b) what is the number of visually disabled scholars in universities of the country?

**Status of Cluster Development Programmes for backward communities**

561. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) has initiated any exercise to plan Cluster Development Programmes for the backward communities in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what physical progress has been made with respect to each of the proposed clusters during the last three years and the benefits accrued to the community in general?

**Inclusion of Valmiki community in ST category**

562. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Valmiki community has been included in ST category in some States and in BC category in some other States;

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

(c) whether Government has received

any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to include that community in ST category and if so, the status of the proposal;

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to include that community in ST category and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Social welfare schemes in various States**

563. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented in various States of the country along with the names of each such scheme specially for Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there are specific schemes for economically poor people particularly for women of weaker sections; and

(c) if so, the details of these schemes along with the allocations made for such schemes?

**Development of space technology**

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

(a) whether ISRO has developed any new innovative technology, products and services for the development of space science, research and technology during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has drawn up a long term plan 'Space Vision 2025' for

Space Research Programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a need for bilateral cooperation with foreign countries/ institutes in the field of space science and research and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve research and development in space technology?

#### **Manned mission to space**

565. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any time-line for sending manned mission to space;

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

(c) whether Government has made an assessment of financial requirements for the manned mission; and

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

#### **Eklavya Model Residential Schools**

566. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:  
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to provide best quality education to tribal children in their environment;

(b) whether Government has set a deadline of 2022 to start 700 more Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of such schools

sanctioned and the total number of those functional in the country, till date?

#### **Eklavya Model Residential Schools**

567. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) currently operational in the country, State-wise including Karnataka;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to improve the quality of education and skills in those schools; and

(c) the details of teachers in EMRSs in Karnataka; district-wise?

#### **Funds for Andhra Pradesh under various schemes**

568. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocated and released under various schemes of the Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the fund released is sufficient for timely completion of projects under construction in that State; and

(c) if not, the reaction of Government in this regard?

#### **Exclusion of PVTGs from social security benefits**

569. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are being deprived of basic social

security benefits such as ration and pensions and the exclusion is as high as 10 per cent of such families;

(b) the manner in which Government ensures that the exclusion is not continued; and

(c) the details of families excluded due to Aadhar linking and their categorisation into fake, duplicate and those who could not link their Aadhar cards?

**Preservation of cultural heritage of Dard Aryan tribe**

570. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received a charter of demands from the Dard Aryan tribe to help preserve their cultural heritage;

(b) whether it is a fact that modernisation, migration and religious conversion are threatening their culture; and

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any measures to help preserve their cultural heritage and if so, the details thereof?

**Inclusion of 'Teli' caste in the list of Scheduled Tribes**

571. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has made any recommendation to the Central Government to include Teli caste in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) whether Government would accept the recommendation of State Government and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Integrated Tribal Development Project in Gujarat**

†572. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the work done in Gujarat under the Integrated Tribal Development Project during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated and utilised under the project during that period; and

(c) whether the work done under the project has been reviewed and if so, the details thereof?

**Discrimination and violence against De-notified tribes**

573. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all registered incidents of violence against STs, during 2014 to 2018, State-wise;

(b) the details of all registered incidents of violence against De-notified tribes, during the above period, State-wise;

(c) the details of all registered incidents of violence committed by members of De-notified tribes during that period, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to eradicate discrimination against De-notified tribes?

**Allocation of funds for Tribal Welfare**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to allocate funds to the tune of ₹ 6000 crore for the welfare of tribals in the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified any tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh for welfare of such people and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of funds being allocated for each States, particularly, Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Releasing funds under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for tribals**

575. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for tribal students studying in classes 9 and 10 have not been released to certain States, during 2014-15 to 2017-18 and whether this is due to lack of determination on the part of the Ministry; and

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

#### **Norms for staff of OSC**

576. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up One Stop Centre (OSC) in all the districts of Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) the details of norms/criteria prescribed by Government for centre administrator, case worker, psycho-social counsellor, legal counsellor, police facilitation officer, para-medical personnel, IT Staff, multi-purpose workers, security guards, etc. who are staffing the OSC?

#### **Monitoring and evaluation of Mahila Shakti Kendra**

577. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of Mahila Shakti Kendra since its inception;

(b) whether any monitoring and evaluation of these kendras has been undertaken;

(c) if so, whether there were any course corrections, as a result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of POSHAN Abhiyan**

578. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the benefits intended under the POSHAN Abhiyan and what is the status of implementation of this scheme?

#### **Development of rural women**

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

(a) whether Government has launched any new schemes during the last three years with special focus on over all development of rural women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial allocations made under those new schemes, State-wise?

#### **Devadasi system under POCSO Act**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that

even after passing of the Devadasis Act of 1982, young girls are still being forced into the Devadasi system which, in the name of custom, is actually a commercial sex racket in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government has any data on the number of such cases and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what steps Government has taken against such practices; and

(d) whether Government would consider bringing this issue under POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act and the proposed Trafficking Bill and make it punishable thereunder?

#### **Bringing child grooming under POCSO Act**

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

(a) whether Government would review and bring amendments to the POCSO Act to include the phenomenon of 'Child Grooming' (when someone builds an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or trafficking) and make it punishable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gender neutral law on sexual offences against children**

582. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to make punishment for sexual offences against children more stringent;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to make law on sexual offences against children gender neutral; and

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

#### **Expansion of BBBP scheme**

583. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to expand the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme for empowerment of rural women;

(b) whether there has been any improvement in the sex ratio after the launch of the scheme during 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Haryana; and

(c) the details of other steps taken by Government to ensure the survival and safety of new born girl child?

#### **Identification of fake beneficiaries in Anganwadis**

584. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fake beneficiaries registered in Anganwadis across the country, so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the process being used to identify such beneficiaries;

(c) the details of funds being saved as a result of identification and elimination of names of fake beneficiaries from the list; and

(d) whether Government is using technological solutions in identification of fake beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

**Corporal punishments and sexual abuse in child care institutions**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to nation-wide review submitted in September, 2018, most shelter homes resort to corporal punishments to children for discipline;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the cases of sexual abuse have increased across many child care institutions in the country;

(c) if so, the measures taken to combat such incidents; and

(d) the details of shelter homes, State-wise and the funds spent thereon, shelter home-wise?

**Allocation for child rights**

586. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocations made during the previous year for safeguarding child rights, State-wise;

(b) whether Government considers the allocation to be sufficient; and

(c) if not, whether Government plans to increase the allocations for safeguarding child rights and if so, the details thereof?

**Honorarium for ASHA and Anganwadi workers**

587. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently hiked the incentives/honorarium for ASHA and Anganwadi workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the hike would be made retrospective from the last one year and arrears paid accordingly to meet the demands of these workers;

(d) whether any social security schemes like insurance cover is provided to them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Swadhar Greh scheme**

†588. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Swadhar Greh scheme being implemented by Government for the benefit of women living in adverse conditions and details of funds allocated during the last three years, State-wise and area-wise;

(b) the number of Swadhar shelter homes and short stay homes being run in the country and the number of women benefited under this scheme; and

(c) the details of amount provided to such homes in Uttar Pradesh during the said period?

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**Full maternity benefits under PMMVY**

589. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eligible women beneficiaries yet to receive full maternity benefits of ₹6,000 under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), since 2017, State-wise;

(b) whether, under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), every pregnant and lactating mother is entitled to maternity benefits of ₹ 6,000, except those already receiving similar benefits as a Government employee or under other laws and PMMVY provides ₹ 5,000 per child, and restricts it to first living child;

(c) if so, whether it is in violation of NFSA; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to bring PMMVY in line with NFSA?

**Funds under schemes of Ministry to Andhra Pradesh**

590. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released under various schemes of the Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds yet to be released; and

(c) by when these funds would be released to the State?

**Increase in Anganwadi Centres**

†591. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Anganwadi Centres has been increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Anganwadi Centres increased in Bihar; and

(d) the details of arrangement made to keep a watch on nutritious meal for children at Anganwadi Centres?

**Exploitation of girls in shelter homes in Madhya Pradesh**

592. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any surprise surveys of shelter homes across the nation after Muzaffarpur shelter homes incident and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) why the incident of Sai Viklang Anath Ashram a shelter home in Awasthi, Madhya Pradesh could not come to the surface where physically challenged girls were exploited and three girls succumbed to physical tortures; and

(c) whether out of 8,244 registered CCIs, 539 were closed on account of various reasons and if so, the details thereof State/UT/date-wise and of action taken against the culprits?

**Schemes for women in distress**

593. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana is the scheme of the previous Government for the welfare of women in distress and if so, the reasons for launching Sakhi, the One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme;

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(b) the details of OSCs started, funds involved and the annual allocations made, Centre-wise, State/UT-wise/date-wise;

(c) the details of facilities provided to women in these centres both in private and public spaces; and

(d) whether there was any scheme of Government for women/girl shelter homes existing before 2014 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Children trafficked from Maharashtra's CCIs**

594. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Maharashtra house the most number of children trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation;

(b) whether a high number of children are also trafficked as domestic labourers from CCIs; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb this menace and bring culprits to justice?

#### **Ambiguous data on children and staffs in Anganwadi Centres in Assam**

595. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recorded large discrepancies in data regarding children and Anganwadi staff in Assam during 2016 to 2018 in comparison to 2011 to 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to

such discrepancies, Government has lost crores of rupees;

(d) whether Government proposes to identify exact number of children and staff in an Anganwadi centre; and

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

#### **Cases of child exploitation and sexual abuse**

596. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of cases of child exploitation, sexual abuse and lack of residential care facility in Child Care Institutions in various States especially in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for redressal of these issues; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for implementation of Juvenile Justice Act in Child Care Institutions?

#### **Functioning of Juvenile Homes**

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

(a) the number of Juvenile Homes set-up by Government during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any instances of child abuse and non availability of basic facilities, as given in the Juvenile Justice Act, have been reported during that period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to deal with such complaints in a timely manner; and

(d) whether Government proposes to involve the families of convicted juveniles

and Non-Governmental Organisations for rehabilitation of juvenile offenders and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Child adoption process**

598. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 per cent of 11 million abandoned kids are girls and only thousands are adopted every year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of abandoned children living in Government and non-Government homes, State-wise;

(c) whether total apathy and corruption has led to adoption process being reduced to a commercial transaction;

(d) if so, whether the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has failed to regulate placement agencies, avoid delays and duplication of adoption process; and

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

#### **Welfare measures for homeless children**

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of children languishing in jails with their imprisoned mothers or with their homeless parents in urban areas;

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

(c) whether Government is implementing welfare measures for such hapless children; and

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

#### **Inspection of shelter homes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that horror stories are coming out when inspections are being carried out in children shelter homes in the country including those in the national capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to get every children shelter home inspected throughout the country with the help of Women Commissions and bodies of children; and

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

#### **UNICEF report on malnutrition**

601. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to UNICEF, India is home to one third of the world's malnourished children and nearly half of Indian children are undernourished compared with a quarter of those in Sub-Saharan Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(c) the steps taken so far by Government to curb malnutrition among children?

**Child mortality rate due to  
malnutrition**

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

(a) whether any special action plan has

been prepared by Government to minimise  
the child mortality rate due to malnutrition  
in the country; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof and the  
decline in the rate after its  
implementation?

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