

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, January 3, 2019/Pausha 13, 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

#### Commissioning of nuclear power plants

2401. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of nuclear power plants commissioned during 2014-15 to 2017-18;

(b) the proposals for nuclear power projects that are pending for approval, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the pendency?

#### Proposals for new atomic power plants

2402. SHRI VINAY DINU  
TENDULKAR:  
SHRIMATI SHANTA  
CHHETRI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear power plants proposed to be set up in the country during the next twenty years, State-wise;

(b) the total estimated cost of each project along with their production capacity, State-wise;

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the installation and commissioning/ operationalisation of these projects;

(d) whether Government is considering to increase the capacity of the existing nuclear power plants; and

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

#### Non-release of funds to Sikkim for tourism projects

2403. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 51 tourism projects of Sikkim are seriously affected due to non-release of Central financial

assistance under the hundred per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Product/Infrastructure Development of Destination and Circuits;

(b) the amount of balance Central fund to be transferred to the State to complete these projects;

(c) whether the request for releasing the funds has been placed before the Ministry by the State Government on several occasions;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in releasing the funds; and

(e) by when the funds would be released?

#### **Promotion of North East Indian tribal culture**

2404. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project has been started in the North East region from 2013 till date to promote the rich North East Indian tribal culture;

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

(c) the details of funds allocated and spent in the promotion of these projects; and

(d) the details of new/upcoming cultural project to be started in the North Eastern Region to promote their tribal culture?

#### **Funds available for North Eastern States**

2405. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund availability in the Ministry for development of North Eastern Region together with the purpose for which the funds were allocated;

(b) whether Government has issued some guidelines to the North Eastern States to expedite proper and timely utilisation and implementation of targeted programmes; and

(c) if so, whether the guidelines are being followed by States in letter and spirit and if not, what remedial actions are proposed by Government in the larger interest of the people?

#### **Desertion of wives by NRI grooms**

2406. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:  
SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:  
SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been rise in incidents of NRI grooms deserting their Indian wives in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to give respite to such aggrieved wives of NRI grooms;

(c) whether Government proposes to make significant changes in the law pertaining to NRI marriages;

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

(e) the details of such incidents of NRI grooms deserting their Indian wives including Gujarat, Punjab and Kerala, State-wise?

### **Indo-Chinese relations**

2407. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are trying hard to broad-base their ties after the Doklam military standoff;

(b) whether a host of disagreements over contentious issues including Beijing's blockage of New Delhi's efforts to get Pakistan-based militant leaders listed under the United Nations Sanctions List and the stonewalling of India's entry to the Nuclear Suppliers Group-continue to linger; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to iron out these contentious issues between India and China?

### **Private individuals accompanying PM on his foreign visit**

2408. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of non Governmental and private individuals who accompanied Prime Minister in his foreign visits during 2014 to 2018;

(b) the names of private individuals and the purpose of taking them along with Prime Minister; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on the visits, if private individuals have accompanied along the Prime Minister during these visit?

### **Utilisation of Bombay House**

2409. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of proposals under consideration

to utilise the Bombay House of Mohammed Ali Jinnah which has been taken over by Government as an enemy property?

### **Vandalisation of Sikh War Memorial in UK**

2410. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the acts of vandalism committed against the Sikh War Memorial on the 9th of November, 2018, in Smethwick, United Kingdom;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has established any communications with the concerned authorities, including the Foreign Office, in the United Kingdom requesting strict and speedy action;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including response received; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Features of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue**

2411. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and aims of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, with Japan, Australia and the United States of America;

(b) the details of India's official stance thereon including plans for further engagement, if any;

(c) whether there has been back-room or official dialogue regarding the group itself, among its members during the last four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for India rejecting

Australia's request to join the Malabar naval exercises in 2018?

**Achievement of foreign policy**

2412. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has formulated its own foreign policy; and

(b) if so, the details of its achievement during the last four years in terms of national security, attracting investments, transfer of technology, skill development, and active engagement with the diaspora, and relations with our neighbouring countries?

**Indo-France pact for sustainable development**

2413. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have reviewed the progress of a preliminary pact to build six nuclear power plants generating 10 gigawatts of energy;

(b) whether the two sides have also agreed to launch projects together in Africa, particularly in the area of sustainable development in connection with the International Solar Alliance (ISA); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Visit of President of Russia to India**

2414. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Russian

Federation met Indian Prime Minister for the 19th edition of the Annual Bilateral Summit in New Delhi on October 4-5, 2018; and

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

**Indo-ASEAN maritime connectivity**

2415. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the major challenges to the Indo-ASEAN maritime connectivity;

(b) whether India proposes to join the regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership to boost Indian trade volumes; and

(c) the details of bilateral trade volume between ASEAN and India during 2018?

**Relation with neighbouring countries**

2416. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our bilateral relations with neighbouring countries got worse during the last five years;

(b) whether Government is aware that some of our neighbouring countries which were previously dependent on India for their basic needs are depending on other countries at present; and

(c) whether our stand against some nations have resulted in deterioration of our trustworthiness for countries like Nepal and Bhutan?

**Detention for illegal entry into USA**

2417. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian citizens have been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement of US Administration for illegal entry into USA during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided any assistance to such Indian citizens; and

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

**Protection of rights of Indian citizens in foreign countries**

2418. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a system for protecting the rights of Indian citizens in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with MoUs signed in this regard with each country;

(c) whether the terms and conditions in the visa are being violated by the external agencies due to which, Indian citizens are facing difficulties to continue their employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken for ensuring the rights of Indian employees abroad; and

(e) the details of system established for locating Indians abroad?

**Action against placement agents**

†2419. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several illegal placement agents have been sending people to other countries through illegitimate methods and if so, the details of people transported to other countries in a fraudulent manner during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has taken any action against such illegal placement agents during that period and if so, the details thereof State/Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such cases in Uttar Pradesh brought to the notice of Government along with the action taken thereon?

**Fishermen in Pakistan's jails**

†2420. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens and fishermen imprisoned in the jails of Pakistan and since when they have been imprisoned;

(b) whether any financial or other assistance has been provided by Government, to the family of such persons, and

(c) the action taken by Government for getting these people released?

**Passport offices in Madhya Pradesh**

†2421. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts of Madhya

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pradesh where passport offices are functioning along with the criteria for opening such offices;

(b) whether proposals for opening passport offices near Rewa and Shahdol are pending with Government; and

(c) if so, by when these passport offices would be opened, and if not proposed to open, the reasons therefor?

**Ban on Indian currency in Nepal**

2422. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Nepal has banned the Indian currency notes in Nepal recently;

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

(c) whether the Ministry of External Affairs has taken up the matter with Nepalese authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of Nepal Government thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cooperative societies supplying goods and services to CPSEs**

2423. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cooperative societies and their federations engaged in the supply or marketing of goods and services in each Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) during the years 2014 to 2018, year-wise;

(b) the addresses of such societies owned by the SCs, STs and OBCs and engaged in supply and marketing of these goods and services; and

(c) whether any representations have been made by SCs/STs and if so, the status thereof?

**CPSEs land for Affordable Housing Projects**

2424. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in its revised guidelines on time-bound closure of sick/loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and disposal of movable and immovable assets, has urged the Central Public Sector Enterprises to give the land to Affordable Housing projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has surrendered any land for Affordable Housing projects across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Committee for examining loss of PSUs**

2425. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of our Public Sector Undertakings are running at a

loss during the last few years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to constitute a high level committee to look into it by engaging various stakeholders before the loss making PSUs are earmarked for disinvestment and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **CPSEs in Rajasthan**

2426. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) presently functioning in Rajasthan;

(b) the total amount invested in each PSU during the last three years;

(c) the details of profit and loss made by each undertaking during each of the last three years; and

(d) whether the Indo Cat Pvt. Ltd. which was established during 2013-14 in Gujarat with the paid up capital of ₹ 14.01 lakh and was not yet started operational activities and not showing profit/loss for that year has been functional?

#### **CRR for employees of CPSE**

2427. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Counselling, Re-training and Redevelopment (CRR) scheme for employees of CPSEs who have been released under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) and Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has employed any persons under CRR scheme in any of its undertakings;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **CPSEs in Madhya Pradesh**

†2428. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heavy industries functioning in Sidhi, Singrauli, Rewa and Satna districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the comprehensive details of spending under Corporate Social Responsibility by these industries along with their purposes during the last three years?

#### **Approval for Phase-IV of Metro Rail**

2429. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has approved budget amount for Phase-IV proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total length of Phase-IV proposal and the places and corridors likely to be covered;

(d) whether Government of NCT of Delhi has given its approval and what is their share; and

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(e) the schedule of completion of Phase-IV proposals?

**Handing over of houses under PMAY-U**

2430. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses sanctioned and the number of houses completed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the target set for constructing houses under the scheme in urban areas during 2015 to 2022;

(c) the number of houses handed over to the beneficiaries, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) the reasons for shortfall in achievement of target; and

(e) the efforts made to hand over more houses till 31st March, 2019?

**Financial viability report under SCM**

2431. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Master Plan under Smart Cities Mission (SCM), State-wise;

(b) the details of plan for funds allocation, date for the release of funds and the actual expenditure; and

(c) the Financial Viability Report under the Mission, State-wise?

**Disposal of solid waste**

2432. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India annually needs a vast track of land to dump waste that urban areas generates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the cities and towns generate about 52 million tonnes of solid waste every year;

(c) whether because of increased focus, Government has been able to push the share of garbage that is processed to about 37 per cent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Pay disparity between ministerial staff and subordinate cadre of CPWD**

2433. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a disparity of pay between the ministerial staff of CSS cadres and subordinate cadres of attached offices of CPWD under the Ministry;

(b) whether the ministerial cadres posted in attached offices of CPWD have been deprived from the promotional hierarchy as compared to CSS cadres whereas the appointment of both the cadres are made through the same examination conducted by SSC and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove the disparity and by when the same is likely to be implemented?



**Allocation of land to political parties**

2434. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land allotted to all political parties in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details regarding criteria and size of the plot;

(c) whether there is any deadline fixed to shift political offices from Lutyens Zone in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the number of parties which have not shifted despite the deadline?

**Shelter homes or houses for construction workers**

†2435. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of labourers engaged in construction works and related fields in metropolitan cities of the country including Delhi along with the facilities of shelter homes or houses for them and destitutes; and

(b) the share of assistance/aid provided by State and Central Governments along with local bodies?

**Houses under PMAY in Ujjain**

†2436. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of houses built so far under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) State-wise, together with the details of houses built in urban areas in Ujjain district of Madhya Pradesh?

**Slum population in the country**

2437. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted about the people living in slums and the need for their basic amenities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of slum population, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the welfare measures, schemes and programmes introduced for the upliftment of slum population?

**Urban Green Growth Strategies initiative**

2438. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities which have actively participated under the Urban Green Growth Strategies initiatives and contributed by sharing their good practices, challenges and perceptions of green growth in their cities during the last three years;

(b) the current status of developing green cities in the country, indicating the problems faced by cities in adopting green growth initiatives; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to adopt more sustainable green and clean cities, while ensuring good quality of life for its citizens?

**Notification of Land Pooling Policy**

2439. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Land Pooling Policy (LPP) of DDA has been approved and notified;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the names of Group Housing Societies likely to be benefited by the policy; and

(d) the role of DDA in developing the land in a time-bound manner?

#### **Processing of solid waste generated in cities along the Ganga**

2440. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than one third of the municipal solid waste generated in the 97 cities and towns along the river Ganga is processed, posing a major challenge to clean the river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has proposed to focus on segregating wet and dry waste to deal with the crisis rather than waiting for new waste processing plants to be ready; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Aadhaar for accessing shelter homes**

2441. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aadhaar is mandatory for the homeless to access shelter homes;

(b) the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the shelters are upgraded on a regular basis;

(d) if so, whether any short comings were revealed during the process along with the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether the Ministry has received

complaints about inadequate quality of night shelters and if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Data base of authorised real estate agents under RERA**

2442. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains a data base of authorised real estate agents under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA);

(b) the number of litigations/cases being fought under the said Act, State-wise; and

(c) the number of workshops conducted for potential house-buyers, including the number of attendees during the last two years, State-wise?

#### **Accessibility of water to urban poor**

2443. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount, disbursed by Government under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) launched for improving accessibility of water to the urban poor during the last three years in percentage and figures; and

(b) the total number of regular connections provided in urban slums and related areas under AMRUT scheme during that period?

#### **Faecal sludge management**

2444. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any interventions in faecal sludge management during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the faecal sludge management across the country, so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government has received proposals from different States/Union Territories for faecal sludge treatment plants and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of collaboration with the private agencies along with the technological interventions made in this regard?

#### **Affordable Rental Housing**

2445. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of residents in urban area who live in rented housing, year-wise and State-wise since 2015;

(b) whether a Government Task Force for Rental Housing 2013 recommended the inclusion of rental housing with the Central assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(c) the reasons why provisions of rental housing were left out of PMAY; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to ensure provisions of affordable rental housing, especially for those who cannot afford to purchase homes?

#### **Implementation of Street Vendors Act**

2446. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that, despite the commencement of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, the hawkers and vendors continue to be hounded by police and municipal authorities across the country including national capital and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to ensure that the provisions of the Act are implemented in letter and spirit throughout the country?

#### **Rehabilitation of slum dwellers**

2447. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maharashtra has the largest number of slums and slum dwellers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is implementing Housing for All by 2022 for rehabilitation of slum dwellers and promotion of affordable housing for the urban poor;

(d) what is the present status of Housing for All by 2022 with regard to slums of Maharashtra; and

(e) what steps Government has taken to provide basic amenities in the slums of that State till they are redeveloped under Housing for All by 2022?

#### **Making land affordable**

2448. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of availability of flexible and low interest

housing loans, people are not coming forward for housing projects due to heavy cost of land particularly in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to make land available at affordable prices to the needy to achieve the targets for affordable housing?

#### **Projects progress of under AMRUT**

†2449. DR. K. V. P.

RAMACHANDRA  
RAO:

SHRI NARAYAN RANE:  
SHRI D. KUPENDRA  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities where projects under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) are proposed to be launched and the amount allocated therefor, State-wise;

(b) the details of schemes as well as the status of progress of implementation of these projects, project-wise;

(c) whether a number of projects are pending under AMRUT scheme and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of works taken up, funds released and expenditure incurred so far under each component of AMRUT scheme particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

#### **Status of PMAY-U scheme**

2450. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned for

PMAY-U during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the target set for construction of houses in the first phase under PMAY-U in the State of Kerala;

(c) the number of houses built in that State under PMAY-U;

(d) how many houses have been allotted in the State under this scheme; and

(e) the status of implementation of Phase-II of the scheme in that State?

#### **Status of Smart City Mission**

2451. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities have been included in the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) especially of Kerala;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) is progressing at a slow pace;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of funds sanctioned and spent on the development of cities identified under SCM in that State; and

(e) the present status of SCM in that State?

#### **Cities under Smart Cities Mission**

†2452. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cities have been covered under the Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria for selection of such cities, State-wise

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(c) the status of progress made with regard to cities identified, State-wise; and

(d) the total amount of investment required for selected cities and wherefrom the Ministry plans to garner the resources for the same?

#### **Developing and expanding metro rail**

†2453. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for developing and expanding metro rail; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the plans, State-wise?

#### **Pucca houses for the poor in Tamil Nadu**

2454. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives for providing permanent houses for the poor people living in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated and disbursed during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has made any efforts to find a permanent solution to the problem of people severely affected by cyclones in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand thereon?

#### **Houses and civic facilities to the urban poor**

†2455. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that about seven crore people are living in inhuman conditions in the cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is formulating any effective plan to provide houses and other civic facilities to these urban poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Transparency in municipal governance through Smart Cities Mission**

2456. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of the deep-rooted corruption and negligence in contract, land dealings and illegal constructions in Bengaluru and many other Municipal corporations; and

(b) whether the Smart Cities Mission would improve and create transparency in municipal governance?

#### **Urban poverty alleviation programme**

2457. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released by Government to the States for poverty alleviation of backward and poor people

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during each of the last two years till date under the Integrated Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, State and year-wise; and

(b) the details of achievements of the States especially during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Environment friendly bricks**

2458. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has directed the Central Public Works Department to examine if burnt-clay bricks can be banned for use in its construction projects;

(b) whether there are any technologies available to produce environment-friendly bricks by utilisation of waste materials; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

#### **Smart Cities Mission in Odisha**

2459. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released and utilized for the cities chosen/identified under the Smart Cities Mission in Odisha, city-wise; and

(b) the details of projects undertaken under the Mission and by when they are likely to be completed?

#### **Lifts in DDA flats**

2460. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of multi storey DDA flats that are/are not disabled and old aged friendly and are/are not in conformity with the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995;

(b) the details of such flats where lifts have/have not been provided;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to encourage people to install lifts in such flats and if so, the details thereof, including area-wise details of DDA offices where residents can submit their proposals; and

(d) the details of proposals received in this regard, area-wise along with the time taken to accord sanction to each proposal?

#### **Amending RERA rules by States**

2461. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged the State Governments to amend the RERA rules and align them with the Central law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has warned the State Governments that the practice of diluting the law would lead to harsh consequences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Solid waste generated in cities along the Ganga**

2462. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about

11,625 tonnes of solid waste is generated from cities and towns along the river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has proposed decentralised composting of wet waste in these cities and towns which would take care of about 40-60 per cent of the total municipal refuse generated daily; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Review of draft new education policy**

2463. SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:  
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:  
SHRI ANUBHAV  
MOHANTY:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA  
SONI:  
SHRI LAL SINH  
VADODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received draft of new education policy from the committee constituted in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the policy is under review by the Ministry; and

(d) whether Government is considering to present the policy very soon?

#### **Rules for public funded educational institutions**

2464. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has informed the universities that academicians in public funded institutions are subject to certain rules applicable to Government servants which prohibits them from criticising State policy and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of such a law or notification which bars any Government employee to such mandates?

#### **Institutes of Eminence tag to IIMs**

2465. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have expressed their disappointment over denial of Institutes of Eminence tag;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to include them in the list of Institutes of Eminence in the next list; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Rules for Appointment of directors in IIMs**

2466. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether future directors of the prestigious IIM pay no longer need to have anything to do with academic or even possess a Ph.D;

(b) whether according to rules notified recently under the IIM Act, executives who have been in senior management roles for at least 15 years would now be eligible to be appointed as directors;

(c) whether the premier business schools in the past have been headed by corporate executives but such examples are few and far between; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reserved posts in universities**

2467. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of faculty in universities that have been advertised by the various Central Universities after the issuing of UGC circular on faculty positions in universities, department-wise;

(b) the number of posts that are reserved for SCs/STs out the total posts advertised;

(c) the number of posts that would have been reserved for SCs/STs if the earlier provision of reservation has been followed; and

(d) whether Government proposes to bring in legislation to restore the original position?

#### **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat scheme**

2468. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the scheme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat';

(b) whether any cultural exchange has occurred between the West Bengal and other States of India under the scheme;

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

(d) whether any accountability mechanism by the Central Government exists in the implementation of the scheme?

#### **Launching of innovation cell in AICTE**

2469. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched an innovation cell at the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) through video conference;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this would help promote innovation in all higher educational institutions across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in budget for education**

2470. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 2014, budget for education has been increased by about 70 per cent from ₹ 63,000 crore in 2014 to ₹ 1,10,000 crore in 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to allow schools to avail the financial assistance from their alumni; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?



**Allocation of funds for institutions in Andhra Pradesh**

2471. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 2,900 crore had been allocated during 2017-18 for institutions set up in Andhra Pradesh under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;

(b) if so, the allocations made during 2018-19 and the details of expenditure incurred so far, institution-wise;

(c) the details of total money required for each of the institution and money sanctioned this year and earlier years, year-wise and institution-wise; and

(d) by when all the institutions would be moved to permanent campuses and the status of setting up of Central University and Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh?

**Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Andhra Pradesh**

2472. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has released its share of ₹ 562.58 crore but the State has so far not released its matching grant of ₹ 375 crore due to which the State is not to pay salaries to employees under SSA;

(c) whether the State has sent proposals to release funds for second phase without submitting utilisation certificate; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in

what manner the Ministry would save implementation of SSA in the State?

**Fake universities in the country**

2473. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/is taking various initiatives in the field of education for promoting higher education and research work in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to warn public against fake universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of universities that have been declared fake by Government during the last three years?

**Biometric attendance in Central Institutions**

2474. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for the Central Universities (CUs), IITs and IIMs to adopt and deploy biometric attendance system (BAS) of marking attendance for staff, faculty and students;

(b) the details of CUs, IITs and IIMs which have deployed BAS;

(c) whether the Ministry or institutions are collecting biometric data;

(d) whether the privacy policy to ensure the principle of consent is followed before biometric data collection through BAS and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of effective data

protection system to safeguard from unauthorised use of such data?

#### **Rectification in Indian history books**

†2475 SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the western historians have not portrayed the right picture of Indian history during British rule and the great cultural tradition of glorious ancient India was also ridiculed in their books which includes the education system of ancient India also;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said error was not rectified even while writing the Indian history after independence and therefore Indian history needs to be rewritten; and

(d) if so, whether steps have been taken by the Ministry in this direction during the last four and half years?

#### **Scholarships for higher studies**

2476. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of scholarships extended for higher studies to Indian students in and outside the country;

(b) whether any quota system is followed to extend such scholarships;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati**

2477. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research is functioning at a temporary campus at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh since March, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released towards the institute during the last three years, project cost;

(d) whether the funds released is sufficient for early completion of this project; and

(e) if not, the Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Research projects of UGC**

2478. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of major research projects that are sanctioned by UGC during the last three years and in what manner it is being distributed, State-wise?

#### **Recognition of B. Pharma and D. Pharma by AICTE**

†2479. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the justification for mandatory approval from AICTE to B. Pharma and D. Pharma courses run under the Pharmacy Act by MCI;

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(b) for how this approval is relevant to such courses; and

(c) whether Government would consider to do away with this approval of AICTE, in view of recognition of the said courses?

#### **Employment linked internship**

2480. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE is planning to strengthen the internship system by linking it with providing employment after completion of internship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that AICTE has decided to completely change the guidelines of internship system to incorporate this change and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Implementation of RTE Act**

2481. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress and present status of the Right to Education (RTE) Act;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Act is not being implemented in proper manner and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any studies have been carried out to assess the implementation of the Act; and

(d) the steps and remedial measures taken/being taken by Government for its proper implementation?

#### **Funds for TISS, Hyderabad**

2482. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decrease in funds allocated by UGC to Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), Hyderabad for infrastructural development and scholarships and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether due to this TISS has decided to scrap the residential facility and deferment of Bachelors course, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether decrease in funds has had any impact on students coming from backward community and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cutting down of CBSE syllabus**

2483. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons and rationale for cutting down of CBSE syllabus by 50 per cent;

(b) in what manner this cut would be compensated for lack of knowledge dispersal; and

(c) whether Government is considering to revise CBSE curriculum which was last revised in 2005 to make it student friendly and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scholarship to JEE rank holders**

2484. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether scholarship scheme for top

2,000 JEE rank holders at NITs has been scrapped due to fund crunch;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether students are demanding restoration of the scholarship scheme but the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs is not acceding to their request;

(d) whether the Ministry would intervene and restore scholarship scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Central University status to Sanskrit institutions**

2485. SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to accord Central University status to Sanskrit institutions which are called as deemed universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to discontinue the system of giving deemed university status to private universities and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Compulsory recitation of National Anthem in schools**

2486. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reciting of National Anthem is compulsory by all the students in schools across the country;

(b) whether any exception is given to any schools in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any penalty for non-compliance and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Out of school children**

2487. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls and boys who are out of schools during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise, since 2014;

(b) whether closing of Government/ Government-aided schools has led to the increase in number of such children and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Government/ Government-aided schools that have been closed, Since 2014, year-wise and State/ UT-wise;

(d) the details of Government/ Government-aided schools that have been merged with other Government schools since 2014, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to assess the data and the reasons for out of school children and also to bring them back to schools?

#### **Pupil-teacher ratio in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2488. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in several Kendriya Vidyalayas the prescribed pupil-teacher ratio is not being maintained affecting the quality of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the prescribed ratio and the steps Government is taking to ensure

quality of education in the schools in case more students are there in the class?

**Work done under Saakshar Bharat Programme**

†2489. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Saakshar Bharat Programme in rural areas of 410 districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the works done by Government under this Programme, so far, district-wise?

**Opening of Kasturba Gandhi girls Residential Schools in Gujarat**

†2490. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any approval has been given for opening Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential Schools in any district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details and number of schools which has started working, location-wise?

**Supreme Court orders on non-teaching works by teachers**

†2491. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has passed any order regarding some other

works to be done by teachers of primary teachers in addition to teaching;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Election Commission of India, the High Court, Allahabad and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have ordered to relieve primary teachers from BLO duty and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the districts of Uttar Pradesh where teachers have not been relieved and those where they have been relieved?

**Programme for development of rural India**

2492. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether higher educational institutes of the country are running any programme/course for development of rural India;

(b) whether Government would take any steps for linking educational institutes and technical institutes with villages and for running country's development programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether IITs and Centrally funded institutes would be encouraged to begin high quality rural development centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Consultation on New Education Policy**

2493. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of submissions received on the New Education Policy through public consultations;

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(b) the number of in-person consultations held by Government on the policy;

(c) the number of consultation meetings held with religious and cultural organisations;

(d) the number of consultation submissions received from minority institutions, and the details thereof;

(e) the expected publication date of the policy; and

(f) the reasons why the policy has not yet been published?

**Educational institutions of national importance in Andhra Pradesh**

2494. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of higher educational institutions set up in the new residual State of Andhra Pradesh from June, 2014 till date along with their locations;

(b) the year of commencement of the classes in the above institutions, passing year of the first batch, etc.;

(c) the budget sanctioned for each of the above institution;

(d) the number of such higher educational institutions under the Ministry that were functioning in Andhra Pradesh prior to 2014, the details thereof along with the year of their establishments; and

(e) the reasons why Prakasam district was not selected even for one such institution?

**Higher educational institutes in Andhra Pradesh**

2495. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several higher education institutes of excellence were started in the residual State of Andhra Pradesh as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current status of admission of students, provision of infrastructure and buildings in those institutions and expenditure incurred thereon since their inception?

**Reimbursements to private schools under Right to Education Act**

2496. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per child reimbursement provided by States to schools for providing admission to children from 'Economically Weaker Section' category under Section 12(1)(c) of the Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, since 2017, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds released to schools for reimbursement under this Section, since 2014, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether there have been complaints of delay in reimbursement or insufficiency of funds; and

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

#### **Increase in IITs and NIITs**

2497. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has increased the number of IITs and NIITs in the country during the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas**

2498. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has increased the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has increased admission quota for Members of Parliament in such schools?

#### **Schemes for poor children**

2499. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented any new schemes to meet various requirements of poor children for primary and secondary education in backward areas of various States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of such children in Government-aided schools of the State whose parents are unable to educate or send their children to schools?

#### **Non-implementation of Mid Day Meal scheme by States**

2500. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of States and UTs are not implementing Mid Day Meal scheme, inspite of sufficient funds allocated for the purpose;
- (b) if so, the details of such States and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to change the callous attitude of States in implementing the scheme?

#### **Unlawful deduction of money by NMIMS**

2501. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received representations from some students complaining of unlawful deduction of money from the fees Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) by Mumbai, in violation of the guidelines of University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government and UGC have taken in this regard?

#### **Satellite campus/branches of Jawaharlal Nehru University**

2502. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) where Government proposes to establish satellite campus/branches of

Jawaharlal Nehru University in different parts of the country, specially in NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with locations, plan outlay and time frame;

(c) whether this project would be completed on PPP, BOT or existing conventional model and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish the satellite campus/branches of some other premier institutes like IITs or IIMs in different parts of the country specially in NCR;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacant posts in institutes related to promotion of Hindi**

2503. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Director, Central Hindi Directorate is lying vacant since 1st May, 2007;

(b) if so, the names of the officials and their academic qualification in Hindi, who were holding the charge of that post, since then; and

(c) the details of posts lying vacant in the Central Hindi Directorate, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology and Kendriya Hindi Sansthan and the details of efforts made for filling all such posts and future roadmap for filling such vacant posts?

**Moving of students of NIT, Uttarakhand to Jaipur**

2504. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students of NIT, Uttarakhand has moved to satellite campus in Jaipur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a permanent campus for NIT, Uttarakhand would come up in two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Eligibility for appointment of Assistant Professors in Education**

2505. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per notification dated 9th June, 2017, of NCTE, Government has made NET/Ph.D. mandatory for appointment to the post of Assistant Professors in Education;

(b) if so, the details of Ph.D. degree awarded in Education and details of the NET qualified in Education during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has made any survey regarding vacant post of Assistant Professors in Government and private B.Ed. colleges and availability of eligible NET qualified/Ph.D. holder candidates for



appointment to the post of Assistant Professors in Education;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Merit cum Means scholarships**

2506. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applications for Merit cum Means scholarships is pending with Government;

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

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the scholarships; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken, if any, to address the delay?

#### **PPP model in schooling system**

2507. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a committee to assess the viability of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in the schooling system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Quality of teachers in Government schools**

2508. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government carries out assessment of quality of teachers in Government schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of ways in which Government assesses the quality of such teachers?

#### **Complaints of irregularities and harassment in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2509. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints of misuse of funds and irregularities in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh reported during 2018, district-wise, along with the action taken thereon;

(b) the details of such complaints received by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in relation to Kendriya Vidyalaya 1, Air Force Station, Agra during 2018; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon, complaint-wise?

#### **Implementation of curriculum to align with industry requirements**

2510. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing curricula with the aim to align the industry requirements with the technical skills of students and *vice-versa*;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding these two types of curricula to ascertain which one is working the best;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Swayam courses**

2511. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of registration and certification per course on the Swayam Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) platform;

(b) the measures taken by Government to increase the popularity and process of Swayam courses;

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce Swayam courses in regional or tribal languages like Odia Kui, Santhali and Gondi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Autonomy to IIMs**

2512. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIMs in the country have been granted autonomy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to stop additional funding to the new IIMs; and

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

### **Contenders for status of Institutions of Eminence**

2513. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) has identified nineteen more contenders for the status of Institutions of Eminence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with this, the total number of universities and institutes recommended by EEC for eminence tag has gone up to thirty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Funds to institutions for achieving world class status**

2514. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that each of the ten Government institutions, in addition to autonomy, would also get ₹ 1,000 crore from Government to achieve world class status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government would offer no financial assistance to the private institutions?

### **Fake Universities in country**

2515. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released any list of fake Universities, in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially in Rajasthan and Maharashtra;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any notices have been sent or any enquiry set up, so far or whether any such action would be taken in the near future?

**Scrapping of school development fee in Navodaya Vidyalayas**

2516. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to scrap the school development fee being introduced recently in Navodaya Vidyalayas of the country, in the near future;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the proposal to open new Navodaya Vidyalayas especially in Rajasthan and Maharashtra, in the near future?

**Notional increment to pensioners**

2517. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court of Madras in its judgement dated 15th September, 2017 had passed an order that one notional increment should be given to pensioners who retires on 30th of June of any year of service as they had completed one full year of service for the purpose of pensionary benefits and not for any other purposes, which was subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court in SLP dated 23rd July, 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government would implement the said judgement and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Withdrawal of pension facility**

2518. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central Government employees in the country;

(b) the total number of Central Government pensioners in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has withdrawn pension facilities w.e.f. 1st January, 2004; and

(d) if so, what facilities would be provided to post 2004 employees after their retirement?

**Appointment of domain expert through lateral entry into bureaucracy**

2519. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any policy for lateral entry into bureaucracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to appoint domain experts under the said policy of lateral entry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details regarding other measures taken or being contemplated to induct domain experts in bureaucracy?

**Steps to strengthen CIC and RTI Act**

2520. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in Central Information Commission (CIC) during 2014 to 2018 as on date and year-wise;

(b) the details of vacancies in CIC filled by Government during that period, year-wise; and

(c) the details of steps Government has taken during the last three years and till date to empower and strengthen the CIC and the RTI Act, 2005?

#### **Reversion to Old Pension Scheme**

2521. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria for deciding administrative delay as per the judgements of High Court of Delhi and as per the interpretation by the Department;

(b) whether Government is deliberately encouraging litigation by not issuing general orders for restoration of Old Pension Scheme in similar cases inspite of knowing the fact that officials would get relief from court;

(c) if so, the reasons for harassment of its own officials and putting burden on exchequer due to deliberate litigation;

(d) whether Government would reconsider to restore Old Pension Scheme for similar cases; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Withdrawal of applications before examination**

2522. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UPSC has decided to allow withdrawal of applications before examinations;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the UPSC is also considering to shift from the

pen and paper to online examinations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Eradication of poverty**

‡2523. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog is working on any action plan to eradicate poverty from the country and a task force has been constituted by including the representatives of the States concerned with it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the task force has submitted its suggestions to Aayog and whether required policy measures are being taken, keeping in view the said suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Schemes for backward districts of Tamil Nadu**

2524. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special projects and schemes for development of backward districts of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount allocated and disbursed therefor during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to support and develop the socio-economic growth of the poor and downtrodden in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the same during the last three years?

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‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Launching of 'Mentor India' campaign**

2525. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NITI Aayog has recently launched 'Mentor India' campaign, a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders for guiding and mentoring students at Atal Tinkering Labs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs have been established across the country, as part of the Atal Innovation Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of labs established in each State, including Goa?

**Benefits of revising GDP data**

2526. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the need and basis of revising back GDP data;

(b) how the calculations were done; and

(c) how the Indian economy has benefitted from the changed numbers?

**Restoration of funding pattern of Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Odisha**

2527. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government on the request of Chief Minister of Odisha to restore the original funding pattern of 90:10 share of Centre

and State respectively for smooth implementation of Post-Matric Scholarship programme for Scheduled Caste Students of that State; and

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

**Implementation of PMAGY**

2528. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of Scheduled Caste majority villages covered thereunder;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for these villages during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government is satisfied with the achievements and if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether Government is planning to increase the number of Scheduled Caste majority villages under PMAGY and if so, the details thereof?

**Population of OBCs**

2529. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official figure regarding the population of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is available with Government;

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

(c) if not, the procedure being followed for allocation of funds for development projects meant for OBCs in the absence of actual figure of OBC population?

**Incidents of violence against SC women in Haryana**

†2530. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recent incidents of rape/atrocities happening with Scheduled Castes people in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of such cases have occurred specially in Haryana; and

(c) if so, the role played by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes to check the incidents of violence and rape in that State?

**Survey of manual scavengers**

†2531. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any comprehensive survey to ascertain the number of manual scavengers in the country and if so, the details thereof State-wise and district-wise;

(b) if not, the measures being taken to realize the vision of the Prime Minister by the year, 2019; and

(c) the details of amount sanctioned to States for identification, eradication and rehabilitation of manual scavengers, State-wise?

**Free coaching scheme for SC and OBC students**

2532. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been running a scheme for providing free coaching for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of students who have received free coaching under this scheme during the last three years;

(c) the number of students who cleared the examinations for which they received coaching under the scheme; and

(d) the details of criteria for and the number of institutions selected for free coaching, State/UT-wise?

**Medical facilities at old age homes**

2533. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of old age homes funded by the Ministry do not have ambulances or readily available medical facilities for the elderly; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the medical facilities for the elderly in those homes?

**Proposal to decriminalise begging**

2534. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of persons

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with mental illness arrested for beggary during the last three years and what is their status currently; and

(b) whether Government proposes to decriminalise begging and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Assistance to SC/ST students for competitive exams**

‡2535. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided to SC/ST students across the country for competitive examinations during the last three years;

(b) the names of coaching institutions being run for them; and

(c) whether their audit and performance evaluation has been done?

**Financial assistance to senior citizens**

2536. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements schemes to provide financial assistance to senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated under these schemes during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of senior citizens benefitted under these schemes during the above period?

**Improving conditions of OBCs and SCs**

2537. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from NGOs, voluntary organisations and State Governments of Jharkhand and Gujarat, seeking financial assistance for improving the socio-economic conditions of OBCs and SCs through skill development;

(b) if so, the present status thereof along with the number of beneficiaries, category-wise; and

(c) the number of OBCs and SCs who were benefitted from such programmes in these States as compared to other States?

**National overseas scholarships for SC students**

2538. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the allocation of funds under the national overseas scholarships for SC students;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and released under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the manner in which Government would ensure proportionate allocation of funds for such students; and

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

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‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Prevalence of manual scavenging**

2539. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of people engaged in manual scavenging, as reported by an inter-ministerial task force;

(b) whether the working conditions of these workers are satisfactory;

(c) whether minimum wage and social security has been provided to these workers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the contractual nature of this job has resulted in the denial of minimum wage and social security; and

(e) whether Government proposes to make these workers permanent, if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of space technology park and museums**

2540. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has decided to set up space technology park and museums across the country;

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

(c) the places where the museums are likely to be set up; and

(d) the measures taken to educate and inform the masses about development of space in the country?

**UFOs in Manipur**

2541. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) seen in certain parts of Manipur;

(b) whether Government could establish any link of UFOs with strange nocturnal predator that have killed a large number of livestock in many parts of the State;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government would make a thorough investigation in the matter to clear the fear in the minds of general population in the State?

**Implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006**

2542. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Individual Forest Right and Community Forest Right claims filed during the last three years under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, State and UT-wise;

(b) the details of land titles given, so far, *vis-a-vis* the Individual Forest Right and Community Forest Right claims filed during that period, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of claims pending/unaddressed/rejected, year-wise, State and UT-wise; and

(d) the details of average size of land holdings for which titles have been granted?



**Acquisition of tribal land**

2543. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal land has been acquired for mining, industrialization and non-agricultural purposes during the last three years;

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

(c) whether Government has assessed the impact of such acquisition on tribal communities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by Government to prevent/check indiscriminate acquisition/diversion of tribal land for industrialization and other development projects?

**Protection of aboriginal tribes**

2544. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal tourism is still prevalent in the islands of Andaman and Nicobar covered under the Protection of Aboriginal Tribe (Regulations), 1956 and the Indian Forest Act, 1927;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to prevent tourists from entering these restricted islands;

(c) whether the recent invasion by an American national has exposed the Sentinelese to outside contagion; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent an outbreak of diseases?

**Missing children in Delhi**

†2545. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether a special cell has been set up in each police station for tracing of children in view of increasing incidents of missing children in Delhi;

(b) the number of missing children from Delhi during the last three years;

(c) the number of cases registered during the last three years with regard to exploitation of children and the rate of percentage achieved by agencies to ensure the punishment being awarded to people; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Implementation of FSSM**

2546. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done a survey of the number of manual scavengers in the country;

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

(c) the details of States in the country which are implementing the National Policy on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM);

(d) the details of alternative employment provided to manual scavengers involved in the work of manual scavenging, State-wise; and

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(e) the details of deaths of manual scavengers during work, State-wise?

#### **Eradication of child marriage**

2547. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child marriage and teenage pregnancy are still prevailing in the country;

(b) whether 100 districts of 14 States in the country have reported highest prevalence of child marriage;

(c) whether more than 40 per cent teenage married girls of the age group between 15 and 19 years have at least one child;

(d) whether poverty is the main reason for increase in underage marriage; and

(e) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken to eradicate child marriage from the country?

#### **Redressal of complaints received through SHe-box**

2548. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SHe-box is utilised by women employed in formal and informal sector and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) what is the procedure for redressal of complaints received through SHe-box;

(c) the number of cases of complaints received through SHe-box that have been resolved, State-wise and sector-wise; and

(d) whether there is any rationale of linking sexual harassment complaints to the

biometric data of the complainants through Aadhar and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Closing down of child care homes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

2549. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 80 childcare homes in Andhra Pradesh and 35 in Telangana have been closed down by the Ministry;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has closed above homes due to incidents that happened elsewhere?

#### **Maternity leave benefit in private sector**

2550. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women working in private sector are not getting maternity leave benefit like their counterparts in Government sector;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that, due to amendment to Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 making it mandatory to provide 26 weeks of leave to women with pay, private firms have stopped recruiting women;

(c) if so, the steps Ministry has taken in this regard; and

(d) whether any consultations have been held with the Ministry of Labour in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Monitoring system of Anganwadi centres**

†2551. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present system for monitoring all Anganwadi centres in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to digitalize the monitoring system of Anganwadi centres including attendance and services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Inspection of jails for juvenile prisoners**

2552. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Juvenile Justice Board conducts regular inspection of jails to check if any child is lodged in such jails, as required under Section 8(3)(m) of the 'Juvenile Justice Act';

(b) if so, the details thereof and the frequency of inspections during the last two years, jail-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of children identified and transferred from jails to observation homes during that period, State-wise and jail-wise; and

(d) whether the Ministry has prescribed any standard operating procedure for identification of children and transferring them from jails and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Measures against child and women trafficking**

2553. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been taken to combat trafficking and exploitation of children in the form of child beggary, child labour, forcing children in commercial sexual exploitation-in terms of rescue, rehabilitation, skill development, provision of alternative livelihood options to the freed survivors of this crime;

(b) whether the Ministry has any action plan to address the need for psycho-social re-integration and economic restoration of child and women victims of human trafficking; and

(c) if so, the details of measures taken and the budget allocation for these measures during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Study on functioning of NCPCR**

2554. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) since when the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is functioning and what has been its role, so far;

(b) whether the Ministry has

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undertaken any study of the functioning of NCPCR, so far;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons why such study has not been undertaken?

#### **Integrated scheme for destitute children**

‡2555. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of integrated scheme formulated for destitute children;

(b) whether Government has issued guidelines to States, local bodies, educational institutions and NGOs for implementation of the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the standards adopted by Government to monitor achievements of NGOs under the said scheme; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure effective implementation of the said scheme?

#### **Swadhar Greh**

2556. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and sanctioned for the Swadhar Greh scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of women benefited by the scheme during that period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is any criteria to follow up on the long term effect of support services provided under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any mechanism to ensure that the grants released are appropriated for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Stunting among children**

2557. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of children under five are affected by stunting-children too short for their age due to lack of nutrients, suffering irreversible damage to brain capacity;

(b) if so, the details of such children during the last four years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government, if any, to address the issue?

#### **Working hours of Anganwadis**

2558. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the timings in the Anganwadi centres running in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend the working hours of the Anganwadi along with wage revision; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the working women would take care of their children?

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**Enhancing maternity benefit under PMMVY**

2559. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing ₹ 6000/- as maternity benefit under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) to all eligible women across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to enhance the amount from ₹ 6,000/- to ₹ 10,000 for every beneficiary; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Advisory on Momo challenge**

2560. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued an advisory on the deadly online game Momo challenge, asking parents to monitor social media activity of their children to ensure that they are not engaging in the dangerous game;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to disseminate this information through all schools in the country so that damage is undone?

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