RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the December 12, 2005/Agrahayana 21, 1927 (Saka)

(Ministries: Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 20

Strategies for speedy justice

*261. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are preparing any strategies for providing legal aid including short-term measures such as helping people getting access to courts and expeditious disposal of cases through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and long-term measures, including implementation of the social welfare schemes envisaged by the legislature and the executive;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is preparing a Bill to introduce Gram Nyayalayas or panchayat courts to provide justice to the disadvantaged sections:
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) the time set to implement this?

Appointment of teachers

 $\dagger^*262.$ SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the target for appointment of ten lakh teachers for the students of class I to VIII was set in the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the appointments made so far, State-wise; and
- (c) if no appointments have been made so far, the reasons therefor and by when the said appointments would be made?

Students opting for Science and Technology

*263. SHRI R.K. ANAND: SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

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

- (a) whether the percentage of students opting for Science and Technology had shown a sharp decline from 1950 to 2005;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) how it is comparable with the world figure; and

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(d) the concrete measures to check this downslide?

Video coverage of cricket matches

- †*264. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Doordarshan sells video coverage of cricket matches during its telecast to various news channels;
- (b) if so, the amount received by Government on this account;
- (c) whether some channels are yet to pay this amount to Government; and
 - (d) if so, the details in this regard?

DDA's Festival Housing Scheme

†*265. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

- Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority had introduced Festival Housing Scheme;
- (b) if so, the number of houses proposed to be allotted under this scheme;
- (c) whether it is a fact that allotments under this scheme had been made in violation of the policy set in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard and the persons responsible therefor?

Master Plan-2021

*266. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of preparation of the

- Zonal Plans and Local Area Plans in accordance with the new Master Plan for Delhi-2021;
- (b) the Zones in Delhi for which the Zonal Plans have been finalized;
- (c) whether the Zonal Plan for West Delhi-(Zone G) takes into account the proposals of the "Influence Zone" along MRTS for the Barakhamba-Dwarka line; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare schemes for women and children

- †*267. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are running the schemes for the welfare of women and children;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount disbursed under such schemes during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Internet connection in schools and colleges

- *268. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering to provide high-speed internet connection to various schools and colleges in every district;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) the details of the high-speed internet connections provided in Andhra Pradesh during the last one and half year; and
- (d) by when the same would be provided to schools and colleges in the State?

Ban on recruitment of Safai Karamcharis

- *269. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any recommendations of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis to lift the blanket ban imposed on recruitment of the Safai Karamcharis;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other recommendations made by the above commission; and
 - (d) Government's reaction thereto?

Distorted presentation of Jain Religion

- †*270. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether complaints have been received by NCERT regarding distorted presentation of Jain Religion in the history text book "Pracheen Bharat" prescribed for class XI;
- (b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

Duty on registration of residential units

- *271. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any policy has been formulated to fix a uniform rate of duty for registration of residential units throughout the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken against the States imposing a considerably higher percentage of duty on property registration?

Reservation in IITs

- *272. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there are about 4000 seats available in various Indian Institutes of Technology all over the country;
- (b) the system of reservation for these 4000 seats, category-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake by 5 per cent this year; and
- (d) the details of Government's plans to make better and optimum use of the vast buildings and equipments at various IITs?

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Marriageable age of girls

- *273. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) Government's reaction to the judgment of the Delhi High Court declaring legality of the marriageable age of 15 years of girls;
- (b) what is the present provision for marriageable age of a boy and a girl;
- (c) the likely social consequences, health scenario and population problems as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Implementation of schemes in Goa

- *274. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the existing schemes of his Ministry in force in the country;
 - (b) the schemes in force in Goa; and
- (c) the financial assistance given to the State Government for various schemes during the last five years?

Review of DTH TV channel

- *275. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any review was conducted of the performance of DTH TV channel launched by Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the State-wise number of viewers and the amount spent by Doordarshan on the DTH and the income generated by it since its launching:

- (c) whether Doordarshan is satisfied with the number of viewers;
 - (d) if so, the justifications therefor; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken in this

Lack of public toilets in Metro cities

- *276. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the best practices with regard to public toilets are missing in the Metro cities of the country;
- (b) whether the world standards require a public convenience after every 1 km.;
- (c) if so, the number of public toilets in each of the metros namely Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai as compared to 5539 toilets in London for 74 lakh population;
- (d) whether the existing toilets are in a dilapidated state, particularly in Delhi, with unbearable stench suggesting inadequate maintenance and unsafe conveniences for the ladies; and
- (e) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Double laning of bridge over Yamuna at Wajirabad

- †*277. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that 28 children died untimely in the bus accident on the bridge on Yamuna, very busy area of Wajirabad in the capital;
- (b) if so, whether Government had announced to make the Wajirabad bridge double laned but despite the passing of 8th

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death anniversary of those children on 18th November, 2005, the work of doubling of the bridge has not been initiated, so far, and if so, the reasons therefor;

- (c) whether it is a fact that many flyovers have been constructed in the capital after this fatal accident but despite such a tragedy; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay in commencement of the construction work of the above bridge?

Low standard of education

†*278. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the existing schools education and distance education system is of low standard;
- (b) if so, Government's assessment in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government have resolved to improve this standard; and
- (d) if so, the time limit fixed for this purpose?

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Use of Hindi in courts

- *279. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of High Courts conducting their business in Hindi;
- (b) whether there is any phased programme for the Supreme Court/High Courts to gradually conduct their judicial work in Hindi; and
- (c) if so, whether Government would, in consultation with the Chief Justice of India, lay a time schedule for the same?

Master Plan for UTs

*280. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have lately drawn out a Master Plan 2021 for Chandigarh, Delhi and other Union Territories:
 - (b) if so, the features thereof; and
- (c) the provisions made for the commercial and industrial areas and their proximity and integration with the residential areas?

YOGENDRA NARAIN, Secretary-General.

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