

## 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 19, 2005/Agrahayana 28, 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

#### Entry of Foreign Universities

\*361. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

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

(a) whether a high powered ministerial panel is on the cards to decide on entry of foreign universities into the country in the light of the stringent recommendations made by an expert committee headed by noted scientists;

(b) if so, whether this matter is to be considered by a Group of Ministers before it is placed before the Cabinet;

(c) if so, by when the panel is likely to submit its recommendations;

(d) whether Government is also considering that those universities which offer some form of joint ventures including business opportunities should be entertained; and

(e) if so, by when Government are likely to take a decision thereon?

#### National Urban Renewal Mission

†\*362. SHRIMATI KUM KUM  
RAI:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN  
PANY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the cities included under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) the cities where work under the Mission is already underway;

(c) the amount allocated for the said project during the current financial year; and

(d) the status of covering mega cities in Orissa for development of the infrastructure with a view to improve the economy of this backward region?

#### Sub-standard electric equipments and sanitary ware in government flats

†\*363. SHRI AJAY SINGH  
CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in the government flats in Delhi, sub-standard electric equipments and sanitarywares have been provided;

(b) the number of complaints of this nature received during the last six months; and

(c) the action Government are initiating against the guilty officers?

#### **Education system and unemployment**

†\*364. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the present education system in the country is creating large scale unemployment and no priority has been given to the requirements of the industry and trade;

(b) if so, whether a job oriented education system is proposed to be introduced; and

(c) if so, the time limit fixed in this regard and the details of various aspects which would be taken care of?

#### **Outflow of IIT graduates to foreign countries**

\*365. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to set up IITs in foreign countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of IIT graduates migrate immediately after their studies at IITs;

(c) the extent to which Government are thinking of encouraging such an outflow of the students;

(d) whether the high cost of education at IITs being borne by Government is not helping the common man; and

(e) if so, the steps Government would consider to find ways and means to ensure that IIT students work for the country at least for some time?

#### **Central University for KBK region**

\*366. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during a meeting with him the Chief Minister of Orissa has made a proposal for setting up a Central University for the KBK region (undivided Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput Districts) of Orissa;

(b) whether Government are aware that a Central University, in this most backward tribal dominated region, would go a long way in encouraging higher education among the tribals where the literacy rate is below 50 per cent;

(c) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(d) the time-frame within which a Central University would be set up in that region?

#### **Development of cities**

†\*367. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of cities having a population of

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more than 50 thousand but less than 10 lakh;

(b) if so, number of such cities, State-wise; and

(c) the amount expected to be spent during the current year on developmental schemes being implemented on National level for these cities?

#### **Mass Rapid Transit System in Mumbai**

\*368. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:  
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS*  
BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sought Government's approval and sanction for 15 per cent equity participation and 50 per cent viability gap funding for the proposed Rs. 1500 crore Mass Rapid Transit System along Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof when it was mooted and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether similar support besides excise and customs concessions, was also granted for the Delhi Metro System?

#### **Cooking equipment for mid-day meal**

†\*369. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stoves and traditional chulhas are used to cook food under the Mid-day Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these equipments are not useful for cooking

food for a large number of children together and as a result thereof women engaged in cooking have to face problems; and

(c) whether Government would consider to provide gas stoves and cylinders for this purpose?

#### **Environment friendly features in buildings**

\*370. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Green Building Council has asked Government to make it mandatory for the buildings above 20000 Sq. ft. to incorporate minimum green features; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

#### **Adoption laws**

\*371. DR. K. MALAISAMY:  
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the law for adoption in force in the country is inadequate and is more parent-oriented rather than child-oriented, without taking care of the family environment of the adoptee;

(b) in this context, whether there is a strong urge for comprehensive laws and training of judicial officers to deal with inter and intra community adoptions; and

(c) if so, the initiatives taken, if any, in this regard?

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### **Visit of Taiwanese delegation**

\*372. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA  
RAO:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge Taiwanese business delegation from construction industry visited India in October, 2—9, 2005;

(b) whether delegation has also attended a workshop organized by the local construction companies;

(c) whether the discussion was held at the corporate level;

(d) if so, whether any concrete agreement between the two countries has been signed during the visit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what extent both would be able to improve construction work?

### **Projects submitted to the DONER**

\*373. SHRILALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the projects submitted to his Ministry during 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned during the said period and those pending, State-wise?

### **Cable T.V. charges**

\*374. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has decided to raise cable T.V. charges;

(b) if so, at what rate and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

### **Master Plan-2021**

\*375. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions outlined in Master Plan-2021 for Delhi would help in providing solutions for the regularization of commercial activities in residential areas and additional dwelling units all over Delhi (especially in the Influence Zone along metro corridor) and unauthorized colonies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be notified;

(c) whether Government have informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Delhi High Court about these proposals and status of Master Plan-2021 so that they could take into account the new developments while giving directions in these matters; and

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

### **Visit by officials of ASI**

\*376. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India had recently visited many sites in different countries to preserve the monuments of Indian importance there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response received by it from those countries?

### **National Housing Policy**

\*377. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revamped version of the National Housing Policy would be presented to the Chief Ministers' Conference;

(b) if so, whether this would be implemented along with national roll-out of the National Urban Renewal Mission for an orderly development of towns and cities;

(c) whether the Mission would provide over Rs. 5500 crores in the first year itself to meet gaps in housing and urban infrastructure which would be further stepped upto Rs. 10000 crore a year; and

(d) if so, by when it would be finally approved and implemented?

### **Uniformity in education**

\*378. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for 'One Nation-One Education' in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the States where this system would be initiated first and by when;

(c) whether keeping in view the most thickly populated State of Uttar Pradesh, to what extent this system would be beneficial; and

(d) the financial aid to be given to the State in this regard?

### **Universalisation of secondary education**

\*379. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CABE has constituted a Committee for "Universalisation of Secondary Education";

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made, so far;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that syllabus followed by all the Education Boards throughout the country is the same;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to compare the content prescribed by various Boards and the difficulties being faced by students who are forced to study syllabus of different Boards in the event of either change of school or the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether such a study is proposed and whether Government propose to consider the matter in a meeting of CABE?

### **Population of tribals**

\*380. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal population in the country, State-wise and gender-wise;

(b) the number of tribals who have been deprived of their land so far, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps to be taken by Government to protect rights of the tribals?

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