

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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**(Ministries: Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; 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 —155**

#### **Renovation of Mahabodhi temple complex**

644. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Mahabodhi temple complex, holiest shrine of Buddhism, is in a state of disrepair, amidst garbage and sewage and facilities are non existent;

(b) whether it is a fact that the toilets in the complex are in a sorry state and none is W.C. or disabled friendly; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to renovate the temple complex?

#### **Preservation of historical documents**

645. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that historic documents lying in official custodian of the National Archives are not properly preserved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and  
(c) the steps Government are taking for preservation of these documents?

#### **Jama Masjid**

†646. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jama Masjid constructed by the Mughal Emperor is a historical and cultural heritage of Delhi and it is necessary to conserve it but in spite of its being under control of the Wakf Board it has become the property of a particular person;

(b) if so, whether he is also aware of the fact that there is insanitation, crowd and illegal construction around it which is changing the shape of its cultural heritage;

(c) if so, by when it would be declared as protected building; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Ram Niwas Mirdha Committee  
recommendations**

647. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRI EKANATH K.  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ram Niwas Mirdha Committee had submitted its findings in 1984;

(b) if so, whether this expert committee had recommended that ASI should have atleast 9000 monument attendants to cover all the monuments and wanted it to have a security force of its own;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking so far any action on the above recommendations;

(d) whether Government are now considering to implement its recommendations;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) if so, how many of its recommendations have been fully considered; and

(g) by when these are likely to be implemented?

**Reports of excavations by ASI**

648. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ASI has come in for a severe criticism from the Parliamentary Standing Committee for its lethargy in not writing reports of the excavations it has undertaken, thus wasting public funds;

(b) whether it is a fact that the previous panel, too, had pointed out this lapse and in spite of it, his Ministry has done nothing to document the excavations;

(c) whether it is a fact that the post of the Director of National Archives has been filled up temporarily; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to write timely reports of the excavations?

**Khajuraho temples**

649. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that conservation has taken a back seat at 1000 year old Chandela temples at Khajuraho;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is substantial seepage in main temples, plants are sprouting amid sculptures and the city of Khajuraho provides not even a public toilet for the tourist; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to restore this historic monument?

**Discovery of ancient civilization**

650. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether excavators have lately stumbled upon the remains of a bustling ancient civilization and urban settlement in Kotalal, Anantnag district of South Kashmir;

(b) if so, what important and significant findings suggesting existence of such ancient urban settlement were made;

(c) whether any such findings suggesting ancient settlements and

civilizations have also been made in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and other States during the last five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Original writings of Mahatma**

651. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the original writings of Mahatma Gandhi have been tempered with;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against the persons responsible for this act; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Theft of antiques from ancient temples**

652. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that organized and large scale thefts of Indian antiques is taking place in ancient temples and far flung villages of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries and museums abroad where these antiques have reportedly resurfaced; and

(d) the action taken to trace and bring back the stolen antiques?

#### **Bhagwan Mahavira Birth Centenary Celebrations**

653. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount utilised as on the 30th June, 2005, out of Rs. 100 crore fund earmarked for Bhagwan Mahavira 2600th Birth Centenary Celebrations, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many projects from the above fund have not been started yet;

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

(d) the unspent amount out of the above fund, State-wise and project-wise?

#### **Lord Buddha's birth anniversary**

654. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to celebrate the year 2006, as the 2550th year of Lord Buddha's birth anniversary, in a befitting manner as was done during the 2500th birth anniversary, fifty years back;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes being undertaken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Status of ISBT at Silchar, Guwahati and Aizwal**

655. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Silchar, Guwahati and Aizwal; and

(b) by when it is likely to become operational?

**Funds for projects under NLCPR**

656. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects funded under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) in the North Eastern Region, State-wise and year-wise indicating the amount released, project-wise, till date since its inception; and

(b) the number of unsanctioned project proposals under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) pending with his Ministry, State-wise and year-wise?

**Funds for schemes in NER**

657. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released for the schemes forwarded by the State Governments of Assam and North Eastern States;

(b) the number of these schemes pending with Government received from Assam during the last one year; and

(c) the details of the proposals cleared by Government in this regard?

**Corporate governance in CPSEs**

658. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether Government propose to implement good corporate governance standards in the Central PSEs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have taken a view on the recommendations of various Committees on corporate governance;

(e) if so, the details of the action taken so far; and

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

**Closure of sick public sector units**

†659. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of those units in the public sector which are proposed to be closed down or wound up shortly;

(b) whether there are any immovable assets with such undertakings which could be encroached by the land mafia;

(c) whether Government have not taken any action to assess the value of such assets and whether any further action is being taken to dispose off the units without undertaking any scientific evaluation of their assets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Shareholders of BHEL**

660. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) the year in which the Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL) was incorporated;

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(b) the pattern of shareholding of the company by the Central Government and stakeholders;

(c) whether there are any Foreign Institutional Investors as a stakeholder in the company; and

(d) if so, the name(s) thereof alongwith their shareholding?

#### **Purchase preference policy**

661. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether extension of the purchase preference policy by another three years for the Central Public Sector Undertaking would help the loss-making units or the benefit would accrue only to already profit-making PSUs;

(b) the percentage of business contracted by PSUs that is attributable to the purchase preference policy during the years 2003 and 2004; and

(c) whether Government propose any measures which would gradually made them profit-making in the foreseeable future as loss-making or nearly sick PSUs require special consideration?

#### **H.M.T. units in NER**

662. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether H.M.T. has any factory or installation in Assam and N.E. Region;

(b) if so, whether these are running properly;

(c) if not, the reasons of their closure; and

(d) the steps Government propose to close such installation and industry in N.E. Region?

#### **Autonomy to Universities**

663. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education's First Report recommended for autonomy to the Universities to start self-financing courses;

(b) if so, whether the Report has been discussed within his Ministry;

(c) the other recommendations made by the CAGE with regard to University education;

(d) whether it is also a fact that CAGE strongly recommended that 1/3rd of the investment should go to higher education; and

(e) if so, what is the investment made in higher education during the last five years?

#### **MATHLAB programme by CBSE**

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

(a) whether CBSE has introduced a programme called MATHLAB for the high school students all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that proper monitoring was not done for this programme;

(d) the steps CBSE proposed to take to help students in government schools who

face the same problems in some subjects as private schools; and

(e) the steps proposed by CBSE to introduce innovative schemes for the students?

#### **Expenditure on vocational institutes**

665. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the amount spent on setting up of vocational/ professional institutes during the last three years and till date, State-wise?

#### **Enrolment of girls in rural areas**

666. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment of girls had gone up in rural schools compared to urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some States are still far behind in sending children to schools and ensuring quality education for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New education system for Children**

†667. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give a new look to child education by incorporating changes in the prevailing education system; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof and by when the new system would be implemented?

#### **Norms for foreign universities**

668. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE has tightened its norms with regard to entry of foreign universities into the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that AICTE made it mandatory that foreign universities should comply with its rules and regulations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that AICTE should prescribe fee and intake for courses in foreign universities; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Satat Shiksha Karyakram**

†669. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts of Madhya Pradesh where Satat Shiksha Karyakram has been started;

(b) the time limit for sanctioning the second instalment after the first instalment and the criteria therefor; and

(c) the districts to which second instalment has been released?

#### **Cost of higher education**

670. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of higher education, particularly the professional course, is constantly increasing by each passing year and on account of which such education has become out of reach for the meritorious

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students hailing from economically weaker sections of the society;

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

(c) whether Government are considering a Central Legislation on framing a policy for regulation of fees and admission in private educational institutes, particularly in respect of those colleges conducting professional courses; and

(d) if so, details in this regard?

#### **Expansion of higher education**

671. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy with regard to the establishment of adequate number of degree colleges, universities and research institutions in the field of higher education;

(b) whether Government have any separate policy for development and expansion of higher education; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Outlay for education**

672. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outlay for education could not be increased to the desired level of 6 per cent of GDP, as estimated by the National Policy on Education for many years;

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

(c) the present percentage of GDP; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the outlay for education?

#### **Changes in National curriculum**

673. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board on Education met in the month of June, 2005 to discuss sweeping changes recommended in the private national curriculum frame work 2005;

(b) if so, whether the changes recommended by the CAGE were practical;

(c) if so, whether there are 43 education boards in the country and it is for them to implement the changes at the earliest;

(d) if so, whether the NCERT is an advisory body which has no role in implementing the recommendations made by the CAGE; and

(e) if so, the extent to which these reforms in education would help in removing the illiteracy in the country?

#### **Law Universities**

†674. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

SHRI PYARELAL KHANDLWAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals for setting up of Law Universities and National Law Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are going to consider the proposals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

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### **Change in NCERT curriculam**

†675. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
have a scheme to change curricula of  
NCERT text books;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for changing curricula of  
NCERT books every now and then?

### **Objectives of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan**

676. SHRI SANTOSH

BAGRODIA:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the object for starting Sarva Siksha  
Abhiyan and whether the same has been  
achieved and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State  
Government of UP, Bihar, Punjab, West  
Bengal, Orissa and Jharkhand have  
miserably failed to utilise the funds  
allocated by his Ministry for 'Sarva Siksha  
Abhiyan';

(c) whether it is also a fact that  
population of non-school going children is  
the highest in these States; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to achieve  
the objective?

### **Regulation of Matriculation**

#### **Examination**

677. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-  
SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued  
any instructions to the States for uniformly  
regulating the Matriculation Schools;

(b) what steps his Ministry would take  
to prevent the regulations issued arbitrarily  
by different States; and

(c) whether there are any guidelines  
issued by the Courts regarding the manner  
of regulating Matriculation Schools?

### **Grant to one-teacher schools**

678. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
are giving grants to "one-teacher schools";

(b) if so, the details thereof during the  
last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that such grant  
has been now stopped without assessing  
any reasons:

(d) whether any misappropriation of  
funds has been reported from any of the  
schools run under the Friends of Tribal  
Societies which are one teacher schools;  
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Kapil Sibal Committee Report**

†679. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been  
decided by the Central Advisory Board of

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Education to deliberate on the report of the Kapil Sibal Committee; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee considered so far by Government for implementation thereof?

**Universities not complying with prescribed norms**

†680. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Universities are not complying with the prescribed norms;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite that, these are being provided with annual grants;

(d) if so, the names of such Universities; and

(e) the action to be taken by Government against such Universities?

**Realisation of fees from students**

†681. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a High Powered Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended to Government that only 20

to 25 per cent of the total expenditure should be raised as fees from the students;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that many institutions are realizing more fees contrary to the said recommendation; and

(c) if so, the names of such institutes and the courses being conducted therein?

**Child marriage**

†682. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has directed all the Superintendents of Police and District Magistrates to check effectively the increasing number of child marriages; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the details of the action being taken by Government in co-operation with the State Governments?

**Financial irregularities in IITs**

683. SHRI K.RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG in its latest report pointed out financial irregularities in IITs resulting in loss of several crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that IITs misinterpreted his Ministry's order on revision of pay scales and there by over-paying crores of rupees to its staff; and

(d) if so, what are the other irregularities pointed out by CAG?

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### **Accessibility of CBSE offices**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that offices of the Central Board of Secondary Education are not easily accessible to students and parents;

(b) the number of the regional offices of CBSE;

(c) what steps would be taken to make the CBSE more accessible to people;

(d) whether the CBSE would respond to the queries online; and

(e) the steps proposed to make the CBSE more pro-active to students interests?

### **Internal assessment**

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

(a) whether Government propose to initiate steps to introduce internal assessment in the subjects of mathematics, science and social science;

(b) the extent to which the CBSE would be able to standardise such internal assessment;

(c) whether such changes have already been implemented; and

(d) the details of the progress of a system of internal assessment for all the subjects for school students by the CBSE?

### **Women Literacy and Employment**

†686. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the comparative status

with regard to women literacy and employment, State-wise, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the schemes being formulated and implemented by Government to educate women and to create employment opportunities for them in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the amount allocated and released by Government in this regard during the last three years and the amount utilized under this head so far?

### **Contribution to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi**

687. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC/ST students of Kendriya Vidyalayas, who are exempted from payment of tuition fees, are being charged an amount ranging from Rs. 160 to Rs. 200 per month as compulsory contribution to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi;

(b) if so, the justification for collecting such huge amounts from them especially from the students belonging to economically weaker sections;

(c) whether in many Kendriya Vidyalayas, the enrolled percentage of SC/ST students has come down, due to financial inability of their parents; and

(d) the steps Government propose to remove the burden of Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi and increase enrollment of SC/ST students?

### **Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi**

688. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is collecting from each student an amount ranging from Rs. 160 to 200 per month as Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi in addition to the Tuition fees;

(b) how the Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi is different from tuition fee or donation, contribution to building fund etc.;

(c) whether it is a fact that low paid Government employees, Jawans of Defence/Para-Military Forces are not entitled to the reimbursement of the amount paid to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi, from their departments and it is a huge financial burden for them; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose any action to remove/reduce this burden?

#### **Female Teachers**

689. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Seventh All India Education Survey, there has been a 50.66 per cent growth in the upper primary school segments while the secondary and higher secondary schools have seen an increase of 38.43 and 85.75 per cent growth respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in many States the number of female teachers in primary schools is less than 30 per cent; and

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

#### **Primary Schools**

690. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number

of primary schools has gone up by an impressive 14.19 per cent from the last survey to stand at 6.51 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many States were found to have a growth rate of less than 10 per cent; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Verification of Certificates**

691. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those aspiring for jobs abroad are required to get their degrees/certificates verified by the Department of Education;

(b) whether this work has been decentralized and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the regional offices are not functioning properly and the aspirants continue to come to Delhi for the purpose from far-off places; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government are going to take in the matter?

#### **Payment of bribe for education**

692. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent survey conducted by the Transparency International India (TII) people paid bribe amount to Rs. 21,068 crores in the past year and bulk of which went to schools either for getting admission or certificates;

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

(c) what steps Government propose to check the menace?

**Legislation for fee structure and admissions**

693. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any uniform pattern exists at the national level for fee structure and admission to private self-financing educational institutions;

(b) whether any decision has been arrived at in this regard in the State Education Ministers' Conference, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central legislation exists for regulating fee structure and admissions to private self financing institutions, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would consider to introduce any such legislation; and

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to include the subject into the Ninth schedule and if so, whether Government would consider to initiate any steps in this regard?

**Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Programme**

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

(a) whether the European Union has decided to accord top priority to the Indian students in the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Programme with an allocation of over Euros 230 million in five years;

(b) whether the initial allocation for India stands at Euros 33 million for a period extending upto 2007; and

(c) whether Government have evolved any guidelines for sponsorship of the

students to Erasmus Mundus Programmes and if so whether SC/ST and Economically backward categories would be accorded priority?

**Sanskrit as compulsory subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

695. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is taught as a compulsory subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would consider teaching other Indian Languages as well with a view to promote national integration?

**Courses in Water Management and Water Harvesting**

696. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has decided to introduce courses in water management and water harvesting in all the universities;

(b) if so, whether the course/syllabus has been finalized;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether any Expert Committee has been constituted to look into the finalisation of syllabus; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Introduction of grading system for board examinations**

†697. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme regarding declaration of result of board examination of 10th and 12th standard according to grading system in all the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this scheme would be implemented?

**Reservation for OBCs in Kendriya/ Navodaya Vidyalayas**

698. SHRI S. S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that OBC students are not given reservation in the Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to provide reservation for such students belonging to OBC in view of their backwardness?

**Urdu schools**

699. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urdu schools in several States are in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the amount provided by the civic bodies is not utilised in right way; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government?

**Enrolment and retention in primary schools**

700. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the new initiatives taken and/or contemplated by the UPA Government for achievement of 100 per cent enrolment and retention in primary schools as well as for attainment of total literacy; and

(b) whether such initiatives have been taken into account the past failures since the new Education Policy 1986 came into operation as well as the fact that cheaper options adopted in the past in the context of constraints of resources have aggravated the problem?

**Mahila Samakhya Karyakram**

†701. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where 'Mahila Samakhya Karyakram' is operational at present;

(b) the basis for selection of the States for running this programme;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal for incorporating 'Mahila Samakhya Karyakram' into Rashtriya 'Mahila Samakhya Karyakram' in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, by when this proposal would be approved?

**Central Status to Universities in M.P.**

†702. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused the proposal of the Government of Madhya

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Pradesh for granting Central Status to Bhopal University, Sagar University and Rewa University;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

### **Gender gap**

703. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent Report of the World Economic Forum on gender gap which places India at 53rd position amongst 58 countries;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that this is primarily due to invisibility of women's contribution to the economy as their contributory work done especially in agricultural operations, forest-related activities in hills, sustaining family network, household chores, etc. is not counted for economic value; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not evolving modalities whereby such contributions are duly counted for economic value?

### **Uniform entrance examination for professional courses**

704. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry would evolve a method for the selection of the candidates for admission to various professional courses through a single entrance examination or by facing common assessment procedure instead of separate entrance tests for each course;

(b) whether there is any proposal for suggesting a uniform selection procedure to be adopted by all the States for admission to professional courses; and

(c) what is the procedure adopted in selecting candidates for admission for the Central Government quota?

### **Meeting of CABE**

705. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Central Advisory Board for Education (CABE) was held on 14-15 July, 2005;

(b) if so, the items of agenda discussed at the meeting;

(c) the decisions taken at the meeting; and

(d) the measures taken to implement the above decisions?

### **Ban on NCERT books**

†706. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Chhattisgarh has imposed a ban on the NCERT books in the schools;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister's photographs have been printed in the school books instead of that of Mahatma Gandhi;

(c) if so, whether it is not a disrespect to the Father of the Nation; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

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### **Disparity in fee structure**

707. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority is aware of the huge disparities in fee structure between the Professional colleges owned by Government Co-operative societies, private and self-financing institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the fee structure in the above colleges as on today, State-wise, category-wise;

(c) the details of capitation fee as on today in self-financing Medical and Engineering colleges, State-wise, category-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal to control fee structures in the above Professional colleges;

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) if not, reasons therefor?

### **Derogatory references in Saraswati Shishu Mandir curriculum**

708. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the literature used in the schools under Saraswati Shishu Mandir is being properly studied;

(b) if so, the objectionable passages found therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that derogatory references about Gandhiji are found in that literature;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Staff structure of National Bal Bhawan**

709. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to the Unstarred Question 3226 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2003 and state:

(a) whether recommendations of the SIU have been accepted by his Ministry/ National Bal Bhawan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether N.B.B. has sent any proposal regarding promotion of staff which the SIU/Committee had recommended for abolition;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(d) if no action has been taken so far, by when it is likely to be taken?

### **Migration of professionals**

710. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many technically qualified persons from prestigious institutions like IITs etc. go abroad for job every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check this trend so that such brain drain does not affect the progress of the nation?

### **Colleges of higher excellence in Madhya Pradesh**

†711. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the colleges of higher excellence in Madhya Pradesh;

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(b) the details of the assistance given by Government to such colleges;

(c) whether Vijaya Raje Scindia Girls College of Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh is also included in the above category; and

(d) if not, by when Government propose to include the said college in this category in view of its better performance?

#### **Setting-up of Private Universities**

712. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments permitted setting-up of private universities;

(b) whether such universities have also set-up their own subsidiary institutes in various other States and enrolled thousands of students to their various study programmes collecting exorbitant fees;

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

(d) whether the hon'ble Supreme Court recently struck down the law under which such private universities were set-up as ultra vires of the Constitution; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard with fate of the students of the affected universities?

#### **Centres of Foreign Educational Institutions**

†713. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any policy to permit foreign educational institutions to open their centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

names of the countries granted permission in this regard?

#### **JNVs in calamities affected regions**

†714. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas being run by his Ministry, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government have any plan to open such Vidyalayas in the regions affected by calamities?

#### **Scholarship schemes**

715. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Merit Scholarship and the National Talent Scholarship Schemes, with the number of beneficiary students and the amount of scholarship released during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether there is a request pending with the Centre for revision in the income criteria and for enhancement of the scholarship amount in relation to current economic situation;

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

(d) by when a decision in this regard would be arrived at?

#### **Right to education**

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

(a) whether Government aims to achieve the goal of the 'Right to Education', as per Article 45 of the Directive Principles of

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State Policy which were to be achieved in 1960, and remain unrealized despite the Supreme Courts' judgement in the case *Unnikrishna J.P. versus State of A.P.*;

(b) whether any alternative measures such as vocational training are being implemented for non-academically inclined students, so as to ensure that they can earn a livelihood; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Withdrawal of books from NCERT syllabus**

†717. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the books from NCERT syllabus have been withdrawn by Government; and

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

#### **Regularisation of Anganwadi assistants and workers**

718. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal received from the Karnataka Government requesting for regularization of the services of Anganwadi assistants and workers; and

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

#### **Bicycles for commuting to schools**

719. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the scheme of giving bicycles to backward, tribal students upto 12th class by Tamil Nadu Government for commuting to schools from their residences;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to assist the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Unregistered computer training centres**

720. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of unregistered computer training centres are functioning without proper facilities to impart training;

(b) the number of such centres functioning in the capital itself;

(c) whether Government are also aware that such training centres closed down without completing the courses after collecting huge amount from the students; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether any steps are being considered for punishment to the organizers of such centres?

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas**

721. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan as on date alongwith the locations thereof;

(b) the number of the Vidyalayas opened in the above States during the last three years;

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(c) what was the demand for opening the same in these States;

(d) whether Government have proposed to open any new Kendriya Vidyalaya in Haryana during 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Mid-term appraisal of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

722. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in its mid-term appraisal for the 10th Plan, Planning Commission has expressed apprehension about the success of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to bring primary education to all;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has made certain recommendations to improve the education system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Students going abroad for study**

723. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students who passed senior secondary examinations would not be able to get admission in the colleges because of inadequate capacities;

(b) if so, whether the number of students, who may have to opt studies abroad would increase significantly as a result thereof;

(c) whether the students opting for studies abroad require clearance from Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of persons went abroad for graduation during the last three years?

#### **Assistance under informal education scheme**

†724. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects for which assistance has been provided every year by Government to Uttar Pradesh under the informal education scheme during the last three years;

(b) whether any representation has been sent to Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide more assistance to the State under the informal education scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Private engineering colleges**

725. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private engineering colleges functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the All India Council for Technical Education monitors functioning of these private engineering colleges in respect of quality of education, worthiness of teachers and laboratory and other infrastructural facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Research and study of basic sciences**

726. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh initiatives have been taken to revive research and the study of basic sciences as, reportedly, outlined by the M.M. Sharma task force, constituted in March, 2005 to make an assessment of the present status of scientific research and training in the universities and to determine the areas of concern; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including major recommendations made by the M.M. Sharma task force and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon, alongwith their present status?

**DTH License**

727. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4109 given in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 2005 and state:

(a) whether M/s Space T.V. has since furnished the requisite details to facilitate further examination of their application for grant of DTH License;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken by Government in the matter;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**License for DTH services**

728. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some private companies have applied for license to provide Direct to Home (DTH) service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing DTH companies and their area of operations; and

(d) the terms and conditions proposed to new applicants for DTH services?

**Coverage of AIR/DD**

†729. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for expanding the coverage of the All India Radio and the Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to make special arrangement for the backward and rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Film on Lal Bahadur Shastri**

730. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether material for a Film on Late Lal Bahadur Shastri, former Prime Minister, is lying with his ministry;

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(b) if so, the plans to use it for making a better film during this year of his birth centenary; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **TV programmes for agriculture**

†731. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discontinue the TV programmes related to agriculture; and

(b) the number of regional broadcasting centres which are telecasting the programmes relating to agriculture?

#### **Decisions on media issues**

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

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take decisions on key media issues, like allowing second phase of FM radio and foreign newspapers to publish from the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have reiterated that an autonomous broadcasting regulator like FCC in US and OFCom in UK would be in place soon;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has sent its recommendations on FM-2 guidelines to the Cabinet;

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(e) whether any legislation is being framed in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **FDI in Print media**

733. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have okayed 100 FDI in the non-news publications sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have worked out certain norms for this 100 per cent FDI to be followed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Tata-Star TV for DTH venture**

734. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given its approval to Tata-Star TV's DTH venture and a letter of intent has also been issued to start its operations;

(b) the details of the guidelines under which the approval to (a) above has been granted;

(c) whether any consultations with the Ministries concerned have been held;

(d) if so, the details of the Ministries with which consultations have been held in this connection; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

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**Television Rating Point for DD**

735. SHRI C.  
RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data of TAM India which is the only company measuring Television Rating Points (TRPs) are not dependable;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is proposed to get any other agency to do the job and give correct TRPs for Doordarshan;

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

(e) the number of cable satellite television in the country including DD channels?

**FDI in print media**

†736. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI JANARDAN  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign journals would be allowed to publish their editions in the country with some conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Non-Resident Indians and foreign institutional investors have been allowed to invest upto 26 per cent in this sector; and

(d) if so, what would be its impact on Indian print media?

**Revival of radio**

737. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to revive the radio;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the near future more than 80 cities would have their own AIR stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Registration of titles of newspapers**

738. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India (RNI), language-wise and category-wise;

(b) the number of titles pending for registration, language-wise;

(c) whether all the registered titles are in circulation as of now; and

(d) the reasons for maintaining the registered titles as confidential?

**FM radio stations**

739. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2083 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 2005 and state:

(a) the number of FM radio stations proposed to be auctioned in the second phase and the number of cities going to be covered;

(b) whether any move has been made to establish a regulatory authority to oversight the obscenity in TV channels; and

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(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in establishing the authority?

#### **Production of films**

740. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films produced in the country during the last three years, language-wise;

(b) the details of the revenue earned by both the Central and State Governments through film industry;

(c) the number of people employed in the film industry both, directly and indirectly;

(d) whether Government are aware that the film industry needs Government's attention for concessions etc.; and

(e) whether Government would provide support to the film industry to help its progress?

#### **Advertisement of liquor and cigarettes**

741. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps Government are taking to prevent surrogate advertisements about liquor and/or cigarettes?

#### **FDI in print media**

†742. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign investment in print media has been liberalised by Government after relaxation of rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proprietors of foreign news-papers and magazines have already applied to Government for investment in print media and if so, the names of such applicants; and

(d) to what extent Indian newspapers and magazines would be affected after the entry of the foreign investors?

#### **DTH decoder cards**

743. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DTH decoder cards have proved to be a boon to pornography lovers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no provisions under any law which prevents sale of dedicated smart cards or DTH decoder cards; and

(c) if so, whether Government are amending the necessary Acts or enacting a new legislation to control this?

#### **Regulation of contents**

744. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proliferation in types of content-delivery media, including broadband and mobile phones;

(b) whether Government are contemplating any plan to regulate contents over such new media; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Setting up of earth station in Karnataka**

745. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of earth station and incubation centre in Gulbarga, Belgaum of Karnataka is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a final decision would be taken?

### **Ban on exit poll opinion**

746. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to ban transmission/publication of exit poll opinion by various agencies backed by interested political parties keeping in view the biased opinion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have received any instructions from the Election Commission in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Shooting films in Kazakhstan**

747. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Kazakhstan has evinced interest in shooting films by Bollywood in that country;

(b) whether certain incentives have been offered to our film-makers in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Supreme Court and High Court Benches**

748. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bar Councils of the Southern States have pleaded for establishment of a Bench of the Supreme Court in South India and High Court Benches in places other than the principal seats;

(b) if so, whether Government feel that such a move would greatly lessen the arrear Burden on the Supreme Court and save litigants of long travel and its cost involved presently; and

(c) if so, whether Government are likely to examine the plea?

### **Committee on judicial accountability**

749. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is undertaking any study to establish a Committee to ensure judicial accountability or to deal with the allegations of corruption on the line of Peers Committee; and

(b) whether his Ministry would introduce any statute for establishing an in house procedure amongst Judiciary itself to deal with the criticism of corruption or favouritism?

### **National Judicial Commission**

†750. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:  
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Judicial Commission;

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- (b) if so, the purpose thereof;
- (c) by when the Commission would be constituted; and
- (d) the benefits expected to the common mass as a result thereof and how the Judiciary would be made accountable?

#### **Election Commission's directive to Bihar**

751. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Election Commission has recently directed the State Government of Bihar to execute all non-bailable warrants pending against the criminals and conduct special search operation to unearth illegal arms ahead of Assembly Election in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the above directions have since been complied with by the State Government and if so, the number of such persons arrested so far and the arms etc., seized from them?

#### **Computerisation of High Courts**

752. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and utilised by the High Courts for computerisation of record and other modernisation projects;

(b) whether the percentage of pendency of cases has reduced after modernisation; and

(c) what is the existing pendency in each High Court?

#### **Vacations in Court**

753. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that civil courts in lower Judiciary combined with High Courts and Supreme Court are the only constitutional institutions to observe summer and winter vacations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that hundreds of thousands of court cases are pending and that their number shows no signs of abating;

(c) whether in view of (a) and (b) above, Government would consider to put an end to the colonial practice of courts observing summer vacations; and

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

#### **Royalty on ores**

†754. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the royalty being provided for coal and iron ore, separately;

(b) since when this rate is applicable and the year of its last revision;

(c) the authority responsible for determining these rates and whether Government propose to increase them further in the present perspective; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Mining of mineral sands in Kerala**

755. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded permission to any private companies for

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mining of mineral sands from the Kerala coast and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have examined its implications on the National Security, environmental impact and coastal regulation aspects before issuing permission to private mining of rich mineral resources having atomic energy importance;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the terms and conditions prescribed by Government for private sector mining; and

(e) whether the permission to private sector mining would adversely affect the IREL at Chavara?

#### **Value addition of minerals**

756. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is Government's policy to encourage value addition of minerals within the country for creating greater wealth, employment and revenue; and

(b) if so, whether any exercise been undertaken or contemplated to amend the provisions of the MMRD Act suitably and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal mining operations in Haryana**

757. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal mines operating in Haryana as on the 30th June, 2005, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to stop illegal mining in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sea-bed mapping**

758. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey of India has been undertaking sea-bed mapping and have collected sea-bed sediment samples for manganese modules and hydrates;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) the prospects of off-shore mining and their economic viability?

#### **Illegal adoptions**

759. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many Indian children are being sold illegally to the foreign nationals in the name of adoption;

(b) the number of complaints received with regard to adoption of children without parent's permission in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the children's interest in such cases?

#### **Reservation in private sector**

760. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far Government have been successful in persuading the private business organizations on job reservations for the disadvantaged sections like SC/ST/OBC, as negotiations with such bodies are being held for now quite some time;

(b) whether Government would think of introducing such a legislation in the

Parliament in the event of no consensus being arrived at through negotiations; and

(c) what is the general opinion of the State Governments in this regard as their positive support to such a legislation and then later on its implementation is indispensable?

**National Policy for persons with Disability**

761. SHRI C. PERUMAL:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) whether Government have finalised a National Policy for Persons with Disability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have compiled a compendium on some of the important judgements of Supreme Court and High Courts on the matters relating to rights and protection of the disabled persons including disabled senior citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken in compliance of some of the important orders of the court?

**Schemes for rehabilitation of physically challenged**

762. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programmes/schemes are being implemented for providing rehabilitation services to the persons with visual, hearing, orthopaedic and mental disabilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by Government during each of the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

**Welfare of minorities**

763. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH

KHAN AZMI:

SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

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

(a) the steps being taken for social, economic and educational upliftment of the minorities;

(b) whether Government would consider setting up a committee for welfare of the minorities on the lines of the one set up for welfare of the Scheduled Castes; and

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

**Employment for physically challenged persons**

†764. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposals for Central assistance to provide employment assistance and professional guidance to the unemployed youths belonging to the physically challenged category;

(b) if so, the financial years for which the assistance is yet to be released; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the allocation of funds?

**Childline service**

†765. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

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

(a) the number of towns/cities where childline service is available;

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(b) whether Government are considering to introduce the same in other towns/cities also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the competent institutions providing this service, State-wise?

#### **Construction of juvenile homes**

†766. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States from where proposals for construction of juvenile homes under the 'Programme for Juvenile Justice' a Centrally Sponsored Scheme have been received during the last two years alongwith the amount released to these States during the said period;

(b) whether the amount so released has been fully utilized and the task has been accomplished; and

(c) if not, the number of the works yet to be completed and by when these would be completed?

#### **Prohibition**

†767. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been propagating for prohibition in the country following the ideology of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that recently Government have written letters to the Chief Secretaries of all the States requesting them to encourage people in the country to drink alcohol, reduce the registration fee for wine factories and make wine available in super markets etc; and

(c) if so, whether Government have abandoned the ideology of the Father of Nation?

#### **Committee on Status of Muslims**

768. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee to prepare a factual report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time frame set for submission of the report;

(c) whether Government propose to set up similar committees in respect of other religious entities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Orthopaedic aids**

769. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more manufacturing units for making orthopaedic aids like wheel-chairs, etc;

(b) whether it is a fact that very old model and archaic wheel chairs and other equipments are still being produced in the country;

(c) the steps that would be taken to ensure that State-of-the art orthopaedic aids and equipment are made in the country;

(d) how Government would bring about this change in a short time; and

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(e) the steps proposed to modernise this sector in the interest for the physically challenged people?

**Rehabilitation of mentally challenged persons**

770. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a need of trained people, to help mentally challenged persons;

(b) the existing Governmental organisations/institutions which offer courses or education for the people wishing to enter the field of service of the mentally challenged persons;

(c) whether it is a fact that such institutions are not providing enough people to meet the demand; and

(d) the steps proposed to increase the number of people who would receive education and training to cater to the needs of the mentally challenged children and adults?

**BPL tribal families**

771. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 52 per cent of the tribals are still living Below Poverty Line;

(b) if so, the number of the tribal families in different States/UTs with the number of those Below Poverty Line;

(c) the details of the Schemes under implementation to uplift the Tribals; and

(d) the number of tribal families likely to be benefited by these schemes during 2005-06 and 2006-07?

**Converting of State property**

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

(a) whether Government are aware that a few self-proclaimed environmental groups are deliberately misrepresenting the Tribal Bill initiative as a move to convert state property into property of the tribals terming them as encroachers and criminals;

(b) whether sixty per cent of the country's dense forests are found around the Adivasi settlements which works as a hub for conservation of nature and critical for their cultural and material survival; and

(c) whether Government would ensure protection to the tribals who have an inalienable stake in the forests?

**Infrastructure development in Bangalore**

773. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance to develop infrastructure in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance sought; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop Bangalore to international standards?

**Conversion of residential property for commercial purpose**

†774. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that residential houses are being converted into commercial in Delhi;

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(b) whether despite orders of the Supreme Court 5-6 storeyed houses are being constructed with the nexus of MCD officers;

(c) whether such construction are mostly being done in Moti Nagar where streets are very narrow;

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop such construction and also against the guilty officers; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken against the owners of the houses violating the building laws?

**Repatriation of whistle blowing officials DDA**

775. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers posted in DDA have been repatriated for blowing whistle on the taking over of 135 co-operative societies by the builders mafia and for busting scams in watch and ward payments/housing scam, prior to the completion of their tenure; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to stay their repatriation and if not, reasons therefor?

**Corrupt DDA officials**

776. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has booked DDA officers for corruption during the last three years and if so, the details

thereof and the quantum of ill-gotten wealth seized from them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that DDA officers are reluctant in removing encroachments/constructions from green areas in Palam village and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove the same, if so, the details thereof?

**Heritage Conservation Committee**

777. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several buildings that would be part of a conservation list drawn by the newly formed Heritage Conservation Committee under his Ministry;

(b) whether there has been a long pending demand from the conservationists in the capital to get most of the monuments under a guidelines for conservation;

(c) whether the newly formed Heritage Conservation Committee has decided to confirm a list of the heritage buildings falling in the jurisdiction of MCD and NDMC;

(d) if so, by when Government are likely to declare the list;

(e) whether buildings which would be categorized in class II would be permitted some relaxation; and

(f) by when this is likely to be announced?

**National Urban Transport  
Policy**

778. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to formulate a new people-centric National Urban Transport Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Government's action plan under this project to address road safety, trauma response and associating the public sector in this task;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to encourage each city with a population of over four million to plan for mass rapid transit system; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to extend 60 per cent Central assistance for preparing detailed project report and financial support as soon as the projects are approved?

**Land allotment to educational  
Institutions**

779. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit report relating to the allotment of Nazul lands by the Delhi Development Authority to the educational institutions during 1990-91 to 2003-04 has revealed some serious irregularities as pointed by the comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Audit Report for the year ending March 31, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any action is proposed against the officer (s) responsible for such irregular allotment; and

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

**Wastage of water**

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of water is flowing without being used and goes waste due to leakage in the system of distribution of water under Delhi Jal Board;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the percentage of water estimated to be wasted as a result thereof?

**Land allotment to  
hospitals**

781. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.A. had allotted land to several social and charitable institutions for setting up of Hospitals and Dispensaries at a concessional rate on the condition that they would serve as a general public hospitals with at least 25 per cent total indoor beds reserved for the free treatment to poor persons;

(b) whether D.D.A. did not impose that mandatory condition in the allotment letters issued to some of the institutions

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during 1982 to 1999 and if so, the names of such institutions; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the officials found involved in those cases and also against the concerned institutions?

#### **Water harvesting system**

†782. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plots on which water harvesting system is being put in place after it has been made mandatory to install water harvesting system in the plots measuring 100 square yards and above by amending the integrated building bye-laws of Delhi *vide* a notification dated the 28th July, 2001; and

(b) the measures taken by the Central Public Works Department for rain water harvesting and recycling in the buildings constructed after the said date or the buildings under constructions?

#### **Development of water and sewage disposal system in cities**

†783. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for solving the problem of potable water, sewage system and solid waste in selected three hundred towns of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of towns of Bihar included in this scheme; and

(d) by when, this scheme would be introduced?

#### **Planned development of cities**

†784. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the research studies revealed that India is advancing to be a developed nation and an economic superpower;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that despite the planned efforts to develop world class cities, no city has so far become as such;

(c) if so, in the era of consumer culture whether there is any scheme to develop the cities of the country like Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Hong Kong etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Improvement of urban infrastructure in Kerala**

785. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish an urban Study Centre in Kerala and to improve urban infrastructure in selected places of Kerala during 2005;

(b) if so, the present status thereof including the estimated expenditure and the period of completion of the project and the places suggested/selected for the project;

(c) whether there is a proposal for initiating an "Urban Fund" as a part of the above project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Maintenance of Deer Park**

†786. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maintenance of "Deer Park" in Hauz Khas area of Delhi is entrusted to Delhi Development Authority but due to its improper maintenance during the last few years it is likely to be withdrawn from the DDA;

(b) if so, the problems due to which the park could not be properly maintained; and

(c) whether there are some other such parks in Delhi which are not being properly maintained and if so, the arrangement being made for improving the same in the coming years?

### **Master Plan for Delhi**

787. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when, the Draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021 is likely to be finalized and notified;

(b) whether the proposals for creation of Influence Zone to a range of 500 metres on both sides of the MRTS route with FAR and height upto 1.5 times of the existing are being retained in final Master Plan;

(c) whether in this zone existing properties would be allowed to have additional dwelling units in view of enhanced FAR and height; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, Government's approach towards lakhs of such additional dwelling units all over Delhi?

### **Disabled friendly features in buildings**

788. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is contemplating to make it mandatory that all the buildings and complexes would be disabled users friendly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Bangalore Metro Project**

789. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposed Bangalore Metro Project;

(b) whether Government have given all the clearances;

(c) whether the Kencane Kasifa Transit System (KKTS) led Malaysian Consortium has made an offer to fund 90 per cent of the proposed Bangalore Metro Rail Project cost and implement it on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis;

(d) the steps taken to reduce the project cost; and

(e) by when it would be implemented?

### **Status of additional dwelling units in new Master Plan**

790. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 4928 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May 2005 and state:

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(a) whether any suggestions have been received during the period of public objections for allowing additional dwelling unit (third floor) in plots of 100 to 250 sq. mt. area for plotted residential housing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the proposal is being considered for inclusion in the final Master Plan for Delhi-2021;

(c) if not, what solutions are being proposed for lakhs of additional dwelling units already existing all over Delhi; and

(d) by when the draft Master Plan would be finalised and notified?

#### **Modifications in Government quarters**

791. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work related to the fixation of tiles, installation of security doors and fixation of kota stone is done in Government quarters by the CPWD after depositing 10 to 20 per cent of the cost;

(b) if so, whether Government would make arrangement to carry out this work free of cost as the Government employees pay increased licence fees and this arrangement is already in vogue where new Government quarters are under construction;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a proposal to do it free of cost is pending with his Ministry; and

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

#### **Development of cities in Uttar Pradesh**

†792. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes proposed for development of various cities in Uttar Pradesh this year and the amount allocated therefor;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the decision being taken thereon;

(c) whether the World Bank is providing any financial assistance for this work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise?

#### **Schemes for Urban poor in Uttar Pradesh**

†793. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes and schemes formulated and to be implemented by Government to provide necessary amenities to the poor living in small and big cities of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the amount sanctioned, district-wise or city-wise by Government during this period and the amount spent by the State Government in this connection?

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### Enforcement of Central Act

†794. SHRI BHAGWATISINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993 has been enforced in the entire Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued for strict enforcement of the said Act in the State;

(c) whether any Central Grant has been sought for construction of flush latrines in the State under the said Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the said grant would be sanctioned to the State Government?

### Homeless urban poor

795. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large section of the urban poor live in unhygienic conditions because of inadequate housing shelters and basic amenities;

(b) if so, the number of urban poor living in such conditions, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide them shelter and gainful employment?

### Progress in slum development

796. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's assistance to provide basic amenities to the slum dwellers

is meagre and hence satisfactory progress could not be achieved in slum development;

(b) the details of the fund allocated for slum development, during the last five years;

(c) Government's achievement so far; and

(d) the action taken by Government on the proposals received from the States, if any, during the last three years?

### Schemes for Tamil Nadu

797. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu are lying pending with her Ministry;

(b) if so, since when these schemes are pending;

(c) the details of the pending schemes and the reasons for not approving the said schemes till now; and

(d) by when the said schemes are likely to be approved?

### Funds to Tamil Nadu under VAMBAY

798. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY)

(b) the amount allocated to Tamil Nadu for the implementation of the Scheme during the last three years, year-wise alongwith its percentage of all India allocation;

(c) the number of dwelling units and community toilets constructed and upgraded

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<p>in the State during the last three years, year-wise and its percentage of all India performance;</p> <p>(d) whether it is proposed to increase</p>	<p>the allocation to the State under the scheme; and</p> <p>(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?</p>
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