## **RAJYA SABHA**

## List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the December 5, 2005/Agrahayana 14, 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 —155

## **Development of Hampi**

1200. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Karnataka Government has placed Rs. 572 crore proposal before the Japan Bank for International Co-operation for development of Hampi, a world heritage site: and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to get the above proposal approved by the Japan Bank for International Co-operation?

## Workshop organised by IGNCA

1201. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IGNCA has organised a five-day workshop in Delhi alongwith the National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property to train people in various cultural institutes to

ensure that old photographs remain pictureperfect;

- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held in the meeting; and
  - (c) the conclusions arrived at so far?

### **Ancient monuments**

1202. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ancient monuments discovered/located in the country Statewise during the last one year;
- (b) the details of such monuments located in Uttar Pradesh with locations thereof;
- (c) the expected age/life/period of such monuments; and
- (d) the financial assistance released for proper maintenance thereof, State-wise particularly to Uttar Pradesh?

# Conservation of heritage sites in Delhi

- †1203. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that out of the heritage sites across the country, including seven forts and fifty two gates in Delhi, only thirteen sites dating back to the eleventh and twelfth centuries stand in ruined condition;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to look after their upkeep by way of extending cooperation and financial assistance to the States and if so, the action being taken in this regard?

## **Establishment of cultural centres**

- †1204. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering to establish Indian cultural centres in foreign countries:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Preservation of photographs

- 1205. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that condition of the photographs in various collections is not good;
- (b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to train the people to keep this precious legacy of the past;

- (c) if so, the steps taken in this direction;
- (d) the number of the photographs which are not in good condition;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that there are very few trained people in this field;
  - (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps being taken by Government to train the people for keeping these photographs alive?

#### Role of NSD

1206. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National School of Drama has played very significant role in strengthening drama and theatre in India;
- (b) whether there is a plan to open a few such schools in different parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Fund for renovation and maintenance of temples

1207. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state the number of temples under his Ministry and the amount allotted for renovation and maintenance of these temples during 2004-05 and 2005-06?

## Heritage monuments in Rajasthan

- 1208. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the heritage monuments (State/National) identified in Rajasthan;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) the monuments managed by the Archaeological Survey of India;
- (c) whether Government have any comprehensive heritage legislation to regulate unauthorized encroachments and urbanizations in such areas:
- (d) if so, its details and salient features thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to introduce any effective legislation to regulate and preserve such monuments of historical importance?

### Orang-Mazbat-Rupa road

- 1209. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount earmarked by NEC for improvement and repair of Orang-Mazbat-Rupa road in Assam area;
- (b) whether Orang-Dalgaon road will be taken up for improvement and construction of bridge during the Eleventh Five Year Plan by NEC; and
- (c) whether any proposal from Assam PWD in connection with the above road has been received by NEC?

## Appraisal of NEC projects

- 1210. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that SFC appraisal of some NEC projects was done at the level of Secretary, North Eastern Council;
  - (b) if so, the number of such projects;

- (c) whether approval has been accorded by him to all such projects; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of all the pending cases?

## National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions

- 1211. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have set up the 'National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, if so, the details of its Headquarters and sub-offices, if any;
- (b) the functions, powers and its present composition;
- (c) whether the Commission enjoys quasi-judicial powers;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the authority where an appeal against its orders lies?

### **National Literacy Mission**

## †1212. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

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

- (a) the aims of the National Literacy Mission and when was it introduced;
- (b) the amount spent during the last five years, year-wise to achieve the targets;
- (c) the details of the activities of the National Literacy Mission Authority and the amount spent on it during the last two years;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (d) the details of the achievements made under the Mission so far and the mechanism in place for its assessment at district level and guiding provisions for the purpose;
- (e) the number of illiterate people in the country at present; and
- (f) the details of the steps taken by Government for taking optimum cooperation of young men and women in the Mission task?

## Spelling errors in CBSE Examination

- 1213. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has decided not to penalise the examinees for the class X and XII examinations for English spellings in Science and some specific subjects in Humanities Streams;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
  - (c) Government's reaction thereto?

### **Adult Education Scheme**

- †1214. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the States where adult education scheme is in progress;
- (b) the number of persons who have benefited under this scheme during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the amount spent on this scheme in those States during the last three years?

#### Suicide due to stress

- 1215. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of students reported committing suicide in each State during the last one year;
  - (b) the reasons identified therefor;
- (c) whether Government have received any proposal to introduce stress-releasing measures and depute counsellors to help the students to cope with extreme stressrelated problems;
- (d) if so, whether Government have consulted the States to solve this problem permanently;
- (e) if so, the suggestions received from the States in this regard; and
- (f) the progress achieved so far in this direction?

## Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttaranchal

- 1216. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttaranchal, district-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to open more Vidayalayas for the benefit of the people living in Tribal and remote areas of the State;
- (c) if so, by when and the locations thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Quota in higher education

- 1217. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that National Monitoring Committee on Minorities Education (NMCME) has recommended quota in higher educational institutions like IIM, IIT etc.;
- (b) his Ministry's views on the issue of reservation for religious minorities in higher educational institutions;
- (c) the reasons for the low presence of minorities in these institutes; and
  - (d) the steps to remove this imbalance?

### Universities with potential excellence

- 1218. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that five universities have been declared as universities with potential for excellence;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for declaring such universities;
- (d) the details of the proposals received from Tamil Nadu for declaring more universities as ones with excellence; and
  - (e) the decision taken thereon?

## Literacy rate

- 1219. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have 61 of the 150 low literacy districts in the country;

- (b) whether it is a fact that the rest of the low literacy districts are spread over Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, etc.; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to raise the literacy rate in these districts?

# Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education in Uttar Pradesh

- 1220. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount of assistance given by Government to Uttar Pradesh during 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education;
- (b) the number of new schools opened by the State Government during 2004-05, the expenditure incurred thereon and other activities on which the balance amount of assistance was spent by the State; and
- (c) the unspent amount of assistance under the scheme during the year and whether the same would be adjusted during the following year?

## Feedback committee of UGC

- 1221. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that UGC has set up user feedback committee to review all its existing schemes at all the seven regional offices to assess the impact of various programmes;
- (b) whether any help has been sought from the State Government for higher education;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.(c) whether the committee is going to

- (c) whether the committee is going to seek feedback from the researchers and students; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Grants under Norad Scheme**

- †1222. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the training programmes for which grants are being provided to the voluntary organisations under Norad Scheme;
- (b) the norms and rules for approving the proposals of voluntary organisations;
- (c) the details regarding the voluntary organisations who had submitted their proposals and those whose proposals were approved/rejected during the last three years, State-wise and UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of the people benefited by these institutions?

# Teaching of environment, population control and Yoga

- 1223. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is proposed to teach environment, population control, Yoga, etc. to students in schools;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Rs. 115 crore has been sanctioned for the purpose;
- (d) if so, whether it would be sufficient to meet the expenses; and

(e) if not, how it is proposed to be managed?

## Open universities

- 1224. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of open universities as on date location-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to open some more open universities in various States to encourage distant education particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the curriculum finalized for such universities?

#### **Vocational education**

†1225. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Education Policy of 1986, it was targeted to provide vocational education to 25 per cent students of plus two by the year 2000;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of the students in academic year 2000 who were getting vocational education; and
- (d) the reasons that have been detected by Government for not achieving the target?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **National Curriculum Framework**

## †1226. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether Government have prepared a National Curriculum Framework, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps that would be taken by Government for expansion and development of vocational education through it;
- (c) whether there is any annual actionplan to achieve the target; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount that would be spent thereon?

## Quality improvements in schools

## 1227. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

- (a) whether Government have announced a revised scheme for quality improvements in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States where it would be introduced and by when;
- (c) the expected Plan outlay thereof, State-wise, and particularly for Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) by when such financial assistance would be given to the States; and
- (e) whether Government have made any anticipation on the quality improvements as outcome of the implementation of the project and if so, the details thereof?

### Impact of books on children

## †1228. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the new book under the Harry Potter series titled "Harry Potter and Half Blood Price" and stories of other books under the same series are just glorification of monstrous world of demons which are casting a very bad effect on the minds of innocent children;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that the children of developed Countries don't hesitate in opening fire even on their friends, teachers and parents after reading such books and after watching violent films on televisions; and
- (c) if so, the action being taken by Government to stop development of such violent emotions in the minds of the children?

## Draft legislation on Common Entrance Test

- 1229. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Karnataka Government had written to the Centre asking for a comprehensive draft of the proposed Central legislation on Common Entrance Test in unaided private professional colleges in the State; and
  - (b) if so, the action taken thereon?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Textbook Regulatory Council**

1230. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether in an attempt to regulate education in Madarsas, missionary, RSSrun and private schools, his Ministry has decided to set up a Textbook Regulatory Council;
- (b) if so, whether Council will also review the books prescribed by the Boards like ICSE;
- (c) whether this report was approved by the Central Advisory Board on Education;
  - (d) if so, the objectives of this Council;
- (e) by when the Council is likely to submit its recommendations; and
- (f) whether his Ministry is working on a legislation to set up a National Textbooks Council to monitor school text books produced outside Government system?

## Central university status to Sambalpur University

## 1231. 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 Orissa has written to the Centre for grant of Central university status to the Sambalpur University;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the proposal is hanging fire since long;
  - (c) if so, the reasons therefor;

- (d) whether Government have not accorded this status to any of the universities in the State; and
  - (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

## Foreign universities

- 1232. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India had raised the issue, at an international forum under UNESCO, of the foreign universities opening campuses in the country which are not even recognized in their home countries;
  - (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that following recommendations from CNR Committee, Government are planning to legislate on the entry and operations of the foreign universities in the country;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the details of the other steps being contemplated to regulate the foreign universities?

# Advertisement for MBA degree by IIPM

- 1233. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2702, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2005 and state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the advertisements issued in print media on 19th September, 2005 by the Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi regarding admission to its management training programme for award of MBA Degree; and

(b) if so, Govenment's reaction thereto and the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to sensitize the public about the correct position in this regard?

## India's ranking in UN Human Development Report

- 1234. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether as per U.N. Human Development Report 2005, India is at 127th position out of 177 countries in Human Development Index whereas China is ranked at 85th position;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such low ranking; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the ranking?

## Casteism in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1235. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

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

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra, during the year 2003-04, drew attention to the criticism invited by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan under which free text books were supplied to the boys and girls on caste basis and the inferiority complex created thereby among the deprived students of other castes and the feelings of casteism created thereby among the students:
- (b) whether the State Government has demanded free supply of text books to the deprived students of all castes and religions;

- (c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and decision thereon; and
- (d) whether the State Government's suggestion has been turned down and if so, the reasons therefor?

## Abuse of lower caste students

- 1236. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the UNESCO commissioned report on the Education For All (EFA) programme, higher caste teachers have physically and verbally abused lower caste students and the country will not be able to achieve the literacy goals set for the year 2015; and
- (b) if so, Government's response thereto and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

## Decline in gender ratio

- 1237. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that gender ratio is still declining;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in many States including Madhya Pradesh, the gender ratio is much below the national average;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether decline in the girl child population is linked to the sexdetermination tests; and
- (e) if so, the measures Government have taken/proposed to take in this regard?

### Deteriorating situation of children

- 1238. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that children's education, health, nutrition and death rate are deteriorating in comparison to the other developing countries:
- (b) if so, Government's views thereon and those who are responsible therefor;
- (c) whether Government would like to control various children oriented Central Government's Schemes and programmes by making it responsible and accountable; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

## Satat Shiksha Karyakram in Uttaranchal

- 1239. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of districts in Uttaranchal where Satat Shiksha Karyakram has been started;
- (b) the timeframe for sanctioning the second instalment and the criteria therefor; and
- (c) the districts for which the second instalment has been released?

## Sale of tobacco near schools

- 1240. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether his ministry is monitoring ban on sale of tobacco near schools/ institutes;

- (b) if so, the mechanism adopted by his ministry in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the schools which have violated this ban State-wise?

### **Education for all convention**

1241. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

- Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the UNESCO's Global Monitoring Report predicts that India would fail to achieve the goals set under the Dakar Education for All convention;
- (b) whether having spent 61% of the funds allocated the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, has not resolved the issues of inadequate school infrastructure, textbooks availability, teacher shortage and absenteeism; and
- (c) Government's comments on the findings of the Global Monitoring Report of UNESCO?

### Malnutrition in Maharashtra

- 1242. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Maharashtra is rated second in terms of malnutrition after Kalahandi in Orissa;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether more than one lakh children die or are stillborn in a year in the State;
- (d) if so, whether Government have appointed any committee to study child deaths in the State;
  - (e) if so, the details thereof;

- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the measures taken by Government to deal with the situation of malnutrition in the country, with particular reference to Maharashtra?

## Objection to NCERT books on history

- †1243. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that about two dozens social organizations have raised serious objection over some portions of ancient and medieval India included in the books of NCERT prescribed for 11th standard:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are considering to amend the constitution and pass the Protection of Culture Act to save ancient civilization and culture of the country and to constitute a National Commission for the Protection of Fundamental Rights of people;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government are considering to select historians at village and district levels as the members of the said commission?

## Translation of textbooks

- 1244. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Jamia Millia Islamia and NCERT would be jointly translating school textbooks in Urdu;
- (b) if so, whether Government are thinking of similar translation in other

- regional languages like Punjabi, Marathi, etc.; and
- (c) the number of Urdu medium schools of Middle and Secondary levels?

## India's rank in UNESCO report

- 1245. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's Education For All development index for 2004 has ranked India 105th out of 127; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

## Excess engineering seats

- 1246. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that engineering seats on offer in the country far exceed demands; and
- (b) if so, whether roughly 20 per cent of all engineering seats remained vacant last year?

# Infrastructure requirement for schools

- †1247. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether increase in the number of students has been estimated in the secondary schools during the year 2007-08 as a result of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) the estimated percentage of increase and the details regarding development of

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

infrastructure for the secondary schools for the increased number of students;

- (c) whether there is any central scheme for setting up new secondary schools;
- (d) whether any new scheme is being contemplated;
- (e) the facilities being provided to each State through 'EDUSAT; and
- (f) whether schools would be provided with any amount for providing the facility of 'EDUSAT'?

#### Utilization of education cess

- †1248. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount received so far from the education cess by Government;
- (b) the educational programmes for which the cess amount would be utilized;
- (c) whether the States having literacy rate below the national average would be provided with special assistance from this amount:
- (d) the amount that has been provided to Madhya Pradesh out of the sum recovered from education cess; and
- (e) the justification for keeping the rations for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 75:25 and whether keeping in view the shortfall of the resources in the backward States, Government would decrease the share of Madhya Pradesh from 25 per cent to 15 percent?

# State contribution for Mid Day Meal Scheme

- 1249. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the State Governments are making additional contributions to make the Mid-Day Meal Scheme a success:
- (b) whether the contribution includes the additional financial contribution; and
- (c) the details of the additional financial or other contributions, being made at present by the State Governments, State-wise?

# Reservation in unaided professional colleges

- 1250. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any attempt to restore the reservation quotas, after the Supreme Court's judgement of the year, 2005, in admission in the unaided professional colleges so as to ensure social control of education;
- (b) if so, the number of the seats reserved for various communities but abolished through the above judgement, as on date, State-wise and category-wise; and
- (c) the action taken for bringing social justice, in professional education, to the marginalized people after the above judgement?

### Education in rural areas

- †1251. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government schools are the only source of education for most of the children of families living in rural areas;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that condition of these schools is very pathetic in the rural areas and large scale improvements are required in these schools:
- (c) if so, whether Government are going to initiate any comprehensive plan for improvement in the level of education for children of the rural areas; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

## Teaching through FM radio

- 1252. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to use FM radio for teaching;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme, by when it is likely to be introduced; and
- (c) the universities and the school education boards which have shown interest and are likely to benefit from this scheme?

## Educational schemes for girls

- 1253. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is going to spend Rs.14.3 crores every year to implement various educational schemes for girls;

- (b) if so, the details of the schemes that his Ministry is going to implement for girls;
- (c) whether it is also a fact CBSE is also going to contribute in implementation of the above schemes; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### IIMs

- 1254. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Indian Institutes of Management, location-wise;
- (b) whether the existing number of IIMs are sufficient to meet the needs of the country;
  - (c) if so, the justifications therefor;
- (d) whether more IIMs are proposed to be started in other places particularly in Tamil Nadu:
  - (e) if so, the details thereof:
- (f) whether the current fee structure in IIMs is very inhabitant to the middle class people; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

## Gender parity

- 1255. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that while India is emerging as a super power, it remains far behind when it comes to gender parity which in itself constitutes the major source of strength of the nation; and
- (b) if so, the country's stand in the Gender Parity Index indicating the Statewise position on the GPI especially in

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

respect of the Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern States?

## Allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†1256. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

- (a) the amount provided to each State under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last two years;
- (b) whether the amount provided to the States has not been utilized properly resulting failure of the scheme;
- (c) if so, the States that have not utilized the amount properly;
- (d) whether lack of proper monitoring mechanism for the scheme is the reason for this failure; and
- (e) if so, what steps have been taken to put such a monitoring system in place?

## **Common School System**

- 1257. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce "Common School System (CSS)" as per the National Education Policy, 1986 by incorporating the CSS in the Compulsory Education Bill:
- (b) whether Government have so far finalized the Compulsory Education Bill; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

#### **Function of CABE**

1258. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view that Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has become more functional to facilitate wider consultation between Government and civil society the number of the meetings of the Board held during the last three years, till date:
- (b) whether any decision has been taken by CABE for setting up of a National Text Book Council; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Ragging in educational institutes

- †1259. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2059 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 2005 and state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that ragging is rampant in the educational institutions;
- (b) what are details of the incidents of ragging that had taken place during the last five years the district-wise/State-wise/Union Territory-wise/educational institution-wise:
- (c) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) what action Government propose to take to check ragging?

## Norad Scheme in U.P.

†1260. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that with regard to Norad Scheme many officers of district level and State level do not approve and forward proposals of the voluntary institutions and these proposals are pending in the Central offices; and
- (b) the details of action being taken by Government regarding pending proposals, in respect of Norad Scheme, particularly in U.P. and district Buland Shahar?

#### Reservation in AMU

- †1261. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering to file an appeal against order of the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court cancelling the 50 per cent reservation of seats in Aligarh Muslim University for Muslim students; and
- (b) whether Government also propose to provide reservation for the students of other minorities such as Christians, Sikhs and Parsis' in their respective institutes on the line of Aligarh Muslim University, if not, the reasons therefor?

## Use of education cess

- †1262. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether two percent education cess is applicable on income tax, excise duty, custom duty and service tax since the July, 2004, if so, the amount of money received as a result thereof; and

(b) to what extent the money thus receive has been utilized for basic qualitative education and the States implementing the same, the formal and informal education-wise?

# Internet connection to schools and colleges

1263. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to provide high-speed internet connection to various schools and colleges; and
  - (b) if so, by when?

## Requirement of colleges/universities

- 1264. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the existing colleges/ universities in each States are able to cater to the needs of the population of their respective States;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the budget allocation in respect of the higher & technical education is sufficient;
- (d) if so, the details of the funds spent in higher & technical education during each of the last 3 years; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve enrolment ratio in higher education?

# Change in names of educational institutions

1265. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi

#### DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that changing the name of age old educational institutions and naming them after political leaders and politicians have created lot of reactions and discontent among the public and students leading to the law and order problems;
- (b) whether there would be an end to this practice; and
- (c) the measures proposed in this regard?

## Admission to professional courses

- 1266. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is no uniformity in conducting examination and selection of the candidates for admission to various professional courses, as a result, while in some States Government Quota is 50% in others it is just 20% with remaining seats being filled by the Management;
  - (b) if so, details in this regard;
- (c) whether Government propose to evolve a uniform admission and fee structure for the professional courses, with a view to eliminating the prevailing confusion over fees and admission quota and constant litigation over the issue; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## State Commissions for women

- 1267. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether it is a fact that certain States

have not set up the State Commission for Women so far:

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps Government have taken in this regard; and
- (d) the alternative mechanism available with the States for addressing women related issues?

### Model Anganwadi building

- 1268. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for sanction of funds for construction of model Anganwadi building pending with the Central Government; and
  - (b) if so, the status of the proposal?

## Setting up BCRA bill

1269. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state by when the bill relating to setting up Broadcasting Content Regulatory Authority is likely to be brought up before the Parliament?

# Levy carrier charges from private channels under DTH

1270. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Prasar Bharati proposes to levy carrier charges on private channels beamed under its DTH bouquet;
- (b) whether Prasar Bharati had earlier proposed carriage fee of Rs.75.00 lakhs from

the private channels during the launch of the DTH service and later waived off the same due to resistance from the private channels; and

(c) whether Prasar Bharati anticipates good response from the private channels on the issue of carriage fee, due to increasing number of DTH installations all over the country?

#### D.D. revenue

- 1271. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there has been any improvement in the revenue of DD during the last two years;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Down-linking policy for private TV channels

- †1272. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have prepared any down-linking policy for the private TV channels;
- (b) if so, the purpose for making such a policy and details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any provision to exercise control over objectionable scenes and contents broadcasted by these channels; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Guidelines for Community Radio Stations

1273. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that his Ministry proposed that the Community Radio Stations be allowed to generate their own revenue through advertisements and sponsored programmes;
- (b) whether it is also fact that Government are contradicting this proposal and send the same to the Group of Ministers to study the whole thing; and
- (c) the changes proposed by his Ministry in the guidelines for Community Radio Stations?

## Neglect of entertainment

- †1274. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that basic entertainment has been almost nil despite more than hundred channels for broadcasting through satellite T.V. competitiveness in advertising, sports casting and increase in number of unrealistic serials for common man;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the arrangements being made to provide basic entertainment to the viewers?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Audience response at Children's Film Festival

1275. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had held the Children's Film Festival recently at Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, whether Government had received immense response from the audience:
  - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the expenditure incurred for this purpose;
- (e) whether Government have any proposal to make Hyderabad a permanent venue for the purpose;
  - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Review of Prasar Bharati Act

1276. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are re-thinking on Prasar Bharati Act;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) the reasons therefor?

### Control on pay-channels

1277. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to control the pay-channels; and
- (b) whether Government have given up the scheme to set-top-box; if so, the reasons

therefor and the alternative steps being taken to stop exploitation of consumers by the channels and cable operators?

# Appointment of Chairperson of Children Film Society of India

1278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Chairperson of the Children Film Society of India has recently resigned and a social activist and film actress has been appointed to succeed her;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the resignation by the former chairperson and the panel of names considered for her successor;
- (c) the terms and conditions of appointment offered to the new chairperson;
- (d) whether these are different from those offered to the former chairperson;
  - (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

## TV stations in Uttaranchal

1279. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of TV stations working in Uttaranchal;
  - (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons working in each such stations;
- (d) what are the programmes undertaken by each such stations for the benefit of the residents; and
- (e) whether Government propose to increase the number of such stations; if so, by when?

# Expanding channel network under DTH

1280. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Doordarshan is thinking of expanding channel networking under DTH to 100 channels;
- (b) if so, by when this project would be completed; and
- (c) what is the financial outlay earmarked for such a huge work?

## **Documentaries under DAVP**

- 1281. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the documentaries produced by/produced under the supervision of DAVP during the last three years;
- (b) the agencies through which these are shown to the public; and
- (c) the languages in which these have been produced?

## TRAI recommendation for automatic license

- 1282. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is fact that TRAI has recommended for giving automatic license for the existing cable operators and nonexclusive automatic licensing process for new operators;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any conditions have been put for the above; and

(d) by when TRAI would unveil its plan of digitization of cable television?

## Digitization of cable TV network

- 1283. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is fact that TRAI submitted its plan for digitization of cable TV network and complete it by 2010 *i.e.*, before the Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, whether his Ministry has moved any proposal in this direction;
- (c) whether it is also fact that once digital technology comes in the existing TVs, the analoge technology will become nonfunctional; and
- (d) if so, whether his Ministry is thinking of any plan in this regard?

### Serials encouraging superstition

- 1284. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that serials encouraging superstition are broadcast on Doordarshan particularly on Doordarshan Channels No. I and II;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that such serials have founded the suspicion of doubt among the common man;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to prohibit/stop such serials;
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Vacancies and pending cases in courts

- 1285. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
  - (a) the number of vacancies of judges in

Supreme Court, various High Courts, District Courts, till date. State-wise:

- (b) the steps being taken to fill up the vacancies expeditiously;
- (c) the reasons for not taking steps in advance to fill up the anticipated vacancies as date of retirement of each Judge is a matter of record:
- (d) the number of cases (criminal/civil) pending in Supreme Court, various High Courts, District Courts, till date, State-wise:
- (e) whether the huge pendency of cases, at different level, has some correlation with the existing vacancies; and
- (f) if so, the corrective measure, Government intend to take?

## Pending cases

## †1286. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that crores of cases were pending for decision in the courts as on the 30th April, 2005;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cases wherein different levels of administration of the country or Government institutions are involved as party; and
- (d) the number of cases which are related to revenue and the cases which are of criminal nature, respectively?

## Entry of foreign law firms

1287. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court Bar Association and the All India Bar Association have urged Government not to allow entry of foreign law firms;
- (b) the difficulty his Ministry foresee in case there is a reciprocal arrangement;
- (c) whether before mooting this idea his Ministry has held any consultations with the Bar Council of India, SCBA, All India Bar Association, Bar Association of India and other bodies of legal profession; and
  - (d) if so, their response thereto?

#### Institutionalization of arbitration

1288. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to institutionalize arbitration by involving top members of bar and bench;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government believe this action would speed up the arbitration process:
  - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the other steps being contemplated by Government to speed up arbitration?

## **Delimitation Commission**

- 1289. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Delimitation Commission has completed its work, on Lok Sabha/Legislative Assemblies Constituencies; and
- (b) if so, by when it is likely to submit its report?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Functioning of Political Parties**

- 1290. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether political parties not believing in the principles of socialism enshrined in the Constitution are allowed to function in the country;
- (b) whether the Election Commission of India has any mechanism to evaluate this aspect in the larger interest of protecting the Constitution;
- (c) whether the Commission has made any suggestion in this regard; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Amendment in law regarding age of girls for marriage

- 1291. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to make any amendment to the existing laws to do away with any discrepancies existing in the law regarding age of girls for getting married:
- (b) whether Government have received any representations in this regard; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

## Courts in rural areas

- †1292. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any proposal for establishing courts in rural areas is under Government's consideration;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

- (c) the amount required for this purpose; and
- (d) the details of the amount to be provided by Government for establishing these courts?

# Construction of Court buildings in Tamil Nadu

- 1293. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKA-RASAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any amount was allotted for construction of District and Munsif Court Buildings in Tamil Nadu for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06; and
- (b) whether any proposal has come from the State Government in this regard?

## Health hazards in asbestos mining

## 1294. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Bureau of Mines has conducted a study on the health hazards for asbestos mine workers of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof and whether the study recommended for lifting of ban on asbestos leasing;
- (c) whether Government have an intention to implement these suggestions and lifting ban on leasing and renewal of leases of asbestos mining; and
  - (d) if so, by when?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### MoUs with State Governments

## 1295. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of MoUs signed with steel manufacturers by the State Government of Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during last one year for iron ore mining;
- (b) the tentative commitment for allocation of iron ore reserves in the MoUs to the steel makers MoU wise; and
- (c) the proven iron ore reserves in the above States, as estimated by the Indian Bureau of Mines?

### Panel to examine mineral processing

- 1296. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high level panel to examine whether the minerals mined within the State of Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh etc. should be processed for value addition within the States and only the final product would go out;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the terms of reference of the panel;
- (c) whether the panel will also examine the ways and means to augment the State revenues from the Mineral sector; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

## Consumption of refined copper

1297. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that consumption of refined copper in the country has been increasing steadily and refined copper is imported to meet the requirement;
- (b) the production of refined copper by different units during 2004-05 and the quantity imported during the year; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase the production of refined copper?

### Labour issues in mining

- 1298. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there are many labour related issues in mining sector and also in land acquisition;
- (b) if so, whether any action has been taken to solve those issues;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Need based distribution of resources

- 1299. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are contemplating any policy measures to ensure that the Iron Ore resources of the country are available to the different States on need basis; and
- (b) whether Government consider it against the constitutional framework if any State denies iron ore to another State?

# Pension to handicapped, widows and elderly persons

1300. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWER-MENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the amount being disbursed as pension to the handicapped, widows and people of old age; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Black listed NGOs

†1301. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

- (a) whether Government have got some proof regarding misuse of Government funds by some NGOs during the period from 2000 to 2004;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases detected by Government during above period, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of persons found guilty and sent to jail, year-wise?

# Misuse of Government funds by NGOs

†1302. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many NGOs are misusing Government funds and due to this, they have been black-listed by Government;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to stop misuse of Government funds in future, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would formulate new laws to make provision for more stringent punishment for the persons misusing Government funds through NGOs?

## Black listing of NGOs

## †1303. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

## SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently blacklisted 3,416 NGOs; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the amount granted to these institutions annually?

# Non-utilisation of funds for development of Scheduled Castes

1304. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

> SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

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

- (a) whether Parliamentary Standing Committee has rapped State Governments for non-utilisation of Central funds for development of Scheduled Castes;
- (b) if so, whether the Committee has asked Government to allow second and final instalment of yearly special Central assistance to States only after they had utilized 7.5 per cent of the first instalment;
- (c) if so, whether Government have considered suggestions of the Committee; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the steps being taken to provide full aid to States which is due at present irrespective of non-utilisation of funds?

# Pension to elderly persons and divorced women

- †1305. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any plan to provide monthly pension to the people above the age of sixty years, who belong to poor and weaker sections of the society including divorced women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States in which this plan is being implemented; and
- (c) the number of poor persons, who are being benefited from the above plan, State-wise?

# National policy for persons with disability

- 1306. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are working on a National Policy for the Persons with Disability;
  - (b) if so, the features thereof;
- (c) whether her Ministry has addressed the problems that are being faced by the dwarfs in the proposed policy; and
- (d) what special facilities would be given to disabled girl child in the proposed policy?

## Requests for recognition as Backward Classes

- 1307. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) examines all the requests received for inclusion of any class of citizens as Backward Classes in the central list of OBC's;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the requests received from Andhra Pradesh and cleared during the last one year;
- (c) the details of the requests of Andhra Pradesh pending with the Commission; and
- (d) by when the pending requests are likely to be examined?

## **De-addiction Centres**

- †1308. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of de-addiction centres in the country which are working actively;
- (b) the number of persons treated during last three years; and
- (c) the number of such centres to be opened in the States during this financial year as well as the States identified in this regard?

## Constitution of Commission for Safai Karmacharis

†1309. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) the number of States where Commission for Safai Karmacharis has been constituted;
- (b) the reasons for not setting up the Commission in the remaining States; and
- (c) the time bound scheme for setting up of the Commission in those States?

### **Social Justice**

- 1310. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA-SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have appointed any committee to look into the conditions of Muslims;
  - (b) if so, the composition thereof;
- (c) the time-frame set to submit its report;
- (d) the number of meetings held by the Committee; and
  - (e) the decisions arrived at, so far?

## Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship

- 1311. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have revised the eligibility criteria for award for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SCs/STs;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the original criteria which was approved by the Planning Commission in August, 2004;
- (d) the reasons for changing the eligibility criteria;
- (e) if so, whether the Planning Commission was consulted in the matter;

- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) whether the Planning Commission has taken strong objection to this unilateral change in the eligibility criteria?

### Grant-in-aid to NGOs

- 1312. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1339 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2005 and state:
- (a) the names of the four organizations receiving grant-in-aid for running old age homes:
- (b) the names of the representatives of the reputed Non-Government Organizations in the screening committee;
- (c) whether the Pragathi Voluntary Organisation, Malkajgiri, Ranga Reddy District, Andhra Pradesh which is also running the old age home actively has applied, for continuation of grant-in-aid for the years 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 and till now has not been given any grant-in-aid, if so, the reasons for the discrimination; and
- (d) the steps Government would take to remove this discrimination?

# Schedule Caste status to Bengali community in Uttaranchal

1313. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

> SHRIMATI BRINDRA KARAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1528 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 2005 and state:

- (a) whether Schedule Caste status was granted to Namasudra, Pod and Majhi Castes within Bengali community who had migrated to Orissa;
- (b) if so, the reason why ethnographic details is being sought again for them from Uttaranchal Government by the Registrar General of India:
- (c) whether the State Government has furnished the details as sought by RGI; and
- (d) if not, the pro-active steps taken by Government to give effect to the proposal to include the above communities as SC, as recommended by the State Government?

# National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities

- 1314. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether term of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities has been increased; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

## **Projects for Scheduled Tribes**

†1315. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

> SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various projects for upliftment of the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes have been implemented in various States;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the amount allocated for each project and the actual amount spent so far?

### Living tribes

- 1316. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of living tribes in different parts of the country, particulary in Andhra Pradesh:
- (b) whether Government have provided enough financial assistance for these tribal communities for their education, rehabitation, etc.; and
- (c) if so, the funds earmarked for each tribal community during the last two years?

## **Dalit Freedom Network**

- 1317. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that an organisation known as Dalit Freedom Network (DFN) has been set up in Washington with the help of the American Government to raise awareness among the plights of Dalits and Tribals of India and to secure resources to fund holistic programmes for their development; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

# Protection and preservation of tribal art and culture

1318. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) whether Government have formulated any policy to protect and preserve the tribal art and culture of the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to establish a National Tribal Museum; and
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the location thereof?

# ST status to tea garden labour community in Assam

1319. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for granting ST staus to the Adivasis (Tea Garden Labour Community) and Koch-Rajbanshis of Assam; and
- (b) if so, whether there is any Bill proposed to be tabled in the current Winter Session of the Parliament?

## Deaths due to malnutrition in tribal

1320. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the death of thousands of children in the tribal areas of various States, especially Maharashtra due to malnutrition related problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such deaths in tribal areas, reported during the last three years, Statewise and year-wise;
- (c) the action taken for controlling the above; and

(d) whether any policy decision has been taken or proposed to be taken to save tribal children from this complex situation?

## Primitive tribal groups in Rajasthan

- 1321. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the primitive tribal groups in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government have initiated any area specific schemes for welfare and development of these tribal groups;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Inclusion of tribals from Pondicherry in ST list

- †1322. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to include some of the tribals of Pondicherry in the list of Tribals:
- (b) if so, the reasons for not including the said tribals in the list, so far; and
- (c) whether Government of Pondicherry has made a recommendation with regard to inclusion thereof in the List?

## Food Bank Scheme in tribal areas

†1323. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TRIBALAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'Food Bank' scheme is running only in limited tribal areas:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and to which extent it has proved beneficial for the tribals:
- (c) whether keeping in view the success of 'Food Bank Scheme', Government would implement it in all the tribal areas; and
  - (d) if so, by when?

## Shifting of markets in Delhi

## 1324. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to shift wholesale markets of Delhi including Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk, Naya Bazar, Tilak Bazar and Naraina Loha Mandi out of Delhi's heartland to decongest the city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and since when the proposal is under Government's consideration;
- (c) the locations where these wholesale markets in Delhi are proposed to be shifted;
- (d) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken and when the process of shifting is likely to start; and
- (e) whether the consumers would suffer as a result thereof?

### Beautification near Jama Masjid

1325. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation

- of Delhi has drawn up a plan for the beautification of the surroundings of and the passages and roads leading to Jama Masjid in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the cost likely to be incurred thereon and the time required for the purpose;
- (c) whether the expenditure required for the purpose would be shared by Delhi Administration, Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the Central Government; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Earthquake resistant buildings

## 1326. DR. M.A.M RAMASWAMY: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to enforce safer building codes more vigorously in view of the frequent disasters due to earthquakes;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State Governments who have not yet enacted any building laws/code; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard keeping in view the frequent earthquakes and other natural disasters taking place in the country?

## Engineer working in DDA

†1327. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi

- (a) whether there are 2,200 Engineers working under DDA at present;
  - (b) if not, the actual number thereof;
- (c) whether residential projects are being executed by the DDA; and
- (d) if so, the number of said projects and the details of the other projects?

### Migration to cities

## †1328. 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 migration towards cities in search of employment has been continuously increasing during last one decade;
- (b) if so, Government's estimates in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that due to above migration, availability of residential or other basic human facilities in cities, especially in metropolitan cities is falling short; and
- (d) if so, the details of the shortage of residential and other facilities in Delhi, Chandigarh, Mumbai Bangalore and Kolkata?

### **Amenities at Metro Stations**

†1329. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the fact that there is no Sulabh toilets and no arrangements for safe drinking water in and around any Metro Stations in Delhi;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to set up these amenities at all the Metro Stations in Delhi; and
- (d) if so, by when these facilities would be set up so that common public can get rid of these problems?

# Occupation of buildings of royal families of Rajasthan

- †1330. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the royal families of Rajasthan whose buildings (Houses) in Delhi have been occupied by the Central Government:
- (b) the amount paid by the Central Government for Jaipur House, Bikaner House, Patiala House and Jodhpur House out of these; and
- (c) the details of the amount paid for the rest of the buildings?

# Facilities in CPWD colony, Vasant Vihar

- 1331. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government would consider to construct elevated footpath in CPWD colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi to Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vasant Vihar for benefits of the schoolgoing children of the colony;
- (b) whether Government would also consider to close the road leading to

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi

Kusumpur Pahari near Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vasant Vihar as there is heavy traffic on that road which is the reason for the accidents as there are four schools nearby; and

(c) whether Government would also instruct the concerned officials of CPWD colony service center for trimming/cutting uncontrolled growth of trees near block number 76, 66 and 65 as they are hindrance to sunlight?

## Cooperative housing societies in Delhi

- †1332. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of cooperative housing societies which have been allotted land in Delhi by D.D.A. and number of genuine societies out of them;
- (b) the persons found guilty for allotting lands to fake cooperative housing societies;
- (c) the action taken/being taken by Government against the guilty persons; and
- (d) the concrete arrangements being made by Government to ensure that such scams do not take place in future?

## Affairs of CPWD

- 1333. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of projects assigned to CPWD for implementation, State-wise and project-cost wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the ICRA Report has indicated that lack of coordination and delegation of power among various wings and authorities of

CPWD, manpower shortage, indiscipline among the employees and trade unionism, are the main causes repsonsible for CPWD not completing the projects on time;

- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

# Residential building for government employees

- 1334. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any proposal to construct residential building for welfare of the Central Government employees in Andhra Pradesh; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

## Use of GIS for city development

- 1335. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering any plan to computerize all the information data of various civic, infrastructure and properties in the country like Kolkata's Geographical Information System (GIS) for the benefit of city development;
- (b) if so, by when it would be facilitated in the country; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Implementation of schemes

1336. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of URBAN

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not able to fully implement any scheme according to the last economic survey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the details of the schemes that are being implemented by his Ministry?

### Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project

- 1337 SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal to his Ministry for grant/credit/loan from World Bank for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project stage-II works;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has complied with all the procedures which were required for external assistance by a debt stressed State: and
- (d) if so, the present stage at which the said proposal stands?

## Construction of flyover in Mumbai

- 1338. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Maharashtra has appointed a committee for construction of flyover and other measures for smooth traffic movement in Mumbai in the year of 1996 and accordingly submitted its report in 1997:
- (b) whether the said committee suggested a tunnel road below the Juhu Airport as part of improvement of traffic in Mumbai;

- (c) if so, whether the work has started on the said project;
- (d) if not, the reason therefor and by when it is expected to be started;
- (e) whether any financial allocation has been made in this regard; and
- (f) the expected date of completion of the project?

### Schemes for development of cities

- 1339. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the centrally sponsored schemes for developing cities and towns in the country;
- (b) the criteria for selection of cities/towns: and
- (c) the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise?

# Study on status of rehabilitation colonies

- 1340. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken up a colony-by-colony-study of rehabilitation colonies in Delhi that were set up for migrants after Partition, like Lajpat Nagar, Rajinder Nagar, Ramesh Nagar etc. as reported in the Eighth Report presented to Lok Sabha on the 2nd August, 2005; by the Standing Committee on Urban Development;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the colonies that have been covered so far and the regularization scheme developed on the basis of these surveys; and

(d) whether the proposed regularization schemes are being incorporated in the local area plans for the Master Plan 2021?

# Digital maps of cities and towns through satellite

- †1341. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to prepare digital maps of the cities and towns with the help of satellite;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cities and towns, particularly in Uttar Pradesh to be included in the first phase of this scheme; and
- (d) the amount to be spent on the same and what will be its likely benefits?

## Security at Metro stations

- 1342. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the security at Metro stations in Delhi is highly inadequate; and
- (b) if so, what precautionary measures have been taken to strengthen security at Metro stations in Delhi including deployment of highly skilled/trained security personnel?

## Water supply system in Bangalore

- 1343. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the policy paper submitted by his Ministry at the operation and maintenance of water supply system meeting in Bangalore, September,

- 2005, envisages that water subsidies would be provided only to urban poor;
- (b) what are the other salient features of the policy papers submitted by his Ministry; and
- (c) how Government propose to meet the operations and maintenance costs in the light of low revenue receipts from water charges?

# Norms for additional dwelling Units in Master Plan 2021

- 1344. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Questions 4928 and 790 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2005 and the 1st August, 2005 and state:
- (a) whether the suggestions received for Master Plan 2021 regarding additional dwelling unit in plots of 100 to 250 sq. mt. Area for plotted residential houring have been accepted for inclusion in the new Master Plan keeping in view the ground reality of lakhs of such units all over Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal in the Master Plan; and
- (c) if not, the way Government propose to deal with lakhs of such units and any other scheme being developed for their regularization?

## Unemployed in Tamil Nadu

1345. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKA-RASAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the number of unemployed youths in urban areas of Tamil Nadu and the steps taken to provide employment to them?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Funds for SJSRY**

## 1346. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

## DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether despite growing urban employment and poverty Rs. 300.53 crores meant for Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana(SJSRY) was lying unspent with States and UTs up to March 21, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development has also examined this issue and has called for in depth study to find out reasons for non-utilisation of funds within time limit;
- (c) if so, whether non-utilisation of funds indicates that actual benefits do not reach poor; and
- (d) if so, the States which have been given low priority in the schemes and the steps Government propose to take in these States?

## Housing problem in urban areas

- †1347. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are in the process of introducing any new scheme for solving housing problem in urban areas;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government are contemplating any rehabilitation scheme for the people residing in slums of metropolitan cities?

## Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai

## 1348. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

- Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal for the World Bank loan for Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II (SSP-II) in Mumbai, if so, the details thereof and the World Bank loans sought;
- (b) when the proposal was sent, and the terms of the loan;
- (c) whether the proposal has since been sponsored, if not, the reasons for the delay;
- (d) the process to be adopted under the programme?

# Investigation into misappropriation of Funds

- 1349. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Supreme Court has asked the Central Vigilance Commission to investigate thoroughly the misappropriation of HUDCO funds worth Rs. 14,500 crores during the tenure of NDA Government at the Centre;
- (b) if so, whether the Central Vigilance Commission has taken up investigation; and
- (c) by when a report is expected to be submitted to the Supreme Court?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### Schemes under SJSRY for NER

- 1350. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of schemes received from the North Eastern Region for creation of employment opportunities under the Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since its inception, year-wise;
- (b) the scheme cleared for each State of the region, year-wise; and
- (c) the schemes which are yet to be cleared along with the reasons for the delay?

## Unemployed in urban areas

- 1351. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of youths who remain unemployed in the urban areas, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government have taken any steps for the redressal of unemployment and poverty alleviation in urban areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the amount spent in this regard and the achievements made so far:
- (d) whether prevalence of unemployment and poverty leads to unrest among the millions of urban youth; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

# Low cost housing facilities for service providers

- 1352. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for all new housing colonies to make available low cost housing facilities to the service providers like maids, guards etc. in the proximity of the colonies;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this policy would also be applicable to the colonies which have already been developed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken or being taken to rehabilitate the slum dwellers in Delhi and other metro cities?

### Loss due to floods

- 1353. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been loss and damage to property in country due to recent floods;
- (b) if so, whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) have given any financial assistance to the flood affected States for development of housing and other infrastructure; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Employment for urban unemployed under EGS

†1354. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to add a

provision with regard to providing employment to the urban unemployed persons in the Bill which was passed by the Parliament during the previous session for providing employment to rural unemployed persons;

- (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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